



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 119 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4

## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The first item on the Agenda of Tuesday morning's meeting was the completion of the remaining works on the new Public Toilet and related agreement to open them on Monday 8 August. The poor condition of the Park's Tulip Tree was next with discussion of the proposals for its treatment following the previous day's meeting with the Isle of Wight Council officers responsible for the Park's trees.

Agreement to renew the timing mechanism for the Cascade lighting was followed by concerns about the staining of the urinals in the Esplanade Toilets and a decision to acquire quotations for their replacement. We were pleased to be able to respond to a request for a contribution to this year's carnival fireworks with £250 towards their greatly increased costs this year. We then noted that the major work involved in redirecting the water flow that had made the Shore Road Toilets inaccessible for several months had now been completed and that after leaving them for a month to dry out we would establish the costs of restoring them.

## SKATEBOARDING CLASSES

Our Youth Worker, Jordan Royle, has accessed funding to provide Skateboarding by experts Wight Trash. Jordan says: 'They are running over the summer, free for Ventnor Youth Club members, all equipment provided. The group have made amazing progress in only a few lessons and it's great to see them testing their resiliencies and gaining confidence. Skateboarding can be tricky!



## NEW ROAD CLOSURES

- *Grove Road*: from 7am Monday 1 August until 5pm on Thursday 4 August or when the work has been completed along Grove Road.
- *Zigg Zag Road*: from 9am to 5pm on Thursday 4 August or when the work has been completed between its junctions with St Albans Gardens and Bellevue Road.

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A [Shelter](#) press release today: '74,230 households in England became homeless or were at imminent risk of becoming homeless between January and March 2022 – including 25,610 families with children. This represents an 11% rise in three months.'
- A [House of Commons Library](#) Economic Update today: 'In March to May 2022, average pay (excluding bonuses) fell by 2.8% compared to the previous year when adjusted for inflation; this was the fastest fall since comparable records began in 2000.'

## NEW BEACH BINS

Our Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts has been busy along Ventnor seafront, installing four beach bins - complete with flags for easy identification – located conveniently opposite our busy takeaway outlets. As these additional bin bags will assist with the quantity of rubbish for the summer season, we're



hoping this will help to prevent Island Roads' bins from becoming over-filled, thereby preventing gulls from pecking at and pulling out litter, strewn across the pavement/Esplanade in the early morning. Island Roads are also assisting by ensuring that, Monday to Friday their bins are emptied earlier in the morning and the Esplanade cleared of additional rubbish with Brian and team litter-picking the Esplanade on the weekends.

## NO BARBEQUES IN OPEN SPACES, PLEASE



Please take the advice of the Fire Officer for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, along with the National Trust. 'As the weather is so dry and the grass and heathland (including cliff top walks) has become tinder dry, please do not light barbeques or open fires, ensure all glass is picked up and that cigarettes are fully extinguished during the coming weeks.' Report any possible fires by dialling 999 and ask for Fire Brigade giving the exact location.

## BUSKERS ON SATURDAYS

Popular singer Lucan entertained a very receptive audience with his guitar and Beat box at Spring Hill Gardens on Saturday. Brian Roberts added his bubble machine and Sophie Blake helped with extra seating with some Deck Chairs. Free music for Ventnor shoppers every Summer Saturday 12-2 at Spring Hill Gardens.



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