



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 124 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.

## AUGUST FINANCES

The total of our two Bank Accounts at 31 August was £339,227. The major items in the month's total expenditure of £75,507 were £14,487 for work on the new public toilet and the £9,082 cost of the first half year of the Town Council's contribution to the Library. Salisbury Gardens' costs totalled £10,71.

With the work completed on the new Public Toilets we're delighted that the total cost was under the budgeted £150,000 at £146,868 and our thanks go to Dave Norville and his team at DN Associates for delivering such high quality work and within budget.

Receipts during August came to £13,175 of which £9,467 came from Salisbury Gardens' rents.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday's meeting had five applications before it beginning with the proposed amendments to the application for housing on the site of the old Central Store on Victoria Street that attracted significant attendance by local residents. The Committee resolved that *Because of the additional changes, Ventnor Town Council strongly recommend a resubmission of a full planning application.* Strong support was the assessment of the proposed addition of living space at Pitts Keep as the Committee felt *the design is inventive by enclosing the courtyard for additional living accommodation and by restoring the height of the building and replacing original features.* Two more were supported and one no reason to oppose.

## SUMMER BUSKING EVERY SATURDAY

Flags and bubbles added a festival feel to the paddling pool area. All agreed that Andy Roberts and his guitar were superb - so much so that he played and sang for an hour and a half. Weather permitting busking will continue for 2 more weeks.



## TOUR OF BRITAIN COMES TO TOWN

The race is due into the town area around 2pm on Sunday with the last of the riders and chase crews out by about 2.15pm.

These top professional Riders will have to navigate the difficult and sharp winding bends



along Bonchurch Road and take the flat out downhill section along Leeson road before

heading into Ventnor town along Trinity Road, then on into the town centre proper, with spectators up close to the riders speeding past in the peloton, along with vast numbers of support vehicles, outriders and chase crews, exciting stuff indeed.

In Ventnor town centre, some spectacular cornering action should be seen with the sharp bends coming into the town. Plenty of parking in the town but get there early. Spectators will see plenty of racing in the town centre, including High Street, Pier Street, and the steep descent down past the Cascades. Those wanting to see the cyclists on the Alpine stage can view the riders on the hilly ascents up from the Esplanade.

Along the Esplanade, they will go past the strip of cafés and bars with fantastic up close viewing of these professional riders, before heading up one of the toughest and steepest climbs on the route - the infamous Bath Road. These hills in Ventnor have been tagged as an Alpine stage. Once they have navigated that hill, riders head along Belgrave Road, then following Zig Zag road until its junction with Castle Road. Riders will head out of Ventnor using Gills Cliff Road before heading along Whitwell Road and out onto the next fast stages.

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- Today's [Resolution Foundation](#) report warns 'The number of people living in absolute poverty is currently projected to rise from 11 million in 2021-22 to 14 million in 2023-24 - a rise from 17 to 21 per cent, including 30 per cent of children.'

[JRF's analysis](#) 'Average low-income family to pay four and a half times more for energy in 2023/24 compared to 2021/22. Single parents will hand over almost two thirds of their income after housing costs making risk their children will go hungry very real.'

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