



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 126 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.

## INVITATION TO FAMILY VOICE VIEWING

Family Voice is a documentary record of the voices of

**WE HAVE TO MAKE  
A DECISION BETWEEN  
FOOD AND ELECTRICITY**

Ventnor residents' personal experience of poverty. Its first showing was at last Monday's Town Council meeting where it was unanimously agreed it should be shown as widely as possible. Because it is a Ventnor film its first public viewing will be for the town's residents and that has been arranged for **Monday 3 October at St Catherine's Church at 6pm.**

Made by local professional film and documentary makers Utility Films, it surfaces the poverty within the town through interviews with users of Ventnor Food Bank, Baby Box and the Town Council's Food and Fuel vouchers. The viewing will be followed by discussions that we hope will produce a range of ideas for responding to it.

**WHY HAVE I GOT THESE  
CHILDREN IF I CAN'T GIVE THEM  
WHAT THEY NEED?**

## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Group's latest meeting on Tuesday opened with the arrangements for CCTV coverage of the outside of the new Public Toilet and Spring Hill Garden followed by agreement to close the Park toilets for just January and February instead of the whole winter. We then heard that the Isle of Wight Council had been reminded that the Marlborough Road toilets were being returned to them from 1 October. The repair work on the damaged Fountain in Spring Hill Garden was agreed to start next week. It was also agreed to provide free car parking in the four car parks the Town Council manages all day on 10 December for the Christmas in Ventnor events. The increased cost of watering the flowers on the central reservation was a matter of concern and the advice from the Isle of Wight Council about their Ash Dieback works at Smugglers' Haven was noted.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The other Agenda items for last Monday's meeting were the draft lease for the four spaces in the Central Car Park now occupied by the new Toilet and the twinning of that Toilet with one in Zambia.

## PARK'S NEW SIGNAGE...

New signage for the Park now greets its visitors at both its Park Road entrances following the completion of this Town Council project last Wednesday.



## ...AND ITS LATEST AWARD



Ventnor's Park is one of nine in the South East to be awarded 'Local Favourite' status in Fields in Trust's public survey of the level of appreciation of local green spaces.

## THE SEASON'S LAST BUSKERS

Summer busking at the Paddling pool finished on a high note! Four members of SKaMP - aka Steve Ken Malcolm and Phil - entertained a good crowd on a super sunny Saturday.



Collecting for charity was a bonus too.

## LOWTHERVILLE'S NEW SWINGS

The Isle of Wight Council has fulfilled its



commitment to replace the Lowtherville playground's swings with a new set. They are now professionally installed and ready for use.

## LITTER PICKING

Sunny Sunday was "Tidy the Town Day". Each litter pick seems to produce less litter.

Ventnor now has a loyal band of regular pickers which is really helping.

We will be out and about next month again. Please consider joining us.



## VIA MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- [Living Wage Foundation](#) today: 'particularly sharp increases in low paid workers skipping meals regularly for financial reasons (up ten points - to 42%) and being unable to heat their homes for financial reasons (up nine points - to 32%).'
- The [Big Issue](#) reports today 'Only one week back in classrooms after the summer break, hundreds of schools across the country are running food banks so children have enough to eat.'