



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 133 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.

## OCTOBER FINANCES

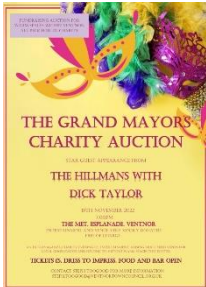
The total of our two Bank Accounts at 31 October was £269,787. Expenditure during the month of October totalled £41,527 including Salisbury Gardens' costs of £3,759. The two largest non-salary costs were the monthly payment of £2,281 to John O'Connor for our Grounds Maintenance works and £1,472 for the water bill at the Eastern Esplanade Toilets.

Receipts during October came to £16,692 of which £4,791 came from Salisbury Gardens' rents. The receipts included the VAT refund for the July to September quarter of £7,968. We had expected to also receive the insurance payment due to us of £9,068 for the storm damage to Salisbury Gardens in October last year, but that arrived on 1 November.

The total spent during the first seven months of the current financial year was £26,965 more than budgeted for while receipts in the same period were £11,285 above budget.

## MAYOR'S CHARITY AUCTION

Our Mayor, Steph Toogood, has organised a Charity Auction to raise funds to support local providers of Warm Spaces this winter. It's on Saturday 19 November at the Met on the Esplanade starting at 7pm. The Venue and the Entertainment have been provided free of charge and the latter includes a Star Contribution by The Hillmans with Dick Taylor. There are a wide range of items in place for auction on the night and, as the Mayor says: *Local businesses have generously donated lots of auction items. It's a fun night- it's a musical night- do come and join us and bid. This will help us with heating costs for "Warm Spaces" in Ventnor during the cold months*



## LIVING WELL FUNDING

We are pleased to have received £5,000 funding for our participation in and support (through Tony McCarthy's involvement) for the Living Well Project during its first year.

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Ventnor's two annual services of Remembrance take place this coming weekend:

*Friday 11 November, 10.45, Royal British Legion*

The road will be temporarily closed throughout the short service and to honour the two minutes silence. The



service will be followed by a 40-minute talk covering the history, role and scope of caring for the town's war dead, both at home in the UK and across the world.

*Sunday, 13 November, 2pm, St Catherine's Church*

The 2pm service at St Catherine's Church will be followed by the Laying of Wreaths ceremony at Ventnor's War Memorial, Park Avenue. Due to road closures, people should make their own way to the War Memorial.



## FAMILY VOICE VIEWINGS

Very unpleasant weather kept attendances low at our three showings of the documentary in our Green Room on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday morning, but the following discussions have contributed to our understanding of what we need to do next. We're delighted that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils have agreed to show it in the near future at a meeting of its Member Town & Parish Councils. We plan to widen its distribution following its showing during the following item.

## FOOD WASTE & FOOD POVERTY CONFERENCE

This all day Conference at the Riverside on Friday 18 November has been arranged by the Isle of Wight Council with Public Health, Aspire, Pan Together, Ventnor Town Council, the Real Junk Food Project, and Newport Congregational Church. The Press Release adds: *We are thrilled to also confirm that we will be showing Ventnor Town Council's Family Voice Film.*

## FROM MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- Over [60 charities](#) have sent a joint letter to the Prime Minister warning that around 7 million households are facing an impossible winter.
- A Press Release today by [UK Hospitality](#) says its latest survey finds 'More than a third of the UK's hospitality sector is at risk of business failure in early 2023 due to the cost of doing business crisis.'

**MORE INFORMATION** is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk