

Ventnor Town Council

2026/27 Budget Consultation Results

Summary of data



41 Responses received between
10 December 2025 and 11 January 2026



32 responses were via the online form



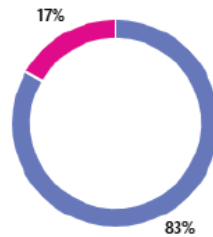
9 responses were received in paper format



Section 1: Community Wellbeing

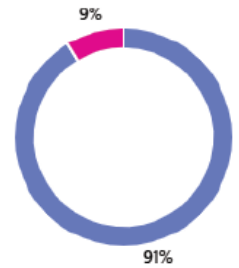
Do you support VTC continuing to fund the Well-being Café?

● Yes 30
● No 6



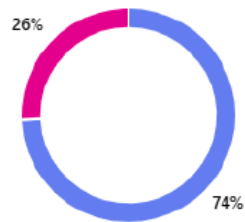
Do you support VTC continuing to fund Ventnor Community Playgroup?

● Yes 32
● No 3



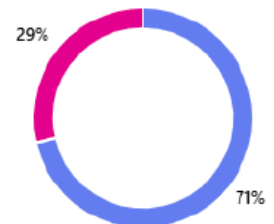
Do you support VTC continuing to fund Ventnor Youth Work?

● Yes 26
● No 9



Do you support VTC continuing to fund Warmer Ventnor Project?

● Yes 25
● No 10

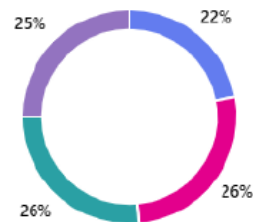




Section 1: Community Wellbeing (cont'd)

What Hardship Support would you like VTC to provide (if any)?

● Energy & Heating Advice	15
● Money/Debt Guidance	18
● Low-cost Community Meals / Warm Spaces	18
● Signposting to Benefits / Grants	17



Please tell us about any other ideas to support people with the cost of living:



If Ventnor was able to have more community services, what would you like added?

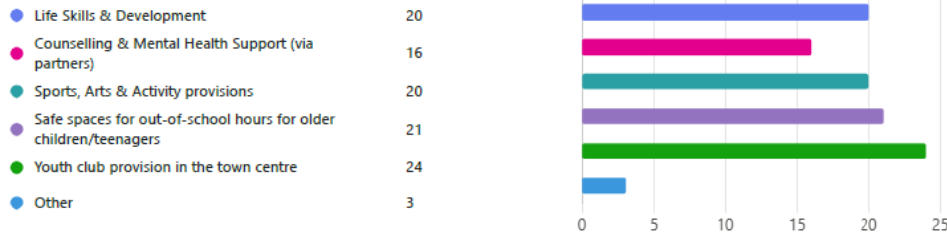
5 respondents (33%) answered Youth Club for this question.





Section 2: Children and Young People

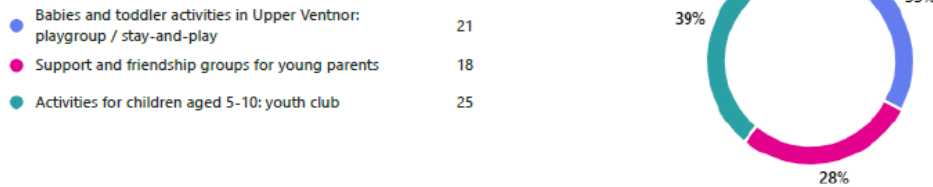
How would you like to see VTC supporting children and young people aged 11+ (tick any)



Please tell us about any other ideas you have to support children and young people



How would you like to see VTC supporting young children (aged 0-10 years) and their families (tick any)



Please tell us about any other ideas you have to support babies, younger children and their families:





Section 3: Ventnor Library

VTC currently funds some of the costs of running and staffing Ventnor Library. Do you support VTC to continue funding the library?



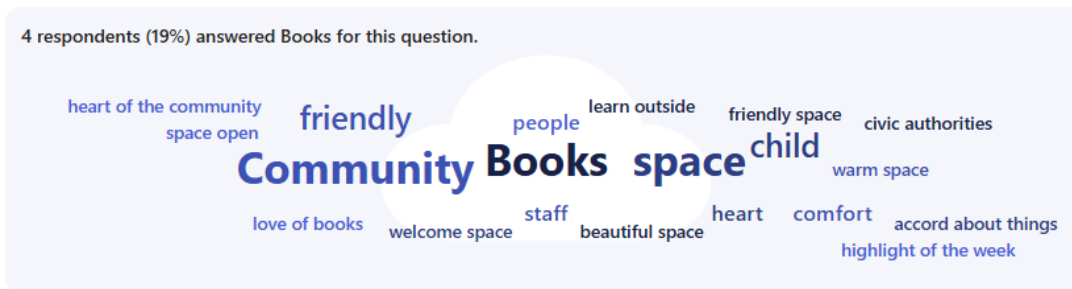
Please tell us why:



When did you last visit the library, and what did you do there?



What does Ventnor Library mean to you?





Section 4: No.31 Community Bus

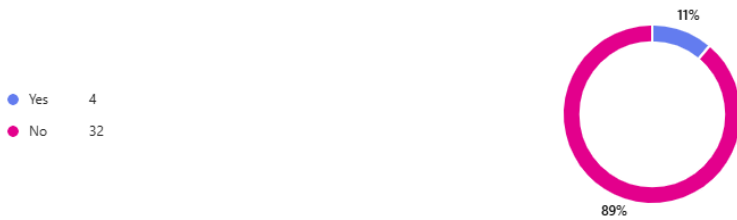
Do you support the Council subsidising this bus service?



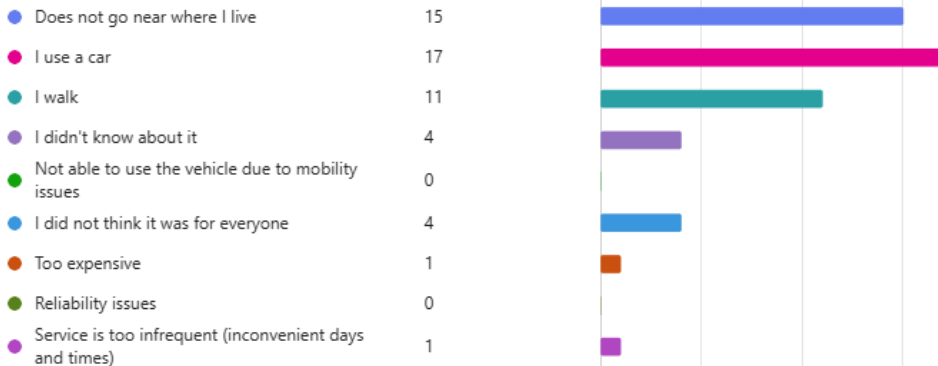
Do you think the current cost of £2.50 single/£3 return is a fair price?



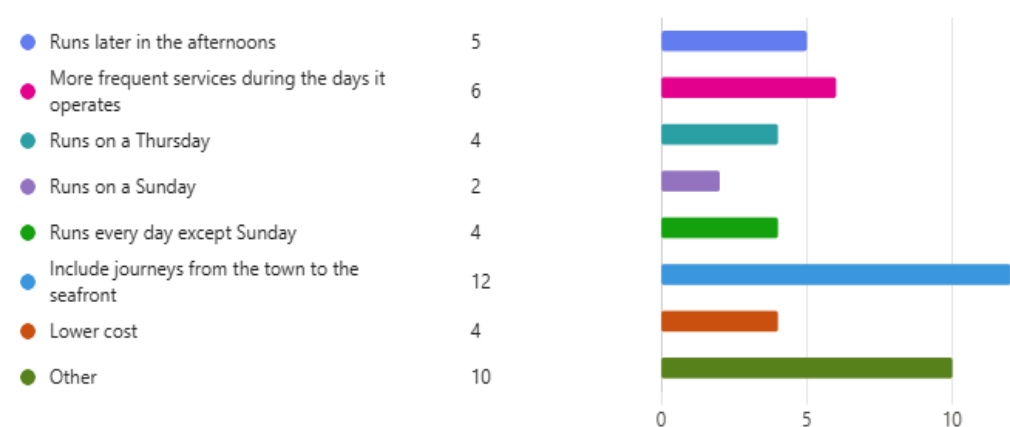
Have you used this bus service



If not, why not?



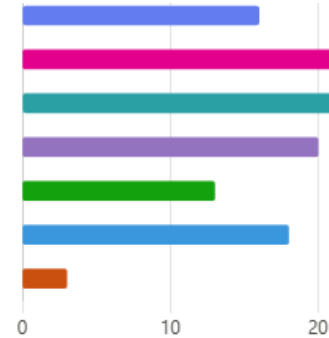
What would make you want to use the bus? (tick any)



Section 5: Nature & The Environment

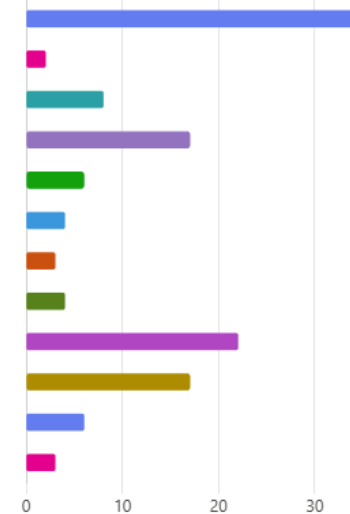
The Town Council is supportive of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and wants to apply the guidance and encourage residents to do the same. Which would you like to see as immediate priorities? (tick as many as you think are important)

- Native tree and hedge planting 16
- Environmentally friendly maintenance of parks/greens 21
- Planting appropriate native wildflowers in open spaces to increase biodiversity 28
- Leaving some unmown areas throughout the growing season for insects, birds and... 20
- Community Gardening/Allotments/Orchards 13
- Wildlife signage and wildlife education for all ages 18
- Other 3

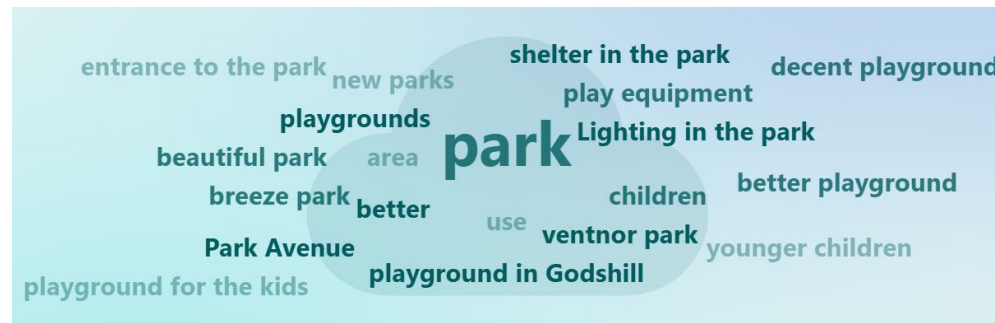


Which open spaces do you use?

- Ventnor Park 34
- North Street Playground 2
- Outfit Gym in Ventnor Park 8
- Spring Hill Gardens 17
- Community Orchard at Steephill Down Road 6
- Sea Breeze Playground 4
- Upper Ventnor Playground 3
- Skate Park 4
- Paddling Pool area 22
- Salisbury Gardens 17
- Bonchurch Triangle 6
- Other 3



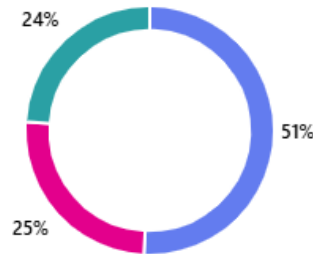
Please tell us about any ideas you have for improvements to open spaces in Ventnor



Section 5: Nature & The Environment (Cont'd)

Which of the following local beaches do you enjoy?

● Ventnor Beach	34
● Steephill Cove	17
● Bonchurch Beach	16
● Other	0

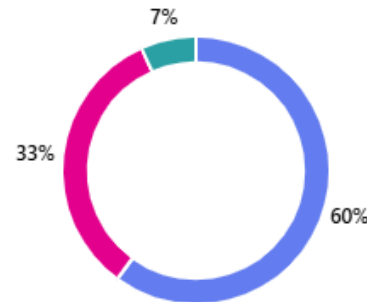


Please tell us what you like about the beaches



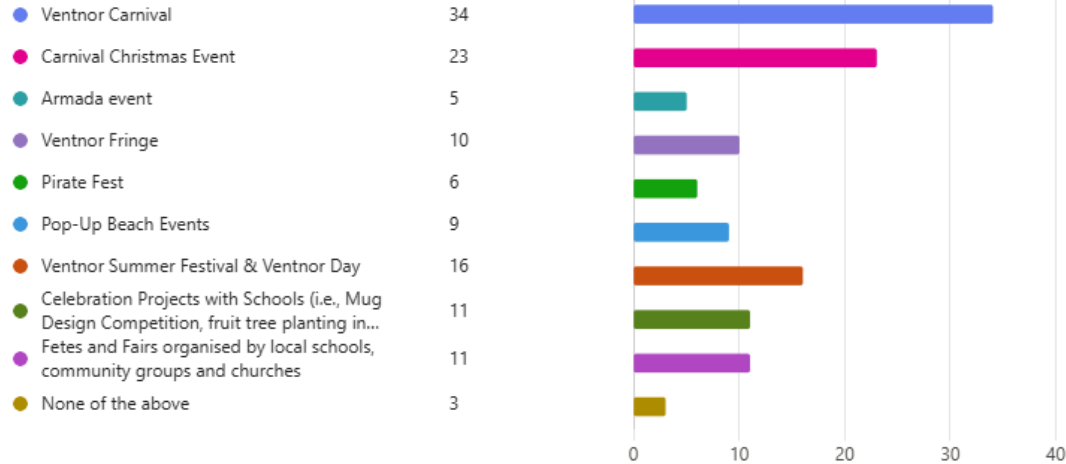
Would you like the council to provide Beach Safety on Ventnor Beach during the summer?

● From May to September	27
● During the school summer holiday (Mid July to early September)	15
● Outsourced to a Lifeguard Service for the summer holidays	3
● No beach safety	0



Section 7: Events

Which events do you think the Council should support (either financially or support-in-kind)?



Please tell us about any ideas you have for future events that you would like to be a part of:

music events second homes high proportion
 Classic events amongst locals local population Fiver
 Festival event fund raising event for traders
 tax funds fund them fully VTC
 car park car show in car enthusiasm for those events
 manner public townsfolk and businesses indicator for the enthusiasm



Section 8: Budget Prioritisation

Please organise the following areas by importance, with the top one being the most important

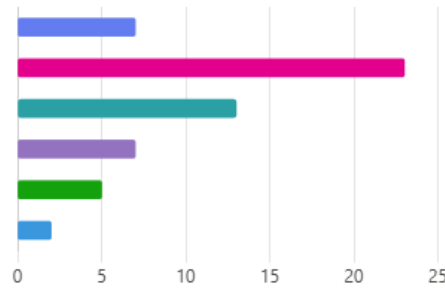
Rank	Options	First choice	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	Last choice
1	Children and young people's activities and wellbeing support			
2	Renovation and replacement of public toilets			
3	Parks, playgrounds and play equipment			
4	Mental health and Well-being Support (Ventnor Well-being Café and new projects)			
5	Hardship Support – cost of living support such as Warm Welcome Spaces, free or subsidised community lunches, advice services			
6	Ventnor Library			
7	Events such as Ventnor Summer Festival, Carnival, Christmas, etc.			
8	31 Community Bus – local subsidised bus service from St Lawrence and Bonchurch to Ventnor which are not served by Southern Vectis bus routes.			
9	Floral displays and seasonal decorations including Christmas trees and lighting			
10	Heritage and culture (displays, exhibitions and events)			



Section 9: Ventnor Town Council Communications

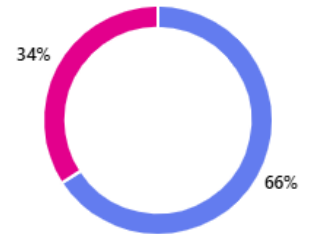
Have you seen VTC news or information in the following places?

VTC Newsletter	7
Facebook	23
Noticeboards / Posters	13
Local Press / Newspapers	7
Community Meetings	5
Other	2



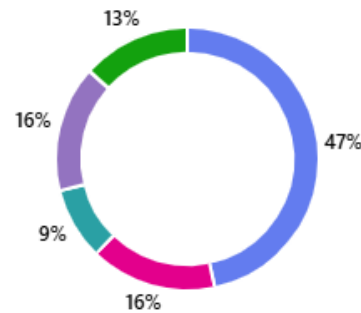
Do you know who any of the VTC Councillors are for the area where you live?

Yes	25
No	13
Not Applicable (if you do not live in Ventnor)	0



How would you like to receive updates from VTC?

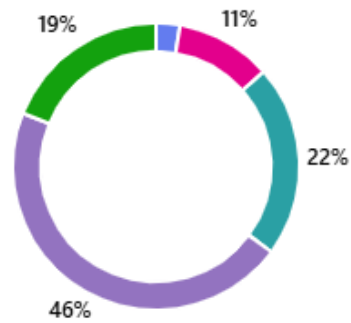
Social Media	21
VTC Website	7
Printed newsletter	4
Public meetings	7
Email	6



Section 10: About the Respondents

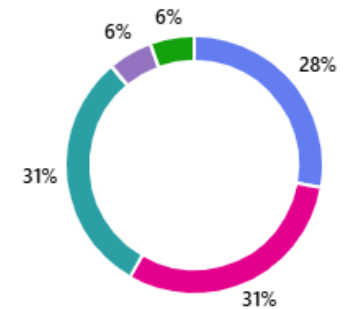
Age Band

Under 18	1
18-24	4
25-44	8
45-64	17
65+	7



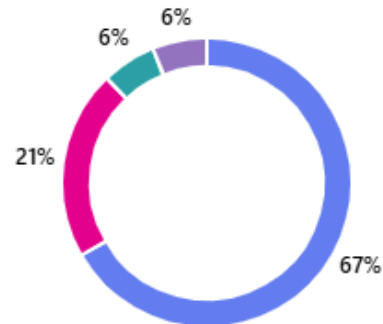
Household Type

Single Adult	10
Couple	11
Family with children	11
Shared Accommodation	2
Other	2



Residential Status

Homeowner	22
Private Rent	7
Social Housing	2
Other	2



How long have you lived in this community?

Less than 1 year	0
1-3 years	1
4-10 years	6
10-20 years	15
21 years+	16

