



# BEACH SAFETY PROJECT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 80/13

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The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with a summary of the now completed Beach Safety Project 2013.

## No. DETAIL

### 1) THE PROJECT

- a) The Project was initiated in 2011 following the Isle of Wight Council's decision to discontinue funding for Lifeguards and their offer of £6,250 towards alternative provision of beach safety support. That support was made available for this third year of the project.
- b) It has again consisted of a full-time staff member – Dave Gray – and a group of volunteers with support and encouragement from Councillor Jim Toogood and ran from Monday 15 April to Sunday 13 September.
- c) The following sections of this report provide members with information on the level of activity and the accounts for the Project.

### 2) ACTIVITY LEVELS

- a) The overall level of incidents dealt with were almost the same as those for 2012 as shown in the following table where last year's figures are shown in brackets.

MONTH	SAFETY INCIDENTS	FIRST AID	ASSISTED RESCUES	TOTALS
TOTALS	105 [112]	129 [69]	0 [12]	234 [193]

- b) The 105 safety incidents included: warnings to swimmers/dinghies too far out and/or too close to rocks.
- c) The 129 first aid treatments included: wasp stings, weaver fish stings, cuts & grazes and sprains.
- d) The First Aid Hut also served again as a *lost & found* service for objects ranging from sunglasses through purses to mobile phones.

### 3) FINANCES

- a) The table lists the expenditure on the project by category and months:

MONTH	SALARIES	FIRST AID	CLOTHING	EQUIPMENT	MISC	TOTALS
APRIL	500					500
MAY	1,422	40			133	1,595
JUNE	1,229	26			25	1,280
JULY	1,229	122			12	1,363
AUGUST	1,536	26			70	1,632
SEPTEMBER	746	26		8	40	820
TOTALS	6,662	240		8	280	7,190

- b) There was an overspend against budget of £940 largely due to the decision to begin the project in mid-April rather than early May.

### 4) VOLUNTEERS

- a) Thanks are due to the volunteer team that provided invaluable support for Dave Gray's work and contributed significantly to the safety of residents and visitors using the beach.
- b) Thanks are also due to those residents who spontaneously gave money to buy equipment for the project.