

Ventnor Town Council Newsletter



Message from the Mayor

Introducing the new Town Clerk What does she actually do?



Katherine Baldwin joined Ventnor Town Council as the new Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer on 20th May 2024.

The big question is, what does she actually do?

- ⇒ Legal duties - ensures compliance with legal statutory and other provisions governing or affecting the running of Ventnor Town Council. The Clerk also implements the Council's lawful decisions.
- ⇒ Governance - preparation of agendas, papers and minutes for all Town Council meetings and Committees.
- ⇒ Responsible Finance Officer - management of budget, assets, liabilities and resources.
- ⇒ Management - operations, finance, staff team and resources

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Firstly, it is my great pleasure to formally announce that in May, we appointed our new Town Clerk, Katherine Baldwin. Katherine has settled in well and is proactively getting out and about the Town meeting residents and business-owners alike and has already made a tremendous contribution to the work that your Town Council do for our community.

It was fantastic news to hear this middle week in July that the Leeson Road was to be opened and we all know of the hardship that the closure has caused in our Town. I want to thank the various pressure groups, County Councillors and others that have lobbied hard to make this happen, but we must remain vigilant to the dangers of landslip and seek lasting solutions for viable transport links into our town. Our challenge is not over, and we must keep the pressure on local and national government.

We collectively took the decision to offer free car parking on Saturdays during the road closure, as a potential incentive to encourage greater footfall into our Town. The council will have to consider this measure, now that the road is open.

If you want to speak directly with me or the Deputy Mayor (Steph Toogood), then we shall be holding regular surgeries on a Thursday once a month at St. Catherine's Church, Ventnor. We welcome your views and input in shaping our community. Please come along and say hello.

We are in the final planning stage for the Community Orchard, which will be in Steephill Down Road. It is hoped that tree planting will go ahead in late October/early November of this year, when there will be an opening ceremony. Further details to follow.

Lastly, I have met several times with local businesses over the course of the last year and I am delighted to have played a small part in supporting the various businesses through constructive dialogue. Local businesses are now near to forming their own Ventnor Business Association and Ventnor Town Council wish the group all good wishes and profitable endeavour.

Cllr Steve Cooper (Mayor)

Ventnor Really Useful Thursdays

On Thursday 1st August from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm, Ventnor Town Council and partner agencies will be at our monthly 'Really Useful Thursdays' session at St. Catherine's Church. Previously called 'Ventnor Our Place', the event brings together groups from the local voluntary and community sector with Island-wide agencies. Organisations invited include Citizen's Advice, Age UK, Southern Water, Health Watch, Diabetes Group IOW, Living Well & Early Help, Veterans Outreach Support, Sight for Wight, Baby Box Isle of Wight, Green IOW, Solutions4Health and our local PCSO. There will also be a Mayor's Surgery drop-in session with either Steve Cooper (Mayor) or Steph Toogood (Deputy Mayor) from 12.30-1.30pm.

Next dates are August 1st and September 5th, 2024.

Many thanks to the congregation and Church Wardens at St. Catherine's Church for supporting and hosting the event.

There will be free tea, coffee and cake and the opportunity to talk to representatives of these organisations to access support or have an informal chat. It's a chance to meet with groups and agencies that don't have a permanent base in Ventnor.

The event also includes our weekly Thursday Kitchen. A group of volunteers have come together to offer a free lunch every Thursday as a part of the Town Council's Warm Spaces scheme. This has been running every week since the beginning of 2023.

St. Catherine's Warm Space is also open for coffee, tea and cake, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:30 to 12:30, it is free, and donations are appreciated.

If your organisation would like to take part in Really Useful Thursdays or you would like more information, please call Catherine 01983 853775 or e-mail catherine@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk

MAYOR'S SURGERY DROP-IN

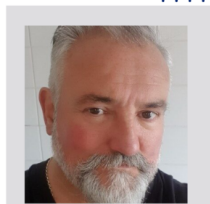
VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL



St Catherine's Church
Ventnor
10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 1st August

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

St Catherine's Church
12.30-1.30pm



Mayor Steve Cooper



Is there something we can help with?
Got a question?
Want to meet your councillors?
Come along and see us.
No appointment needed.



Ventnor Town Council

Really Useful Thursdays Drop In And Chat

- Support sessions for anyone of any age and in any circumstance.
- A safe environment to access support and advice or simply for a chat.
- Signposting to other organisations.



Mayor's Surgery Drop-in
12.30 to 1.30pm

free refreshments
free lunch served from 12 midday

Organisations often include:



Ventnor Park and Cascade

A sunny June day was spent at Ventnor's award winning Park and Cascade.

Cllr Steph Toogood and Jackie Tiller from the Putting Green walked the Park with the judges and the VTC contractor for the Annual South and South East in Bloom.

The results are expected next month when we hope to retain our Gold Status.

Summer in Ventnor



BUSKING AT THE CASCADE VENTNOR

SATURDAYS 12 NOON TO 2PM

SEE YOU AT THE CASCADE OR PADDLING POOL

2024

PERFORMERS

- JULY 27TH THE TUESDAYS
- AUGUST 3RD LUCAN
- AUGUST 10TH THE SHARPTONES
- AUGUST 17TH PIRATE FEST - MUSIC ALL DAY
- AUGUST 24TH VENTNOR UKELELE GROUP
- AUGUST 31ST ISLAND VIBE

WEATHER PERMITTING AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ISLAND VIBE



VENTNOR CARNIVAL MAIN CARNIVAL

Wednesday 14th August 2024

Assemble 5.00pm
Judging 6pm
Start Time 7pm

Route: Pier Street, High Street, Madeira Road, St Catherine's Street, Victoria Street, Albert Street, Pier Street, Church Street, Belgrave Road, Pek Avenue

Entry forms available on the day, from Premier on the High Street or online www.ventnorcarnival.org



VENTNOR CARNIVAL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2024

ASSEMBLE FROM 11.30AM IN DUDLEY ROAD

START TIME: 12 MIDDAY

ROUTE: PIER STREET, HIGH STREET, VICTORIA STREET, ALBERT ATREET, PIER STREET, CHURCH STREET, BELGRAVE ROAD, PARK AVENUE

JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE AT VENTNOR PARK AFTER THE PROCESSION (ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH IF WET)



JOIN US FOR VENTNOR'S FIRST EVER PIRATE FESTIVAL!

VENTNOR 2024 CARNIVAL WEEK

VENTNOR PIRATE FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 14TH - SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

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| PIRATE CARNIVAL PROCESSION | TREASURE HUNT |
| BEST DRESSED COMPETITION | SONGS OF THE SEA |
| SEAFRONT FIREWORKS | BARREL ROLLING |
| | TUG OF WAR |
| | DEREK SANDY MUSIC + PIRATE LOLLIPOP LIMBO |

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS

[f /VENTNORPIRATEFESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/VENTNORPIRATEFESTIVAL)

Ventnor Day Friday 16th August



Ventnor Park 12-6pm



VENTNOR CARNIVAL ILLUMINATED CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2024

ASSEMBLE DUDLEY ROAD: 7.45PM ~ JUDGING 8.30PM

CARNIVAL START TIME: 9PM

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY, FROM PREMIER ON THE HIGH STREET OR ONLINE WWW.VENTNORCARNIVAL.ORG

ROUTE: PIER STREET, HIGH STREET, VICTORIA STREET, ALBERT STREET, PIER STREET, CHURCH STREET, BELGRAVE ROAD, PARK AVENUE

Future Meetings

Town Council Meetings 2024
held in the Green Room,
Salisbury Gardens

Monday 12th August at 7pm

Monday 14th October at 7pm

Monday 9th December at 7pm

Ventnor West Election News

We welcome Councillor Linda
Jefferies who was successful
in the election held on 4th July.



Myth Buster Are the Town Councillors paid?

The answer is no. The Town
Councillors do not receive
payment or an allowance. The
confusion often arises when a
Town Councillor is also a County
Councillor on the Isle of Wight
Council. A County Councillor will
receive an allowance which
varies depending on their
responsibilities but they do not
receive an allowance from
Ventnor Town Council.



Ventnor Town Council are delighted to announce that we have secured funding to provide additional services for the no 31 Bus. The service will continue to operate on its current route, servicing St Lawrence and Bonchurch Village, via Ventnor Boots and will now provide an additional journey on the Tuesdays and Fridays and also operate for 4 journeys on Saturday mornings. We hope that this will support the transport needs of Bonchurch residents, following the closure of Leeson Road and be an improved service for St Lawrence residents. Please see the official Southern Vectis timetable for specific times and stops.

Youth Group Update

The children took part in the Extraordinary Earth Project by StudentsRebuild, where they created artwork inspired by our world; nature and animals. For every piece of art submitted, the Bezo's Family Foundation donated \$5 to organisations tackling climate change and protecting our earth.

The children loved sharing their knowledge of endangered animals and the planet as well as ideas on how to protect it and what they can do to contribute at home. They donated \$230!

The children experimented and created art with chalk and oil pastels, paint splatter trees in the style of Jackson Pollock and also made clay hedgehogs. They made flower-scapes on clay tiles by imprinting various pasta shapes and using modelling tools. Those who took part received a certificate and should feel very proud of their conscientious conservation efforts.

