



Christopher Lewis

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Steve Cooper,
Ventnor Mayor.

Dear Steve,

Re : Ventnor Fell Running Championship Association – possible VTC Sponsorship

The Isle of Wight Fell Running Championship Series was started in 1995 by Eddie Leal (Ryde Harriers) and Brenda Lawson (the then Mayor of Ventnor). Brenda approached Eddie about having a race in Ventnor to bring visitors in and Eddie suggested that a fell event would be best with three races over a weekend. This would make a challenging event that would make people want to stay the whole weekend.

Eddie was a founder member of the Fell Running Association (FRA) having Membership No. 2 and with Brenda formed the Ventnor Fell Running Championship Association which organises the races with help from Ryde Harriers.

The series of races is run under FRA Rules and since 2000 has Incorporated the SEAA (South of England Athletic Association – one of the UK Athletics regional bodies) Fell Running Championships which always ensures some top quality competition.

Ventnor Fell Run Championship Association is non-profit although we are not a charity.

As such over the 31 years we had an 'excess of income over expenditure' of £14200 and over this period we donated £12300 to various Ventnor and Island good causes.

Ventnor Boxing Club

Ventnor Rugby Club

Ventnor Football Club

Ventnor Youth Cafe

Dick Ring Memorial Fund

Rew Valley Badminton Club

Rew Valley Youth FC

Ray Scovell 'Run Wight' for Junior Athletes

Island Games Teams

Fairway Track Booking for Island Athletes
Mountbatten Hospice
Ryde Harriers - supply us with a lot of consumables like drinks cups
St Catherine's School
Ventnor Scouts

I would like to request a small sponsorship from Ventnor Town Council of £100, we would use this to purchase runners race numbers. We would add the VTC logo to the numbers, race literature and runners freebie.

When we send entry acknowledgements out we can send a PDF leaflet with the email as you suggested advertising Ventnor places to stay and eat.

Regards,

Chris Lewis
(Ventnor Fell Running Championship Association and Ryde Harriers).