



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 41/14

19 MAY 2014

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updates on some areas of the Town Council's ongoing work for information.

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**No.   DETAIL**

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**1)   VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDENS**

- a) The Assistant Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor Leigh Geddes and Councillor Brian Lucas met with Chris Kidd from Ventnor Botanic Garden on Friday 9 May.
  - b) Chris Kidd was thanked for arranged the prompt planting-up of the 17 troughs and 6 baskets in the town with plants that followed the brief in being bright and colourful.
  - c) The Botanic Gardens have reserved 110 Echiums – a plant that Ventnor is renowned for – and Councillor Leigh Geddes, as a member of the Spring Hill Gardens Group, already managed to plant 10 Echiums there.
  - d) Now that local company Topcoat have fixed and painted the reverse of the Welcome to Ventnor sign, at Smuggler's Haven Chris Kidd is arranging planting of 20 Echiums behind the sign.
  - e) The Assistant Town Clerk's discussions with Island Roads regarding the other ongoing Gateway to Ventnor projects, namely at Whitwell and Wroxall are continuing.
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**2)   FEEL GOOD VENTNOR**

- a) In association with Ventnor Enhancement Fund, OutFit and the Putting Green, Ventnor Town Council is involved in the Feel Good Ventnor project, which will officially launch on Bank Holiday Monday 26 May, at Ventnor Park.
  - b) The purpose of this project is to encourage local residents to get involved in activities happening in Ventnor – whether it's keep-fit, dancing, walking, bowling or gardening – there's something for everyone.
  - c) Those people who run classes or activities will be available at the event on the 26 May, for further information or to join up.
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**3)   MEMORIAL BENCH**

A new memorial bench request was made at the end of last year and, after an extremely wet winter, was finally installed at the beginning of May, along West Cliff, near La Falaise car park.

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**4)   VENTNOR SIGN, WEST CLIFF**

Thanks are due to local resident John Powell who arranged for the Ventnor sign at West Cliff to be refurbished. The stones that make up the sign have been painted brilliant white and greatly enhance the look of the West Cliff area.

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**5)   LOWTHERVILLE NOTICEBOARD**

- a) Lowtherville's old noticeboard at the junction of Newport Road and Lowtherville Road has now been replaced by a sparkling new one thanks to joint funding by the Upper Ventnor Community Association (UVCA) and Ventnor Town Council.
  - b) At the meeting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerks with the UVCA the clear identification of Lowtherville was welcomed and much preferred to the usual reference to the area as Upper Ventnor.
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