



Summer Edition 2021

from Councillor Paul Bertie – Mayor of Cowes

Welcome from the Mayor of Cowes

I was born in 1949 into an army family and spent my childhood travelling to various parts of the world. My family emigrated to Australia in 1966 where I lived and worked for 5 years before coming back to the UK. I first visited Cowes for Cowes Week 1976 and immediately fell in love with the town, realising the massive potential that it had in all aspects, not just yachting.

I finally moved down to Cowes from London in 1981 starting a retail clothing business in the High Street, which I still run to this day. In 1985 I founded 'Project Cowes', an organisation to promote Cowes. This went on to become the Cowes Business Association.

I was Deputy Mayor of Cowes for 2000/2001 when I played a major role in promoting the America's Cup Jubilee, probably the greatest yachting event ever.

I have been both an IW Councillor and a Cowes Town Councillor since 2013, but have now decided to devote all my efforts to Cowes Town Council.

My main aim for the next year in this post-pandemic period is to re-establish Cowes as a major yachting centre; 'The Home of World Yachting', but to also fully support other local ventures such as The IW Literary Festival, Northwood House and The Beckford Centre.

I strongly believe that all residents should be able to fully engage with all activities and events in Cowes.

Coronavirus update



Step 3 restrictions remain in place until 19 July. Follow the guidance on what you can and cannot do. There is currently a 4-week pause at Step 3 of the roadmap.

The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Covid Vaccines

Residents are encouraged to check Cowes Medical Centre's website for up to date information on Covid vaccinations. Vaccinations are available to all adults. <https://www.cowesmedicalcentre.co.uk/> or telephone 01983 294902 (appointments) or 01983 295251.

On 5 July 2021, the Prime Minister said he expected the final step would go ahead as planned on 19 July. This will be confirmed on 12 July after a review of the latest data. At the time of going to print, we remain in Step 3.

If you do not have a local network of friends or family to support you during lockdown, please call **01983 823600** for support.

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 3pm

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COVID-19: Restrictions in England

From 17 May

STEP 3

MEETING OTHERS <p>You can meet outdoors in groups of up to 30 people. You can meet indoors in groups of up to six people or two households.</p> <p>You don't have to stay 2m apart from friends and family, but consider the risks to you and those you are with.</p>	OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>Domestic overnight stays are allowed, in groups of up to six people or 2 households.</p>	EDUCATION <p>Schools, colleges and universities fully open.</p> <p>Regular testing provided.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>You should continue to work from home if you can.</p>
RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>	BARs, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Open.</p> <p>Groups of up to six people or two households allowed indoors.</p> <p>Groups of up to 30 allowed outdoors.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>All holiday accommodation open, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs.</p>	LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES <p>Open indoors and outdoors, including gyms, indoor sports facilities, swimming pools, saunas and steam rooms.</p> <p>Organised sport and group exercises allowed.</p>
ENTERTAINMENT <p>Open indoors and outdoors, including cinemas, bowling alleys, zoos and theme parks.</p>	LARGE EVENTS <p>Events, including live performances, business events and sporting events, can proceed with capacity limits, indoors and outdoors.</p>	DOMESTIC TRAVEL <p>Travel safely. Plan ahead and avoid the busiest times and routes if you can.</p>	OVERSEAS TRAVEL <p>Check whether your destination is on the red, amber or green list. You should not travel to red and amber countries. If you are travelling to a green country, check the rules in your destination as testing or quarantine requirements may be in place.</p>
PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open. You can attend in groups of 6 people or 2 households.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>Weddings, receptions, life events and wakes can take place with up to 30 attendees, indoors in a COVID-Secure venue, or outdoors.</p> <p>No limit on funeral attendees, subject to how many the venue can safely accommodate with social distancing.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>People who live in a care home can have 'low risk' visits out of the home without the need to isolate when they get back. Residents can also name up to five visitors.</p>	SHIELDING <p>If you are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) you do not need to shield, but should continue to take extra precautions such as shopping at quieter times of the day. You can follow the same advice on meeting friends and family as everyone else.</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

COVID-19
Let's take this next step, safely.

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Keep up to date with walk-in vaccinations

Anyone aged 18 and over can walk-in to get their first dose. You do not need to book. To stay up to date with walk-in clinics, visit the link below. This will be updated daily.

<https://hampshiresouthamptonandisleofwightccg.nhs.uk/your-health/latest-information-on-covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-programme/walk-in-clinics-near-you>

Other sources of help

Community Action IOW - For help with: Business Support; Mental Health; Benefits and Money; Domestic Abuse; Faith; Transport; Families; Activities to do at home.

Phone: 01983 524058

<https://www.communityactionisleofwight.org.uk/>

<https://crisis.communityactionisleofwight.org.uk/>

Isle of Wight Foodbank



Local helpline - Please call 01983 823 898 to speak to Citizens Advice Isle of Wight, a referral partner of Isle of Wight Foodbank, who will be able to issue you with a food bank voucher if necessary.

Or alternatively call the free national helpline. If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser.

They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

<https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk/>

Finance Committee Report



The Town Council is still open for applications for community grants for events or projects. For more information please either contact the Town Clerk or see the Town Council's website for further details.

Planning and Licensing Committee Report

The function of this committee is to inspect planning and licensing applications, advising the appropriate departments of the IW Council whether we support an application or oppose them. We can only oppose planning applications following national planning guidance, although we can suggest areas of concern. If the application is acceptable there is no need for comment. We will sometimes express support for applications which we feel benefits the town; a recent example is Spinlock's plans to develop the former Police Station.

While other committees make recommendations to be ratified at a full Town Council meeting, the Planning and Licensing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions.

The Committee's role is purely advisory, the final decision is made by the IW Council.



Projects Committee Report

The Projects Committee is a sub-Committee of Cowes Town Council and is responsible for identifying and managing projects which are designed to improve the amenities within the town.

Current projects being considered include the creation of a new information board commemorating the story of the Ark and the Dove; looking at 'Active Travel' initiatives to improve travel links through the town; installing a World Finger Post to provide photographic opportunities for visitors to promote Cowes; and holding a 'Cowes Fayre' to showcase the produce of our local businesses.

Please contact the Town Clerk if you have a project in Cowes which you would like Councillors to consider.

Summer planting

We have been able to provide seasonal colourful displays in the town planters again this year, which is a great way to keep the town looking bright and welcoming. All plants are supplied and maintained by Care in the Garden and watered by JW Autoshine. The hanging baskets on the Parade and Cowes' entry points are supplied by Forest View Nursery.

Place Plan for Cowes and Northwood

The Place Plan for Cowes and Northwood has been completed. Thank you to all those who took the time to give feedback as part of the consultation undertaken by ARC Consulting. The objective of a place plan is to provide a menu of actions for positive change consistent with the lived experience of local people, the aspirations of local businesses and organizations, and the strategic context provided by local plans and policies. We look forward to working through the content to shape positive change for Cowes and Northwood.



Community Resilience Project

Calendar of information, guidance and skills building events 2021-2022.



July 2021			
Event	Date & Time	Contact for bookings	Notes
Advice First Aider Volunteer – Part 1 (live online)	15 July 2021 (Thursday) 10:00-11.00	Simon Barton simonb@iwcab.org.uk	Trainer: Simon Barton, Citizens Advice
Advice First Aider Volunteer – Part 2 (live online)	21 July 2021 (Wednesday) 13.00 – 15:00	Simon Barton simonb@iwcab.org.uk	Trainer: Simon Barton, Citizens Advice
August 2021			
Event	Date & Time	Contact for bookings	Notes
Introduction to Active Listening Skills Face-to-face training (Newport)	10 August 2021 (Tuesday) 10:00 -13:00	Zoryna O'Donnell zodonnell@actioniw.org.uk	Trainer: TBC, Samaritans
October 2021			
Event	Date & Time	Contact for bookings	Notes
Mental Health Aware – Young People (live online)	12 October 2021 (Tuesday) 9:00 -13:00	Zoryna O'Donnell zodonnell@actioniw.org.uk	Trainer: Kate Golding, MHFA England
November 2021			
Event	Date & Time	Contact for bookings	Notes
Mental Health Aware – Adults (live online)	9 November 2021 (Tuesday) 9:00 -13:00	Zoryna O'Donnell zodonnell@actioniw.org.uk	Trainer: Kate Golding, MHFA England

Community Litter Pick

Is there an area of our town that needs a tidy up? Are you willing to give up your time to assist? Please let us know of any problem areas and we will arrange a community litter pick.

Free Parking for Mainland NHS Patients



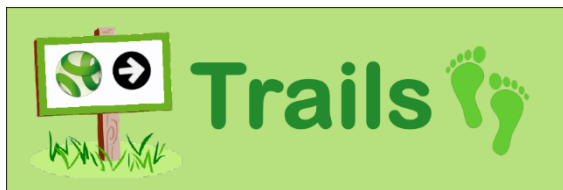
There are limited parking permits available for free parking in Northwood House Car Park for Island residents attending NHS mainland hospital appointments. The scheme has been extended by Northwood House Charitable Trust Co. Ltd. currently until the end of December 2021 (**excluding August**). Our thanks to Northwood House for continuing the scheme to assist patients travelling to the mainland for treatment.

The scheme is administered by the Town Clerks. Further details are available on our website:

<https://www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk/wp/homepage/nhs-parking-scheme/>

Knowing how debilitating chemotherapy and operations leave you, it is the least we can do for Island residents. We have received a number of thanks from those benefiting from the scheme.

Northwood Park Tree Trail



Our Tree Wardens have created an interesting tree trail around Northwood Park. The Park has some 50 notable trees. Using a TiCL App #TreeTrail can help visitors explore and learn about the trees in a park or town, without the need for any printed map or physical signage. Sightseers

can walk around the area and find out what the people who value the trees there have to say about them.

For more information about tree trails: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/tree-trial/>

Download the App via App Store or Google Play:

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/TiCL/id493381343>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=me.ticl.ticl>

Free of charge personal support for bereaved people provided by trained volunteers.

Tel: 01983 523030

Email: IsleofWightBranch@cruse.org.uk

Website: www.cruse.org.uk



New Co-opted Councillors

Following the Town and Parish Council elections in May 2021, there remained two vacant seats; one in Cowes South Ward and one in Cowes West Ward.

Following an advertisement of the two vacancies and interviews with interested parties, Cowes Town Council has co-opted Mr Phil Sanders to Cowes South Ward and Mrs Alison Carter to Cowes West Ward.

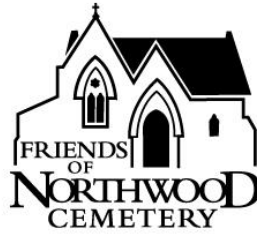
The Town Council looks forward to working with them for the benefit of the residents of Cowes.

And finally ...

As we look forward to a busy summer season, I wish you a happy and healthy summer and the hope that we continue to recover from the very challenging times we have experienced throughout the pandemic.

Image of our High Street, displaying brightly coloured flags, banners and bunting provided by Cowes Business Association, local businesses and Cowes Town Council.





We should preserve their memory

Dear readers,

We are writing to you to draw attention to the need to undertake essential restoration and improvements to an important and poignant part of Cowes' heritage.

In May 2022 the town's attention will be focused on commemoration events which will be held to recount the town's tragic loss of civilian lives which took place on the night of the blitz on 4/5th May 1942. The commemoration will mark the 80th anniversary of that night-time raid which saw the loss of 70 civilians from Cowes and East Cowes.

On both sides of the river Medina most of those casualties were hurriedly buried in communal graves in their respective cemeteries. These communal graves will play an intrinsic part of the commemoration and there is the need for restoration works to be completed in readiness.

Interred in Northwood Cemetery's communal grave are the remains of some twenty-seven people who innocently forfeited their lives that night. The headstone to this communal grave was restored in 2017 and registers the names of those lost.

Although this headstone is a most acceptable epitaph to those interred, the kerb stones of the graves have suffered seriously from ground movement and general settlement. The undulations and lineage are the focus of this restoration work, as is the need for improvements to this grave's visual appearance and to reduce future maintenance.

The Friends of Northwood Cemetery aims to restore this grave to a condition which reflects the sacrifices of that night and to provide us with a respectful memorial in recognition of that loss.

Thus far £8,000 of funds have been secured by 'the Friends' for this restoration work, leaving an estimated £4,000 shortfall and this is where we look to you for your generosity. Any contribution, however small, will be acknowledged and most gratefully received.

We owe it to those families and individuals who, as non-combatants in that conflict, made that ultimate sacrifice. Their loss should be remembered and preserved for future generations to witness, as were those lost in combat.



*If you would like to help us to reach our target of £12,000 by making a donation,
however small or large, please send a cheque to:*

*The Treasurer, Friends of Northwood Cemetery, 20 Magdalen Crescent,
Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8EP*

or

You can pay directly into the Friends of Northwood Cemetery's bank account at:

*Lloyds Bank
(account no: 00041618 at 30-95-99) reference 'CWG/(your name)'.*

Thank you.

USEFUL NUMBERS.

Cowes Town Council Councillors: (* Also Isle of Wight Councillor)

Name	Tel No./ Mobile/ Email	Ward
Anni L Adams	07715 253558; anni.adams@outlook.com	North
Paul M Bertie (Town Mayor)	01983 243100; 07711 255000; cllr.paul.bertie@btinternet.com	North
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Alison Carter	07714 721885; arallie@icloud.com	West
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Wendy Wardrop	01983 298687	North

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assistanttownclerk@cowestowncouncil.org.uk Tel: 01983 209022.

Cowes Town Council Emergency Out Of Hours Number: 07502 444883

Useful Numbers	Tel. Number	Useful Numbers	Tel. Number
St Mary's Hospital	01983 822099	Isle of Wight Council	01983 821000
Cowes Medical Centre	01983 295251	Member of Parliament (Bob Seely)	01983 220220
Emergency Services (all)	999	Red Funnel Ferries	02380 019192
Police (non emergency)	101	Rail Enquiries	03457 484950
Medical Advice (non emergency)	111	Cowes Primary School	01983 293261
		Lanesend Primary School	01983 293233
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Gurnard Primary School	01983 295713
Environment Agency	0800 807 060	Northwood Primary School	01983 293392
Floodline	0345 988 118	Cowes Enterprise College	01983 203103
Gas Leaks	0800 111 999	Cowes Library	01983 293341
Electricity Emergency	0800 072 7282	Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 411 1444
Southern Water	0330 303 0368	Age UK (IW) (Advice on benefits/ grants and handyman service)	01983 525282
Island Roads (24hrs.)	01983 822440		
Homestart - Support for families with young children	01983 533357	Foodbank	01983 292040
IW Fire Service - Free home fire safety check fire.communitysafety@iow.gov.uk	01983 407075	Social Services (Adult)	01983 814980
Jigsaw Family Support - community based for everyone affected by family separation www.jigsawfamilysupport.com	01983 639 793	Social Services (Children)	0300 300 0117
Pension Service (Pension Credit entitlement check)	0800 99 1234	Samaritans Isle of Wight	01983 521234
The Footprint Trust	01983 822282	Storeroom (Furniture project)	01983 298679