

Summer 2022

Welcome from the Mayor of Cowes

Phew! What a scorcher this summer season has been. Although Cowes did not receive the bounce-back we were all hoping for, in general, all sailors, visitors, and local residents were happy with the results of major events such as Cowes Classics Week, Cowes Week, etc. And at the time of writing, we still had several major events to go including the Uffa Fox 50 Celebration, Flying Fifteen and Etchells Championships, Powerboat Weekend and the IOW Literary Festival. A big thank you to all sponsors and volunteers without whose help, none of these events could happen. For me, the highlights of the season have been the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June, and the Sail past in August where I was again privileged to meet Princess Anne.



Councillor Paul Bertie, Mayor of Cowes

My biggest achievement as Mayor in the past quarter has been the formation of the Cowes Promotions & Marketing Group, and the first meeting of all major stakeholders was held in July with lots of ideas coming forward. Everybody agreed we had to all work together in harmony to bring Cowes back to pre-pandemic levels. To this end, please see details of a new graphics competition later in this newsletter where you can **win £250**.

There is still lots more to do this year so I wish you all a very pleasant rest of year, but please – a little rain would be much welcomed!

Councillor Paul Bertie

80th Anniversary Celebrations of the Defence of Cowes

We celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Defence of Cowes and East Cowes by the ORP Blyskawica on 4th/5th May 1942 - 'Cowes Blitz'. The town centre was decorated with Polish and Platinum Jubilee flags. Polish warship ORP Wodnik was moored at Trinity buoy for the duration of the events, with their arrival signalled by a 5 gun salute from The Royal Yacht Squadron.

There were many events and exhibitions on both side of the River Medina organised by the Friends of the ORP Blyskawica Society, including Cowes Blitz walk from The Parade to Northwood Cemetery, the re-dedication of the monument at the communal war grave in Northwood Cemetery, Cowes, a 1940's Ballroom Dance at East Cowes Town Hall, a short commemoration ceremony at Francki Place and the main anniversary celebrations at the Bandstand on Cowes Parade. Events were very well supported by visitors and residents; the crew of ORP Wodnik attended many events and were a credit to the Polish Navy.



Polish & Jubilee Flags

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The start of June saw the town centre festooned with Platinum Jubilee flags and Union Jack bunting. The Town Council held an event on The Parade and Bandstand on Thursday 2nd June with music and the lighting of the beacon, as part of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons**. Our VIP was Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel Carron Snagge OBE, who delivered a message on behalf of the Queen before lighting the beacon on The Parade. We were fortunate enough to also see the beacon from our neighbours at East Cowes.

Lighting of the beacon by Col. Carron Snagge OBE DL

We would like to thank all those who helped make the evening a success, including our Pageant Master: Councillor Michael Paler, Bugler: Daryll Pitcher, Piper: Malcolm McGregor, Medina Community Choir, Mike Christie from G4 and Bella Bea, Becky Langridge. The event was well supported and we have received positive feedback and thanks from residents.



Medina Community Choir



Mike Christie from G4



Mayor of Cowes and the High Sheriff

We kept our fingers crossed for the weather to remain dry for the **Jubilee Picnic in the Park** on Sunday 5th June. There were plenty of activities for all to enjoy. The High Sheriff, Mrs Kay Marriott, opened the event.

It was so well supported, the BBQ and cakes sold out! Families brought their picnics, chairs and blankets and it felt like we had returned to a normality not seen for the last two years. There was live music, entertainment, a kids' arena, dog show, stalls, cream teas and a licenced bar. The event raises money for local good causes.



The kids' arena attracted a large crowd

We would like to thank Northwood House Charitable Trust for hosting and organising such a fantastic community event and of course to our community for their support.

Cowes Week

The annual World famous sailing regatta took place in Cowes between 30th July and 6th August. Fine weather conditions provided the opportunity for excellent racing and for all those spectating.

The Royal Navy (see right) provided a guard ship, HMS Severn, for the duration of the regatta.



Cowes Parade, Cowes Week 2022

Solent Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On Saturday 6th August, Princess Anne carried out a fleet and motor past review and viewed a Silver Spitfire air display as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Members of Solent yacht clubs took part, many decorated with flags. Charity for the day, Wetwheels Foundation, transported the Royal party to and from Cowes.

Community Orchard planted at Northwood Recreation Ground

A new community orchard and ornamental trees were planted at Northwood Recreation Ground. Thank you to Red Funnel for funding the trees as part of their 160th birthday celebrations and also thank you to the IW Council's Tree Officer, Tony Gillingham for his guidance and assistance to bring this project to 'fruit' – no pun intended!

Please respect this valued community space and enjoy picking your own fruit.



The plaque (left) presented by Red Funnel to accompany their gift of the trees has been stolen.

If you know of its whereabouts, please contact the Town Clerk.



Cowes Community Orchard

Photographs courtesy of Councillor Michael Paler.

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In times of peace and conflict, the Royal Navy is key to Britain's prosperity and success.

We help to stabilise the seas, keeping the maritime trade that's the lifeblood of the UK economy flowing. We act as a guardian and a diplomat, as a humanitarian force for good, and a peacekeeper on the global stage.

Preventing conflict – We are continually present around the globe. Active and able to deploy at a moment's notice to deter aggressors and prevent conflict.

Providing security at sea – The oceans are our gateway to the world – to trade, to supplies, to opportunity. With over 600,000 UK jobs depending on maritime trade, security at sea is vital to our success.

International partnerships – The UK relies on strong ties with its allies and trading partners around the globe. The Royal Navy supports these relationships to ensure the prosperity of our nation and continues to operate at the heart of NATO.

Ready to fight – If diplomacy fails, we do what it takes to protect our nation's interests, support the enforcement of UN resolutions, and aid the UK's allies.

Protecting our economy – The UK is dependent on the seas for its prosperity. We act as a deterrent, protector and enabler of trade, supporting the British economy to survive – and thrive.

Providing humanitarian assistance – We act as a force for good the world over in disaster strikes. We provide life-saving support, aid and hands-on capability following natural disasters.

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Princess Anne arriving in Cowes

Tour of Britain finale on the Isle of Wight

On Sunday 11 September, the Isle of Wight hosted the final stage of the UK's most prestigious cycle race, the **Tour of Britain**. It was the first time the iconic race had been hosted on the Island and the event offered an amazing sporting spectacle for visitors and locals alike, seeing 19 of the world's top teams and over 100 pro riders race across the Island's varied and picturesque landscape. The race spanned 150km and passed through a wide range of the Island's towns and villages *including Cowes*. At the time of going to print, the event has not taken place but we hope it was a great success and promoted the Island's beauty.



Electric Vehicle Charging – Seaview Road: We need your views!



The IW Council have introduced an experimental Traffic Order for electric vehicle charging places in Seaview Road, namely to Introduce an 'Electric Vehicle Recharging Point Only, 4 Hours No Return Within 4 Hours, 8am to 8pm' restriction in the following length of road: Seaview Road, Cowes, on the south side, from a point 46.5 metres west to a point 52.5 metres west of its junction with Maxted Close.

The consultation window is between 10th June 2022 and 2nd December 2022 should you wish to make representation. The IW Council will give consideration to the restriction after a six-month period as to whether the provisions of this experimental order should be altered for a further six months or continued in force indefinitely. A copy of the draft Order and the relevant plan may be inspected between normal office hours at the Customer Service Centre, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight during the objection period. If you wish to object to the proposal you should send the grounds for your objection, in writing, to Scott Heady, Traffic Manager, St Christopher House, 42 Daish Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5XJ, email: pfi@iow.gov.uk within a period of 6 months being not later than 12 noon on Friday 2nd December 2022.

Cowes Town Council request your views on the experimental Traffic Order to assist the Town Council to put forward residents' views. Please send your views to the Town Clerk by 1 October.

Dogs on leads please!



The Order relating to Dogs on leads

(<https://www.iow.gov.uk/azservices/documents/2053-PSPO-Dogs-on-Lead-Final-12.20.pdf>)

includes **each and every stretch of road, including adjacent pavement and verges**. In addition there are several areas identified in the Order as places dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. There are also specific named dog exclusion zones, either permanently (playgrounds) or for certain periods (PSPO beaches in Summer May 1st – Sept 30th):

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Environment-Officers/Public-Spaces-Protection-Order>

Dog Fouling



Some owners still allow their dogs to foul in public places; some simply throw the poo bags in hedges, gardens or parks for others to collect. Again, this is an offence and our Environment Officers can and will issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs). Most owners are very responsible and considerate to the community and feel let down by the minority who behave selfishly, giving dog owners a bad name. Please clear up after your dog! Further details here:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/azservices/documents/2053-PSPO-Dog-Fouling-Final-12.20.pdf>

Cowes and Northwood Place Plan Working Group (Cllr Michael Paler, Chairman)

Over the last few months I have been visiting and meeting many groups that have shown a very positive reaction to become part of the group to make the Plan more inclusive of all the communities in the Plan and Medina Valley.

Solent 2050 and Sea Works are events that show we are heading in the right direction. Kay Smith, Community Resilience, has been meeting with many of the local community groups and explaining the way we can all work together for the benefit of everyone.



Diverse Marine's multi-hull CTV, "Seacat Columbia"

Visits to businesses in the Medina Valley are looking positive with future plans taking place for a joined up approach to managing a three point plan:

- Community Connect
- Centre of Marine Excellence Innovation and Education
- Cowes Cultural Centre

We have had many offers of help to make this all possible and make all our futures somewhere that everyone feels they have a place in and help everyone in the community.

Vandalism and Noise

While we normally like to share good news stories, we must not forget that a lot of the Town Council's time and public money is spent on reacting to vandalism in our town. Vandalism of our public toilets and other managed areas is all too frequent. Graffiti is sadly on the increase. It spoils the appearance of our town – a town in which we have a lot of pride and want to look attractive to both visitors and our residents. The lighter evenings bring more young people to our public areas, unfortunately resulting in an increase in vandalism.

We have had to clear up burnt debris at Northwood Recreation Ground where fires have been lit in the public toilets and under the skate park ramps. There may be witnesses to this behaviour which is being carried out in daylight in such a well-used public place, yet no reports have been made to the Police by members of the public. We encourage witnesses to **report antisocial behaviour and vandalism directly to the Police** so that Police resources can be dedicated to these areas. We are working closely with our local Police team and Environment Officers to identify and educate those responsible.

Call 101* when	Call 999 when
 a crime has happened	 a crime is happening
 you want to speak to a police officer	 someone is in danger
 you want advice or information	 someone is being violent

The police are here to help

*101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week across England and Wales. Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone.

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY 101

At our June Town Council meeting, Councillors discussed the issue of noisy cars and motorcycles throughout the town which are a disturbance, especially late at night. Noise pollution is a national issue. Speed limits are regularly exceeded and drivers are putting local residents at risk. We have registered our concerns with the Police, IW Council's Environment Officers and the Island's MP.

Summer planting

Summer plants have been supplied and maintained by Care in the Garden. This year a Red, White and Blue theme was chosen to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We hope you agree that the displays brighten up the town.



Free Parking* at Northwood House Car Park for mainland NHS hospital appointments



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. until the end of December 2022.

The Town Council thanks the Trust for continuing the scheme to assist patients travelling to the mainland for treatment.

NHS Parking Scheme permits must be pre-booked by calling the Town Council's office on 01983 209022 or visiting during office hours: 9.30am – 12 Noon, Monday to Friday. Permits will only be issued upon receipt of proof of appointment and must be collected prior to the date of use from the Town Council's Office. 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.

**Limited to four spaces per day, first come first served.*



Wessex Cancer Trust

Have you or a loved one been affected by cancer?

Wessex Cancer Trust provides free and local support, away from hospital, whatever your age, type or stage of cancer. We're also here for you if you're supporting someone who has cancer or are bereaved.

At our cancer Support Centre in Newport, you can drop-in or arrange to chat with us about the support that might best suit you. We offer professional counselling, complementary therapies, activities, support groups and courses. We also provide transport on our Daisy Buses to take the stress out of getting to your hospital appointments in Portsmouth and Southampton.

Visit <http://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/>
Or call Laura on 01983 524186, email isleofwight@wessexcancer.org.uk or call in and see us at 21 Lugley Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5HD for more information.



GRAPHICS COMPETITION

At the recent Cowes Promotions & Marketing Group meeting, it was decided that Cowes needed a new image with both a new logo and a new strapline required. It was felt that the old logo (shown below) was a little out-of-date.

You are therefore invited to send in any new designs, graphics, strapline ideas, etc. which you feel reflect the modern image of Cowes, not just as a major yachting town, but also as host to many other events that benefit both visitors and the local community.

Your entry must be either A4 or A3 in size, and the winner will receive a £250 prize. You have until the end of December 2022 to enter.

Full details are on the Council's website at:
www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk



The Cinnamon Trust needs more dog walking volunteers in Cowes



The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity whose wonderful volunteers help people over retirement age and those in the latter stages of a terminal illness by offering all kinds of free pet care. We are looking for volunteer dog walkers to help residents of Cowes and their delightful dogs who would love to go for a good walk.

Many elderly or ill pet owners worry about their ability to provide proper care for their animals and start looking to rehome what may be their only companion. This is where our national network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together. We'll walk the dog for a housebound owner, we'll foster pets when owners need hospital or hospice care, and even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you can download our volunteer registration form from our web site www.cinnamon.org.uk or email us at appeals@cinnamon.org.uk If you would like to have a more in-depth chat about becoming a volunteer, please call us during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) on 01736 758 701, or you can check out our website www.cinnamon.org.uk for more details.



Vacancies for Cowes, Northwood and Gurnard

Community Speedwatch is coordinated by Hampshire Police in partnership with your local council and other agencies. We are looking for volunteers aged over 17 to join the team to help deal with the issues of vehicles speeding in the local communities.

If you are interested and can spare just a few hours a month, please send an email to:
holly.deacon.17798@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

We have more information available about Community Speedwatch on the Hampshire Constabulary website.





Cowes Primary School

Right to Learn Right to be Safe Right to be Respected

VACANCIES

Cowes Primary School currently has vacancies for Governors and we would like to hear from anyone who has an interest in education and making a difference to children's lives.

If you would like to contribute to the community and gain new skills, please get in touch.

It doesn't matter if you don't have any experience as we provide comprehensive training and support.



Although being a governor is a voluntary role, it must be conducted in a professional manner and all duties carried out effectively.

We have meetings every two months during term time and as a governor you must attend relevant meetings and undertake visits to the school.

We are looking for people who can offer: Time & Commitment, Willingness to Learn, Discretion & Tact and can make Judgements & Decisions

If you would like further information about the role please email the Clerk to Governors - clerk@cowespri.iow.sch.uk

Isle of Wight Foodbank



Local helpline - Please call 01983 823898 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 on 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crisis 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/>

Cowes Town Council, via Connect4Communities, are working with the Foodbank to identify those that may benefit from a voucher that can be used in a local supermarket.

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
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Alison Carter	07714 721885; arallie@icloud.com	West
Stuart Ellis	01983 246352; 07721 606934; bigstu2006@hotmail.co.uk	Medina
Paul A Fuller*	01983 289595; 07935 090835; paulfulleriw@gmail.com	North
Lynn Hammond	01983 282308; 07803 161272; lynnhammond67@gmail.com	Medina
Richard E Hollis	01983 200986; 07375 221971; richardehollis@yahoo.co.uk	North
David J Jones	01983 298445; 07423 825830; davwin@talktalk.net	Medina
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Michael Paler	07483 251960; mpcowes@btinternet.com	Medina
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David Walters	01983 653194; 07525 774106; davidwalters572@gmail.com	North
Wendy Wardrop	01983 298687	North

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

Assistant Town Clerk: Mrs Kate Gibbs, Town Council Office, Northwood House, Ward Avenue, Cowes PO31 8AZ
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Cowes Town Council Emergency Out Of Hours Number: 07502 444883

Website: <https://www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk/>

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

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