

Councillor Peacey Wilcox IWC Councillor Report - June 2026

THANK YOU- To my **loyal Cowes Medina residents** (all **499** of you) that came out to support me at the election. **I WON!**

It has created a large workload as many of you were able to raise queries. I will get through them all as soon as I can. Many are highways issues and safety concerns; parking; bin emptying; dog fouling etc etc. Keep in touch, as always, I will do all I can to help you, and if I can't I will explain why. Reform came in 2nd with 300+ votes; Green 3rd with 200 votes and Tories 3rd with 60.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES: Fort Victoria (outskirts of Yarmouth) are giving rock pool days with guided tours for children. £3.00 or family for £10.00.

- Monday, May 25 at 11am
- Wednesday, May 27 at 2pm
- Thursday, May 28 at 2.30pm
- Friday, May 29 at 2.30pm

Ranger Anita will be outside the rangers office to meet the residents for each time slot. What a lovely treat, our Island is so beautiful and full of magical items, I hope every child enjoys the event.

EBIKES AND SCOOTERS: A number of you at the polling station had concerns about the number of new bays and the space they are taking up on our highways. After much faffing I received the following information: "these locations have been checked by IWC and each area is supposed to have 1.5m clearance. IF the bikes are not within the designated area, please report it. Apparently (🙄) they are able to then fine the person who has placed it in dangerous location, as all data contained on the bike or scooter!!

FRASER CLOSE: It is terribly sad that the conditions placed on this development has lapsed. The annual maintenance was supposed to be for perpetuity. Sadly, as the original residents left, the new ones decided not to pay into the scheme and due to renters, it became impossible. This means much of the area is left unkept. Thanks to those wonderful residents who do trim the areas that they are able. And for the few that do regular cleans in the area. The Crown estate which the land falls back to (or should) had VERY little interest the last time I contacted them. This means, a number of residents on both Arctic and Fraser have 'taken' the land adjacent their properties. What a mess! As always, I will try to assist.

COWES WI: I had a lovely warm welcome from the ladies up at Westwood close. I had arranged for Heartbeat House to attend to let the ladies know all about it. **Heartbeat house** is located a stones throw from Southampton Hospital and is there to support Islanders and their families who are having ongoing heart treatment. It is an absolute godsend to those who need it. Look them up! Support them! **www.heartbeat.co.uk**

412 families helped supported in 23/24. 83,815 in and outpatients supported in 24. I have been doing much to promote them across the Island for the past 4 years.

MAYOR OF COWES: Congratulations to Stuart Ellis who was re-elected to the post of Mayor at the recent May annual meeting. Public are welcome to attend these meetings. I was re-elected as Deputy Mayor.

The STOREROOM: Somerton industrial estate. If you need ANY household item, please make a trip there; they have literally EVERYTHING. From cutlery to garden items; and the plants.....oh the plants are utterly amazing. So much better quality 'homegrown' here on the Island, please use and support this useful and worthwhile charity.

POLICE: Please take the time to report crimes. Without these stats we could end up losing police! The new team are very proactive.

As always, I am grateful to you being my extra eyes and ears. Please keep me informed and contact me about any issues in the area.

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