

Environment & Neighbourhoods Officers Report to Ventnor Town Council on 11th May 2008

FPN for Dog fouling

On Friday 1st May -I issued a Fixed Penalty Notice to a Dog Owner who failed to clear up after their dog had fouled in a Public area.

Information for Dog Owners:

Failing to have a Dog on a Lead contravenes Article 3 (1) of the Dogs on Leads (Isle of Wight) Order 2008.

This order applies to each and every length of road including adjacent pavements and verges, within the administrative area of the IW Council; just recently I have spoken to several residents who were unaware of this new law.

And on a helpful note – it is ***not*** an offence to place a dog waste bag in a public litter bin if there is no dog bin in the immediate vicinity, the main point being that you clear up after your dog has been.

Trinity Road Bus Shelters

The joint Community project to renovate the two stone bus shelters in Trinity Road is all but complete (having had the perch seats installed in the shelter on the Church side of the road) but the two new round litter bins that have been sited there by IW Council have been criticised for taking up too much of the pavement for baby buggies, wheelchairs or mobility vehicles to pass with ease.

Mayor Scoccia asked me at our last Town Plan meeting, if I could look into the possibility of purchasing rectangular bins (that give a 1 metre passing space once they are sited).

I made enquiries with IW Council's Waste Management Department to find out if Ventnor Town Council could make such a purchase through their supplier but there is currently no procedure in place to facilitate this request.

Having seen how smart the new litterbins look in Ventnor Park; I contacted the firm who supplied these - to obtain a quote on behalf of VTC for the supply of two similar bins to replace the current round ones supplied by IWC.

I asked the supplier if it would be possible to have a 'Keep Ventnor Tidy' logo put on to the bins and they have supplied me with the following quote which would include this option in the cost, as you will see from the example picture given with the quote, the bins look the business and will add the finishing touch to this project, should you agree to purchase them.

I therefore submit this quote for your consideration.

Ventnor Volunteers

I now have 5 people who wish to volunteer some of their time to Community Involvement in the Ventnor Town Council area and who would like to work with me on projects to maintain civic pride in the Ventnor area.

This could be doing a spot of litter picking or some painting (e.g. restaining notice boards with wood preserver)

I would be interested to hear from anyone who has time on his or her hands during the week and would like to help me keep things looking cared for and tidy, in the run up to the summer season.

Please make your Initial enquiry to the Community Safety Service on 550980 by leaving your details on where I (*Rob Reed, Ventnor ENO*) can contact you.

My **thanks** go to Lesley Genge (from The Ventnorian) and her group of local volunteers for organising their own litter picking expeditions in the Ventnor Town area.

They have done a great job and the difference has been very noticeable.

Well done to you all and keep up the good work.

Ventnor Youth Club – Friday night activities

The IW Partnership Tasking and Co-ordinating Group have agreed to fund half of the requested bid to support Ventnor Youth Club's initiative to run activities for local youth at Rew Valley Sports Centre on a Friday late afternoon/early evening.

This funding will enable these activities to be run on Friday's for at least 3 months with the other half of the funding to be forthcoming should it be successful and well used.....so I urge the youth of Ventnor to take advantage of this facility and call in at the Youth Club (in Victoria Street) or phone them on 852566 to find out more.

Community Advice Network

The Community Advice Network (which is a multi-agency network of organisations from the public, voluntary and community sector who hold road shows in various locations around the Island promoting the free services they offer) will be visiting the Ventnor area this week - located at Ventnor Social Club this Thursday 14th May between 14:30 and 16:30

I'm listening...

I will be at the Coastal Visitor Centre on Thursday 21st May between 10:30am and 11:30am should anyone wish to talk to me about any issue relating to my work as an Environmental and Neighbourhoods Officer within the Community Safety Service of the Isle of Wight Council.

I look forward to seeing you.