



Ventnor 2008

Since July 2007, under the commission of the Ventnor Partnership. Consultation for our town plan began with a questionnaire placed in the South Wight Chronicle, Ventnor Blog, the Library and targeted households. It was given also to high street shoppers and local businesses.

This was followed up with a series of public workshops, projects involving school children and youth. Also specific interest groups in the town.

As a result of engaging with our residents, we have evidence of different parts of the community now joining up to solve common problems, e.g. The beach and rockpool education activities (to support the Blue Flag application), Ventbag, disability accessibility auditing, Public Realm improvements, and the planned health and fitness centre, to name but a few. As a result several new community projects have emerged.

Our thanks to:

All Ventnor residents, Community Groups, South Wight Chronicle, The Beacon, The County Press, Somerfield's, El Toro Contento, A@B Emporium, Ventnor Youth and Community Centre. Our Town Centre Manager. Our Police. Our colleagues from the Isle of Wight Council, in particular Sarah Mitchell, Wendy Perera, Barry Cooke and Andrea Jenkins. Ventnor Library (Our reference and information partner), Ventnor Blog (Our online community discussion partner), St Catherine's School (our accessibility partner) and The Isle of Wight Coastal Visitors Centre (our beach and rockpool education partner). Lastly Ventnor Town Council for their help and support in many ways as well as making available to us the Winter Gardens to hold our Public Consultation.

We have set up a web site (www.ventnorfuture.org.uk). From where you will be able to link into the most timely and up to date information regarding our town. Where you will find the results of all our consultation work and where you can complete a questionnaire or put forward any views or idea at any time in the future. Here you will also find a progress report for each project.

You will find here our Action Plan for 2008, which will be replaced and updated for each year (and/or as each project is completed) during our 5 year plan until 2012. The Action Plan is designed to feed into the Island Plan and supports the eco-island strategy.

You are invited to send in your views via email to ventnor2008@btinternet.com. Please keep involved with the process as the plan develops.

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Health and Wellbeing	Who	Priority	Timing	Resources	Progress
Health and Fitness Centre On site at Ventnor Middle School. A community project run as a social enterprise, with gym facilities managed by Isle of Wight Leisure.	Ventnor Middle School, Isle of Wight Council, Community Sports and Youth organisations.	High	Q4 2008 – Q4 2009	IWC Ventnor Partnership(External Funding Research)	Project analysis and design funding secured from Children’s Services. Community management committee being formed.
MUGA/Youth Facilities Youth Café and Multi Use Games Area (under St Boniface)	Community Sports and Youth organisations. Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership	High	2008 -2009	IWC Ventnor Partnership External Funding Research)	Working group established and plan being developed. Land identified.
Community Gardens/Allotments (Lowtherville area) Adopt a Garden Scheme (General)	Ventnor Town Council, Isle of Wight Council Property Services, Footprint Trust.	High	Q3 2008 – Q4 2008	Isle of Wight Council Ventnor Partnership, Footprint Trust Ventnor Town Council	Open land identified as suitable, between Newport Road and Ocean View Road, (south of Down Side.) 38 tenants waiting.

Tourism and Economy	Who	Priority	Timing	Resources	Progress
Dedicated information and resource centre. For tourist info and local council service contact/support. Outreach support for community.	Town Centre Manager. Isle of Wight Council. Ventnor Partnership	High	Summer 2008	Town Centre Manager. Isle of Wight Council. Ventnor Partnership	Site in process of being identified in centre of Ventnor
Encourage inward investment Through new service business and specialist retailers. New tourism linked business.	Chamber of Commerce. Ventnor Business Forum. Hoteliers.	High	On going plan for community sustainability and growth	Self funding	Working party being established
Advertising and effective promotion of town Visual Branding Blue Flag	Website for Ventnor (attractions, events, information, promoting specific developments e.g. Ventnor being the first town to declare going plastic carrier bag free on the IOW) Revitalising our town brand Hygeia Specific Beach Education Projects	High High High	Summer 2008 Summer 2008 Summer 2008 and ongoing.	VTC to pump prime External funding Coastal Visitors Centre, Library, Ventnor Partnership, The Ventnorian (shop)	An Independent team taking the lead. Plan for rules on use of logo in print, and in digital form being developed. Mapping surveys for beaches and rockpools, developed and launched to young people as an indefinite year round educational activity

Community Values	Who	Priority	Timing	Resources	Progress
Anti Social behaviour. Design out problem areas of the town.	Town Centre Manager Police.	High	On going	Safer Neighbourhood Partnership. The Ventnorian (shop)	Lighting in dark areas. CCTV. Anti Graffiti paint. Fixed penalty notices. Volunteer street litter clearing (The Ventnorian shop project). Litter bins being improved. Bus Shelters being renovated and made more open.
Traffic management and enhancement. Slowing traffic down (calming and speed reactor lights). Highway and Pavement surfaces.	Isle of Wight Council Highways. Town Centre Manager. Road Traffic Police	High	On going	Isle of Wight Council. Safer Neighbourhood Partnership	20 mph speed limit on Newport Road in Ventnor Middle School area. Traffic calming in Belgrave Road, stopping coaches using it as a short cut.
Access for All Mapping and encouraging access for people with an impairment or disability	Chamber of Commerce Ventnor Business Forum. IWC Planning and Enforcement.	High	On going	St Catherine's School. Isle of Wight Council	Town centre accessibility audit in preparation by students from St Catherine's school Higher Education Centre

Environment	Who	Priority	Timing	Resources	Progress
Town Centre Regeneration	Town Centre Manager. Ventnor Town Council. Apply for Townscape Heritage Funding	High	2008-2012	IWC Conservation Team Ventnor Partnership	Successful project start by May 2008
Parking. Signage. Public Realm	IWC Highways. Parks and Beaches. Ventnor Town Council. Ventnor Town Centre Manager	High	Summer 2008	Isle of Wight Council. Ventnor Partnership. Ventnor Enhancement Fund	Audit of Public signage and notice boards underway. Volunteer (multi partner) project for Trinity Road Bus Shelters
Winter Gardens Ongoing restoration, upgrading and promotion	Ventnor Town Council, Isle of Wight Council Property Services, Winter Gardens Funding Action Group.	Medium	Ongoing	Ventnor Town Council, Isle of Wight Council. Ventnor Partnership (external funding)	Accelerated refurbishment programme underway.