



## Ventnor 2009

Since July 2007, under the commission of the Ventnor Partnership. The 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 and address new opportunities, 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, and the planned Health and Wellbeing festival to name but a few. As a result several new community projects have emerged.

### *Our thanks to:*

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We have set up a web site ([www.ventnorfuture.org.uk](http://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 2009, which will be 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. [A monthly progress summary is published.](#)

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

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<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Resources/Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Health and Fitness Suite</b>	At Ventnor Middle School	Medium	2009/2010	IWC Ventnor Partnership. Re external funding	Draft Business Plan complete On hold re education proposals
<b>Youth "Return to Sport"</b>	Ventnor Clubs to put forward proposals.  To reduce youth crime	High	2009	Police IWC Community Safety Services Ventnor Partnership	Funding awarded Projects being received
<b>Outdoor Activity Area (SWAGA)</b>	For youth to be able to use in safety	High	2009/2010	IWC Community Safety Service	Initial use of St Boniface's AstroTurf™ Project plan in progress Delay to education proposals
<b>Skateboard Park</b>	Refurbishment Group ownership	High	2009	Management Committee in place	Fundraising. First phase completed
<b>Allotments</b>	To address large need in town	High	On going	Ventnor Town Council IWC	Land identified and progressing
<b>Community Gardens</b>	Adopt a garden	High	Ongoing	Ventnor Permaculture Team	Private shared land use

<b>Tourism and Economy</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Resources/Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Blue Flag.</b>	Application for 2009	High	Q1	IWC Parks and Beaches Education survey with Coastal Centre	Repeat of education project surveying the use of Ventnor rock pools and beaches from 2008. Sponsorship required from business community for the printing of the survey forms used by visiting and resident children
<b>Branding</b>	Raising Ventnor's profile	High	On going	Ventnor Town Council	Hotels and Businesses to be followed up
<b>Lowtherville Garden Estate Regeneration</b>	Area to be developed to include new industrial units/housing	High	2009/2010	IWC Property Services	Planning application being drawn up
<b>Tesco 52-58 High Street</b>	Follow up progress	High	ASAP	IWC Highways Re Loading etc	Letter to T.Leahy, CEO Re State of building
<b>Help Centre</b>	Full Help Centre for town with possible Tourist Information Centre inclusion	High	2009/2010	IWC Customer Services Ventnor Town Council	Revenue and Benefits Pilot Surgery at Coastal Centre

<b>Community Values</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Resources/Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Winter Gardens</b>	Ongoing refurbishment Energy efficiency	High	Ongoing	IWC – Manager property Services External;/Energy Ventnor Town Council - Internal	Looking at wind turbine and alternatives
<b>Eastern Esplanade</b>	Seating Graffiti Storage area	High	Q1 – Q2 2009	Ventnor Town Council Environment and Neighbourhood Officer	
<b>No Cold Calling</b>	For Ventnor area St Lawrence/Bonchurch	High	2009/2010	VTC IWC Community Safety Service	Agree by VTC for 2009/2010 Budget
<b>Clock to be repaired</b>	Corner Pier Street/Church Street	Medium	2009	Ventnor Town Council Environment and Neighbourhood Officer	Initial contact to landlord
<b>Esplanade Improvements</b>	Accessibility Health and Safety Issues	High	2009/2010	IWC Highways	Plan in progress for completion end Feb Public Consultation

<b>Environment</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Resources/Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Town Regeneration</b>	Application to English Heritage	High	2008-2012	IWC Conservation and Design Ventnor Town Council	Project details progressing
<b>Public Realm Works</b>	Completion of project works	High	Q1 2009	IWC Engineering Services Ventnor Environment and Neighbourhood Officer	Railings painted Removal of signage and replacement Notice boards almost complete
<b>Central Car Park</b>	Improve look of area/first impression of town	High	Q1 – Q2 2009	Ventnor Enhancement Fund Ventnor Town Council Ventnor Environment and Neighbourhood Officer	First stage clearance started
<b>Salisbury Gardens Eastern Cliff</b>	Improve areas for public leisure	Medium	By 2010	Ventnor Enhancement Fund Ventnor Town Council Ventnor Environment and Neighbourhood Officer	
<b>Traffic Management</b>	TRO's to be carefully examined throughout the town	High	2009/2010	IWC Highways Ventnor Town Council	