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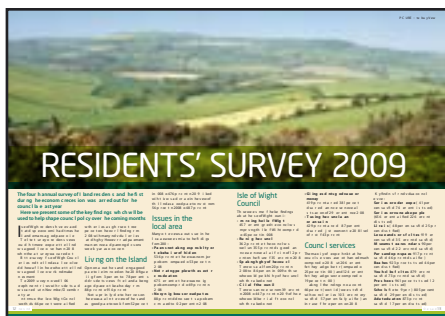
With this edition we include a four-page summary of some of the key findings from the annual survey of Island residents, which was carried out late last year.

Once again you have told us that the Island remains a good place to live, but the survey also reflects the economic hardship caused by the recession.

There also remains much work for the council to do, with key areas highlighted for attention including our roads and

pavements – particularly as we emerge from the recent freeze.

The survey summary can be found on pages 12 to 15 of this edition.



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24 February (6pm)

17 March (6pm)

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9 February (6pm)

30 March (6pm)

Planning Committee

(council chamber)

16 February (4pm)

23 March (4pm)

Audit Committee

(committee room one)

2 March (6pm)

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(committee room one)

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15 March (4pm)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(committee room one)

11 February (6pm)

Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Panel

(committee room one)

11 March (6pm)

Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

(committee room one)

10 March (6pm)

Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

(committee room one)

24 March (6pm)

Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

(committee room one)

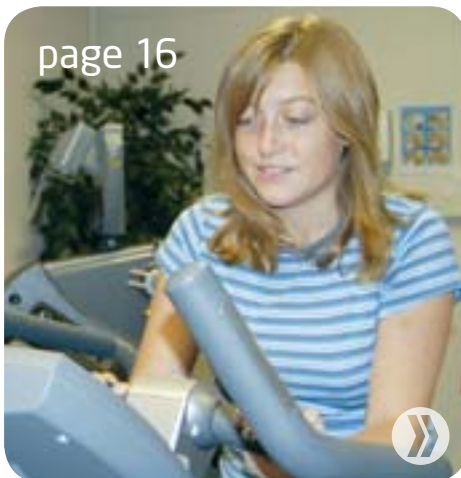
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One Island is a community magazine produced by the Isle of Wight Council with its key public sector partners – NHS Isle of Wight, Isle of Wight Police (Hampshire Constabulary) and the Isle of Wight Rural Community Council. Working together through the Island Strategic Partnership, we are striving to create an Island that is *safe and well kept; healthy and supportive; inspiring; and thriving.*



Responding to the big freeze



The council is reviewing the way it responded to the heavy snowfalls on the Island earlier this month.

Overall the council's approach – to concentrate snow clearance on the 340 kilometres of major transport routes – was successful and well received.

But with such treacherous conditions over a sustained period it is accepted there are areas where the response could be improved. These will be identified during the review and improvements built into the council's winter maintenance plan.

During and after the severe weather, the freezing and thawing of surface water has led to the deterioration of the highway network. As a result the council will be carrying out temporary repair work until conditions allow more permanent solutions.

Defects – including potholes – can be reported on 823777 or at www.iwight.com

Of the steps taken before and after the heavy snowfall, Peter Hayward, head of highways, said: "The techniques deployed during the snowy and icy conditions were the same as those commonly and routinely used anywhere else in the country.

"We have to remember that salt or grit does not stop snow accumulating on roads, and however much is applied may be overwhelmed by heavy snow."

Mr Hayward also said there had been sufficient quantities of salt and grit available to keep priority routes open throughout the bad weather – and a new gritting contract had ensured there were more gritting lorries and snow ploughs than ever before for clearance operations.

Revamp for CCTV control room



The Island's CCTV control room has been given a major upgrade, replacing the old VHS system with a new digital recording set-up.

The new arrangements will allow the control room to observe far more detailed recordings, linked to wireless camera technology.

Until recently the control room used close to 500 three-hour VHS tapes each year, creating an archive of thousands of tapes.

Now the footage will be digitally recorded on hard drives, making it far easier in the crackdown on crime.

The new-look control room monitors 85 CCTV cameras in Ryde, Sandown, Newport, and an additional 15 cameras at Cowes and Shanklin (due to be operational in February).

The CCTV control room operators monitored or helped towards more than 1,150 arrests between April 2008 and April 2009.

Portrait of Garibaldi – rescued from a greenhouse



An oil painting reviving memories of a visit to the Island by Italian revolutionary, Giuseppe Garibaldi, has gone on display at the Museum of Island History at Newport Guildhall.

The portrait of Garibaldi (1807 to 1882) was donated to the Isle of Wight Heritage Service by members of the Denaro family from Brook. They found the painting in a greenhouse after they moved to the Old Coach House at Brook in 1958.

The painting (*pictured above*) had been commissioned by Charles Seely, MP for Lincoln and a strong supporter of Italian unification, who invited Garibaldi to England in 1864. It was painted by Italian portrait painter Attilio Baccani.

Seely brought Garibaldi to his Isle of Wight home so he could avoid being mobbed by crowds in London. But when the Italian soldier and politician arrived at Cowes he was greeted by a crowd of 2,000 and streets decorated with flags and banners.

During his stay, Garibaldi met the poet Alfred Tennyson and pioneering photographer Julia Margaret Cameron, and was entertained at Newport, where he spoke to a packed crowd outside the Guildhall.

The portrait is on permanent display at the Guildhall.

Parking meters to get smartwater protection



Crime busting smartwater technology is being used to protect Island parking meters.

The move follows a rise in theft from council parking meters in the past year – as well as the theft of some meters from their sites.

The Island is believed to be the first area in the UK to protect its parking meters/ticket machines using this technology.

The smartwater system will mean anyone who illegally tampers with a meter will be sprayed with a uniquely coded substance. The harmless substance remains on a person for months and shows up under ultra-violet light.

Parking meters will display a sticker warning any would-be thief that smartwater has been deployed by the council.

Chief Inspector Mark Bell, of the Hampshire Constabulary, said: "Smartwater can forensically link the culprit to the offence and we welcome the use of this technology to prevent future crimes and to help us to catch and convict any further offenders."

Pan says thank you to Tracy



Dedicated police community support officer Tracy Hinde (*pictured*) has won special recognition from the people on his beat.

The Pan Neighbourhood Partnership at Newport has presented Tracy with an endeavour award in acknowledgment of his work.

PCSO Hinde, from the Newport North Safer Neighbourhoods team, works closely with the partnership to prevent crime and improve the quality of life at Pan.

Between the start of April and end of October last year the number of recorded offences at Pan was reduced by 81 compared to the same period in 2008.

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Alan Jameson, of Staplers Court, Pan said: "The force of Tracy's personality means he can talk with anybody, and has gained the respect of all ages in the community. Residents hold Tracy in the highest esteem."

Tracy said: "I always try to have a positive and compassionate attitude, which was instilled in me by my first Sergeant, the late Penny Deacon, whose leadership I still hold close to my heart."

From **HAMMER HORROR** to sounds of the south!



Rural venues on the Island are in for a treat over the coming months, with theatrical and musical entertainments lined up as part of the Arts Away initiative.

At East Cowes town hall on 6 February, Rogue Theatre (pictured above) will present their show *The Family*, inspired by the Hammer horror films. The group brings a whole theatre set in their van, to transform the town hall into a haunted mansion.

At Totland Church Hall on 5 March there will be a flavour of America's deep south, with the six-piece Buffalo Gals (pictured right) bringing the sound of fiddle, banjo, step dance and soaring harmonies.

At Ventnor Middle School, Wild Willy Barret's Sleeping Dogz will be visiting on 18 April, bringing the toe tapping music of fiddle and pipes.



For a brochure with details of the performances, please visit your local library or contact the council's arts unit on 823813.

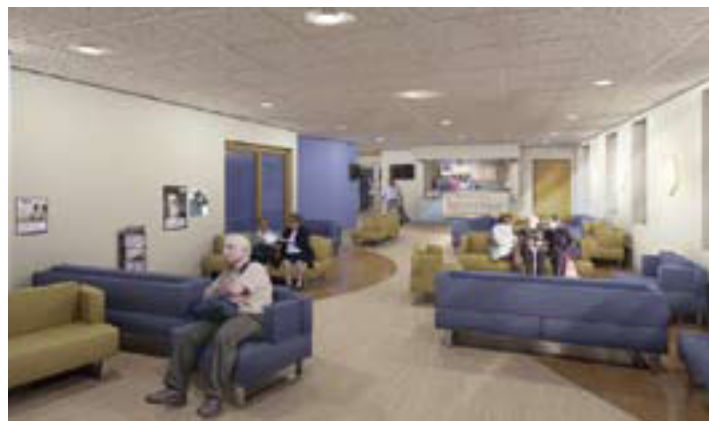
Grant support for Cultural Olympiad schemes

A number of Island organisations have been awarded grants by the council's arts unit – helping them with projects inspired by the themes of the Cultural Olympiad, linked to the 2012 London Olympics.

Among the successful bids was the Isle of Wight College's Hot Green Dance Bus Company, a group of nine dancers with learning disabilities who will make a promotional film of their work, with the aim of taking part in the Olympic celebrations.

Also successful was the project Folk 2 Folk, which will introduce young people and the community to traditional folk music; and Families First, who will create their own comics themed on the history of the Olympics and Paralympic Games.

New service improves access for patients



A new combined Beacon Health Centre and emergency department reception is up and running at St Mary's Hospital, Newport.

The centre (pictured above) makes it easier for Island residents and visitors to obtain medical help throughout the day and night.

The reception area for the centre has been created at the main entrance to St Mary's and is shared with the existing emergency department.

On arrival patients are assessed, with the support of a nurse if necessary, and then directed to the correct medical professional.

Emergency cases continue to be brought to the emergency department by 999 ambulance.

The new Beacon Health Centre will be developing a number of new services over the next year.



Chewing gum busters!



A trial clean-up campaign has been waged against chewing gum on the Island's pavements.

A team armed with high-pressure jet washers have been tackling the scourge in Sandown, Shanklin, Ryde, Newport and Cowes.

It is hoped the initiative will be extended to other

areas across the Island.

The chewing gum busters use hot jets to melt the gum and then remove the remaining marks with mechanical brushes – leaving the pavements looking clean and new.

As part of the programme, streetside waste bins are also cleaned.

Smaller footprint for Dinosaur Isle!



Dinosaur Isle at Sandown, well known for its collection of dinosaur footprints, has been taking a look at its carbon footprint.

Last year, the museum started to look at ways it could cut its energy consumption, and is now making savings amounting to £1,000 a month.

The measures have included trialling an energy saving device known as a voltage optimization unit, reducing its normal heating/cooling temperatures and encouraging changes in staff behaviour.

During operating hours heating temperatures have been cut from 20° Centigrade to 16° Centigrade, while out of

hours temperatures have been cut from 16° Centigrade to 11° Centigrade. Staff and contractors are actively encouraged to switch off lights when not needed, and water consumption is also being reduced.

Peter Pusey, Dinosaur Isle manager, said: "Once we started to focus on our energy requirements, we realised there were a number of ways we could consume less and make savings. It sounds simple, but by turning the heating down by a few degrees and switching off electrical appliances when not in use, we are making a big difference. We hope to use the savings to invest in more energy saving measures, such as sensor lights in our toilets."

Booming highlight for walking festival



The presence of actor and adventurer Brian Blessed is set to be one of the highlights of this year's Isle of Wight Walking Festival, which will take place from 8 to 23 May.

Blessed, known for his booming theatrical voice, will present *An Evening with Brian Blessed* at Medina Theatre, Newport on Friday 21 March.

His acting credits have ranged from tv's *Z Cars* to cinema's *Flash Gordon*, and he has also become well-known for his mountaineering exploits.

Tickets for the event cost £17.50 (£15 for concessions) and can be obtained from the theatre box office, tel: 527020, or online via www.medinatheatre.co.uk

The two week walking festival, organised by the council, is once again set to feature more than 300 themed walks, celebrating the Island's landscape, history and culture.

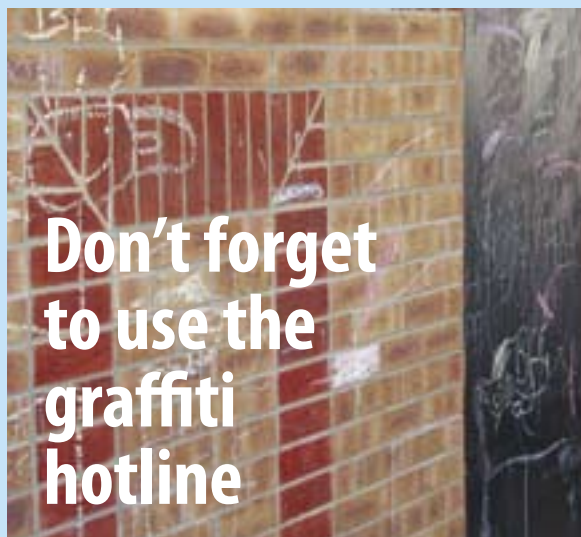
More details on the festival are available at www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk

iwight.com shortlisted for top award

The council's *iwight.com* website has been shortlisted for the Hantsweb Awards, which celebrate website excellence across Hampshire and the Island.

Iwight.com won the Hantsweb award for best public service website in both 2007 and 2008.

The shortlisted websites have been assessed by a team of judges and the winners for 2009 will be announced at an award ceremony at Winchester on 23 February.



Island residents are being reminded to use a special hotline to report any graffiti they spot.

The hotline number is 823515, and once a report is logged, it will be added to the list of graffiti sites to be tackled using specialist cleaning equipment.

The council's website, www.iwight.com, carries a webpage allowing visitors to upload photos of graffiti, as part of the reporting process.

SPORTS UNIT ROUND-UP



Successful start for academy

The new council-run Optimist Sailing Academy at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Fishbourne has got off to a flying start – with more than 30 youngsters taking part in the first two training sessions.

The youngsters (aged eight to 15) were instructed in boat handling skills, including tacking, gybing and speed control, as well as on-the-water coaching.

Susie Moore, watersports development officer, said: “We couldn’t have hoped for a better start to the Optimist Academy. There were some strong sailors out on the water that look like good candidates for the World Island Youth Games sailing team next year and beyond.”

SportEngland grants help swimming and golf



PICTURED: Seaclose Swimming Club members receiving their grant

Seaclose Swimming Club and Westridge Golf Club have secured small grants from SportEngland.

Both clubs successfully applied to SportEngland’s small grants scheme – with the help of the council’s sports unit – to develop projects to increase participation in their sports.

Seaclose Swimming Club received just over £8,000 to help it with coaching and training courses for coaches and volunteers.

Westridge Golf Club was awarded £5,000 to increase the number of girls playing golf on the Island.

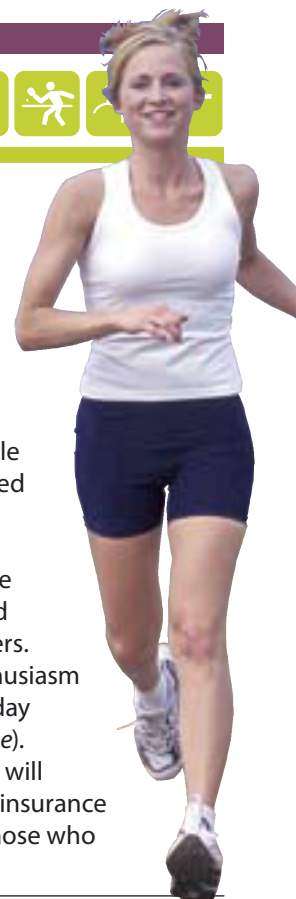
New scheme to promote running

The council’s sports unit is looking for people to become leaders of a new scheme launched by UK Athletics, called *Run in England*.

The scheme is designed to make running activities more accessible, and aims to create groups within communities, workplaces and schools for beginner and recreational runners.

The council is looking for adults with enthusiasm and a little spare time to take part in a one day training course (*contact details at foot of page*).

The Leadership in Running Fitness course will provide a qualification, leader’s licence and insurance cover and will be the starting point for all those who wish to lead a *Run in England* group.



Major funding boost for girls’ football



A grant of £8,000 has been awarded by Sport England to support the development of girls’ football across the Island.

The council’s sports unit, which secured the grant, is now looking to form partnerships with up to eight Island football clubs or community organisations to establish girls football sessions (for those aged eight to 11).

Small grants will be made available to clubs to assist in setting up regular sessions, as well as any additional support they may need.

Brightstone Girls’ Football Club was successfully set up last summer, and it is hoped its success can be repeated across the Island.

The council is looking to increase the number of girls that play football on a regular basis, with a view to establishing a competitive structure in early 2010.

More information

For further details on any of the schemes mentioned here, please contact the sports unit on 823818 or email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk

Streetmark accreditation for sports unit

National Streetmark accreditation – a quality award for meeting criteria for organising safe and fun sport – has been awarded to the council's sports unit.

The accreditation is from StreetGames, a UK body for developing youth sport in disadvantaged communities.

Linked to the scheme, the sports unit is looking to introduce StreetGames



initiatives this year, starting with *Street Cheer* in Ventnor – cheerleading and street dance for those aged nine and over, and volunteering opportunities (16 to 25 years).

Look out for sports club directory 2010

The Island's 2010 sports directory is now available, featuring listings of more than 150 clubs from 30-plus different sports.

The directory – put together by the sports unit – also includes national governing body and sports development contacts, and details of local leisure centres.

The directory can be found at council outlets, including all libraries.



Praise for Neighbourhood Watch

Isle of Wight police commander, chief superintendent Dave Thomas (pictured), has paid special tribute to the work of Neighbourhood Watch in helping cut crime on the Island.

Chief supt Thomas told Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators at Newport that local alertness and information played a key role in reducing levels of crime.

There were close to 1,000 fewer victims of crime on the Island in the past two years, and the number of house burglaries had fallen by 40 per



cent over five years.

Chief supt Thomas said: "Criminals find it difficult to flourish where there are strong communities. A thriving Neighbourhood Watch scheme is one reflection of a group of residents who care and communicate about the quality of life where they live. Consistent and reliable sources of information about suspicious activity will always form an essential part of policing."



Sign up for Island Insulation scheme

There is still time to ensure you keep warm this winter and cut your energy bills – by registering for the Island Insulation scheme.

Many residents have already signed up for scheme, which provides homes with low cost loft and cavity wall insulation.

The Isle of Wight Council is working with E.ON and its partner, the Mark Group, to deliver the scheme on the Island. The energy efficiency push has also meant it has been possible to open a special distribution centre on the Island, with a team of local people recruited to help meet the Island's insulation needs.

The Mark Group, the scheme installer, has also become a member of the Island's Buy with Confidence scheme, run by trading standards.

To find out more about Island Insulation or to arrange a survey please call E.ON on 0800 0152475 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm) or visit www.iwight.com/islandinsulation



An event called Partners Against Crime is to be staged at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport next month, highlighting the partnership initiatives of various Island organisations.

The event is being held on Saturday 20 February and will feature displays, demonstrations, showcase services and consultations.

Organised under the umbrella of the Isle of Wight Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, among those taking part are the council (including the fire and rescue service), police, NHS Isle of Wight, the Island's rural community council, the prison service on the Island, the youth offending team, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Probation Trust and other partners.

As well as providing advice on many issues, the event will give people the chance to meet key officers in each agency.

More information on Partners Against Crime can be found at www.saferwight.org.uk

Fund raising talent event

An Island club which provides services for people with learning, physical and mental health problems is hosting a special 'the Island's Got Talent' event later this year.

Shanklin-based John's Club Isle of Wight, a registered charity, is hoping to use funds raised from the event to support its work, including a project to start a new club for children with disabilities.

The talent contest will be open to all Island residents aged 13 and over, with

a £1,000 first prize. The final of the event will be staged at Medina Theatre, Newport in August, following quarter and semi-finals in June and July.

Club chairman John Philips said more information could be found at www.johnsclubiow.org, tel: 865865.



Sign up to the Island lottery



Island residents are being reminded of the help they can give to local business by signing up to the popular Isle of Wight Lottery.

Since it was launched in 2001, hundreds of people have benefited from the lottery either through winning a cash prize or via help to their business.

The Isle of Wight Lottery was the first lottery in England developed specifically to create employment opportunities – and over the past nine years has helped provide more than 500 jobs through interest-free loans to new or expanding Island businesses.

GKN customer support manager, Glenn Fitch, recently celebrated his second win, with £2,000 following on from the £100 he won a few years ago.

The Isle of Wight Lottery is a division of the Island's Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Industry, and all proceeds are directed into a loan fund for Island business.

For more information, and to sign up, visit isleofwightlottery.com

New tourism campaign launched

This year's national campaign highlighting the Island as a tourist destination has begun.

The £260,000 campaign will run in various phases throughout the year, aiming to capitalise on the current trend of more UK residents taking holidays in this country. The council is once again funding a large proportion of the campaign with additional contributions from partner organisations on the tourism development board.

The campaign – again based on the award-winning *Just Add Water* slogan – will involve targeted advertising including billboards, ads at tube stations, national newspaper and magazine advertising, direct mailing, and use of social media like Facebook and Twitter.



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Progress continues with education system revamp



Work has been continuing towards the Island's switch to a two-tier education system.

Two schools that will run under the new system from September this year – East Cowes Primary and Ventnor Voluntary Aided Primary – have already had temporary governing bodies established.

The council also expects temporary governing bodies to have been set up this month for the new Cowes Secondary School, and the new Newport Carisbrooke Secondary School and Newport Fairlee Secondary School (effectively one school run under a single body).

The temporary governing bodies will be responsible for ensuring schools are ready for when the new term starts in September this year (for primary schools), and in September 2011 (for secondary schools). This will include appointing new headteachers and teaching staff.

The temporary governing

bodies will disband within three months of the schools operating under the new system, when full governing bodies will take over.

Meanwhile the Department for Children, Schools and Families has confirmed that proposed academies to replace the existing Sandown High and Ryde High schools will go ahead.

It means the council can bring forward additional revenue and capital funding from the government.

The council has also been informed by the Church of England Dioceses of Portsmouth and Winchester, and the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, that the temporary governing body of the new Ventnor Joint Faith Voluntary Aided Primary School has appointed its head designate from September 2010.

Further updates on progress towards the new two-tier system will be publicised in future editions of *One Island* and on the iwight.com website.



New youth MP and youth councillors

PICTURED: Youth councillors with Isle of Wight Council leader Councillor David Pugh

A new Isle of Wight member of the UK Youth Parliament was elected late last year, together with new members of the Isle of Wight Youth Council.

More than 2,000 votes were cast in each category, a record for the Island.

Jack Bell was elected member of the UK Youth Parliament, with Daniel Clarke as deputy member.

Members elected to the youth council, which works closely with the Isle of Wight Council, were:

North Wight ward: Scott

Goodhew, Ben Yates, Caitlin Day, Lawrie Mason, Thomas Turtle, Logan Wareham, Samuel Hughes.

South Wight ward: Tyne Samuel, Lou Alabaster, Jordan Cotton, Adi Volney, Tessa Kewell, Ben Furniss, Jacob Smith.

East Wight ward: Jacob Rich, Robert Jackson, Idrish Hamroush, Oliver Hughes, Kirsty Innard, Jasmin Callan.

West Wight ward: Atalanta Hersey, Rachael Troward, Lauren Noble.

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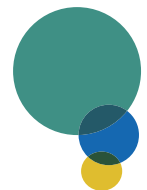
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RESIDENTS' S

The fourth annual survey of Island residents, and the first during the economic recession, was carried out for the council late last year.

Here we present some of the key findings, which will be used to help shape council policy over the coming months

Isle of Wight residents have revealed that despite economic hard times the Island remains a good place to live.

The latest survey of residents' views found that more people felt the Island was a good place to live than in 2008, when the last survey was carried out.

But the survey of Isle of Wight Council services and the Island as a place to live, did show a fall in those who felt the Island was a good place to work and make investment.

The 2009 survey involved 1,106 telephone interviews with residents, and was carried out in November/December last year.

In terms of the Isle of Wight Council, two thirds (66 per cent) were satisfied

with services, a slight rise of three per cent on the overall finding from 2008, with many individual services rated highly. However, road/pavement maintenance and planning decisions were key areas of concern.

Living on the Island

Opinion about the Island being a good place to live improved on the 2008 figure, rising from 93 per cent to 97.8 per cent, as did residents' views of the Island as being a good place to take a holiday, from 88 per cent to 91.4 per cent.

Not surprisingly, due to the recession, there was a fall in the view of the Island as a good place to work, from 52 per cent

in 2008 to 47.6 per cent in 2009. Linked with this was a decrease in the view of the Island as a good place to invest, from 56 per cent in 2008 to 48.7 per cent.

Issues in the local area

Many of the views about issues in the local area were similar to the findings from 2008:

- **Parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of children**
53.6 per cent felt there was not a problem, compared to 53 per cent in 2008.
- **Not treating other people with respect or consideration**
67.5 per cent felt there was not a problem, compared to 69 per cent in 2008.
- **Noisy neighbours or loud parties**
70.2 per cent did not see it as a problem, compared to 88 per cent in 2008.

SURVEY 2009

Isle of Wight Council

These were some of the key findings about the Isle of Wight Council:

- **Improving the Isle of Wight**
45.7 per cent agreed the council was improving the Isle of Wight, compared to 45 per cent in 2008.
- **Running the council**
36.2 per cent felt the council was well run, 35.5 per cent disagreed – an increase in overall satisfaction of 1.2 per cent on the figure of 35 per cent in 2008.
- **Speaking highly of the council**
There was a fall from 20 per cent in 2008 to 18.4 per cent in 2009 of those who would speak highly of the council whether asked or not.
- **Critical of the council**
There was an increase from 39 per cent in 2008 to 44.7 per cent in 2009 of those who would be critical of the council whether asked or not.

- **Giving residents good value for money**

41.9 per cent agreed, 38.1 per cent disagreed – an increase in overall satisfaction of 2.9 per cent since 2008.

- **Trusting the council as an organisation**

42.9 per cent trust the council, just down on the 2008 level of trust of 43 per cent.

Council services

The majority of people think that the council's services have not changed much compared to 2008, but 20.6 per cent felt they had got better (compared to 25 per cent in 2008), and 12.4 per cent felt they had got worse (compared to 19 per cent in 2008).

Taking all the findings into account, 66 per cent (two thirds) were satisfied with council services (10.3 per cent very satisfied, 55.7 per cent fairly satisfied), an increase of three per cent on 2008.

Key findings for individual council services:

- **Services for older people** (84.1 per cent satisfied, 7.4 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Services for vulnerable people** (65.6 per cent satisfied, 22.6 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Libraries** (94.8 per cent satisfied, 2.5 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Leisure and sports facilities** (91.9 per cent satisfied, 3.5 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Museums, theatres and arts** (90 per cent satisfied, 2.2 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Parks and open spaces** (91.7 per cent satisfied, 4.6 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Beaches** (92.3 per cent satisfied, 4.4 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Youth clubs/facilities** (87.9 per cent satisfied, 7.3 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Pre-schools** (96.1 per cent satisfied, 1.2 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Schools** (five to 19 years) (80.5 per cent satisfied, 12.9 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Adult education** (87.3 per cent satisfied, 11.7 per cent dissatisfied).

The Island's fire service is undergoing a modernisation programme



- **Doorstep recycling** (86 per cent satisfied, 10 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Community recycling bins** (92.2 per cent satisfied, 3.8 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Parking services** (61.7 per cent satisfied, 30.6 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Street cleaning** (83.2 per cent satisfied, 10.2 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Street lighting** (83 per cent satisfied, 8.6 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Refuse collection** (94.7 per cent satisfied, 3 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Road maintenance** (26.9 per cent satisfied, 64.3 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Pavement maintenance** (47 per cent satisfied, 40.8 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Traffic control/safety** (59.8 per cent satisfied, 27.7 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Planning decisions** (54.8 per cent

satisfied, 39.4 per cent dissatisfied).

- **Public toilets** (61.3 per cent satisfied, 26.6 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Customer services** (77.2 per cent satisfied, 15.5 per cent dissatisfied).
- **Other services** (69.6 per cent satisfied, 21.7 per cent dissatisfied).

Council projects

The survey revealed that more needed to be done to raise awareness of some of the council's key strategic projects:

- 81.9 per cent did not know about the **transforming social care** initiative.
- 79.9 per cent were unaware of the council's **internal transformation** programme.

- 46.5 per cent were not aware of the **fire modernisation** programme.

Projects where the majority were aware, included:

- 82.5 per cent were aware of the **schools' reorganisation** programme.
- 51.6 per cent were aware of the major **private finance initiative** to improve Island roads.

54.4 per cent had heard of and knew something about **Eco Island**, the Island's sustainable community strategy, compared to 55 per cent in 2008. In 2008, 33 per cent said they did not know anything about Eco Island, but this figure fell to 23.2 per cent in 2009.

Contact with the council

The majority of people contacting the council had first got in touch by telephone (68.7 per cent, compared to 72 per cent in 2008), and 59 per cent were satisfied with the way the council handled their enquiry (compared to 58 per cent in 2008).

Information

There was a slight increase in those who felt the council keeps them well informed about council services and benefits (55.2 per cent compared to 54 per cent in 2008).



The Island's beaches scored highly in the survey, but pavement maintenance was an area of concern

When asked how they received information about council services and plans, this is what they told us:

- One Island magazine, 50.5 per cent.
- Local media, 15.9 per cent.
- Other, 17.4 per cent.
- Council website, 11.7 per cent.
- Leaflets/brochures, 8.7 per cent.

They also told us how they would prefer to receive the information:

- One Island magazine, 45.7 per cent
- Leaflets/brochures, 19.2 per cent.
- Local media, 18.1 per cent.
- Council website, 12.4 per cent.

One Island magazine

A series of questions were asked about One Island magazine, to help us gauge opinion to improve the publication:

- 84.2 per cent felt the magazine was informative (77 per cent in 2008).
- 77.9 per cent felt it had an appealing design and style (69 per cent in 2008).
- 70.9 per cent agreed it tells them what they need to know about council services (64 per cent in 2008).

Media habits

The survey also asked questions about various communications media:

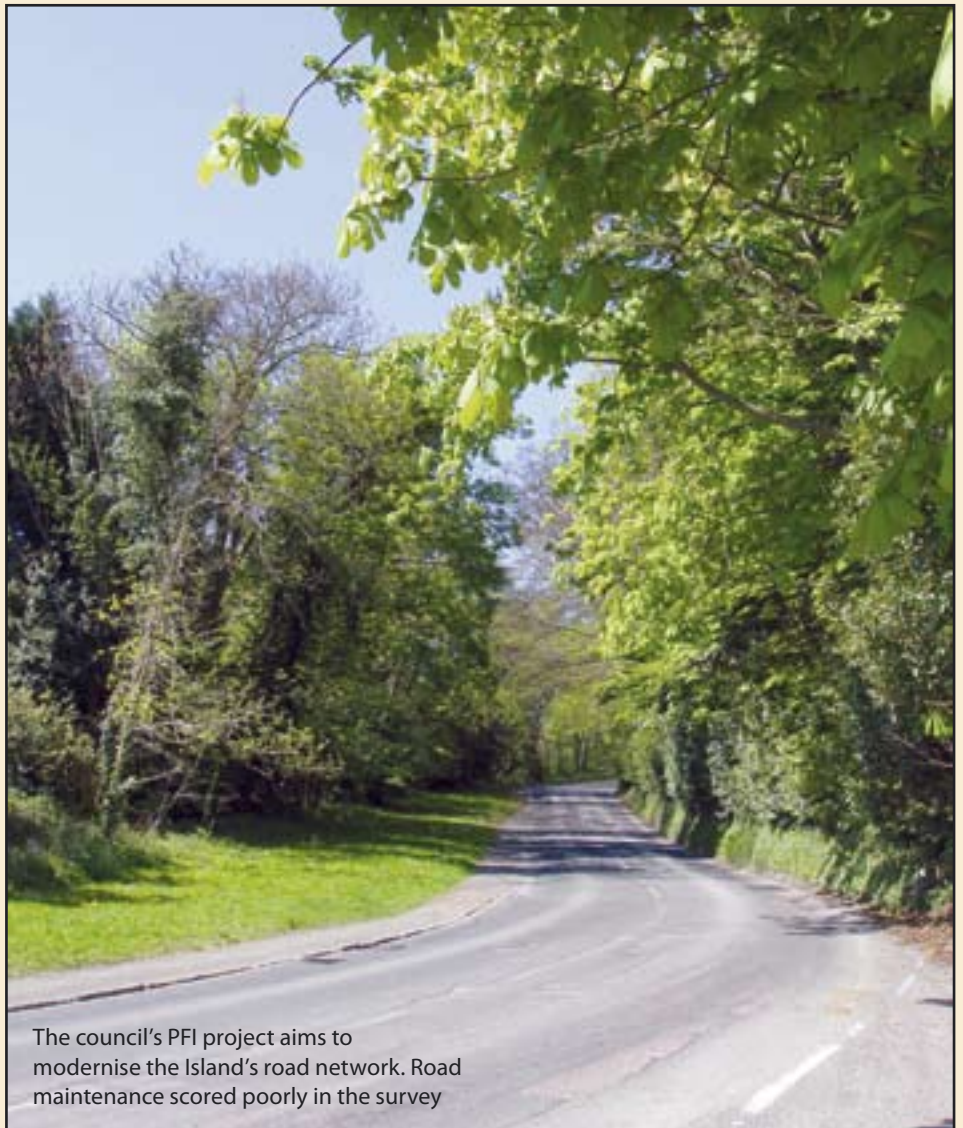
Local newspapers 84.3 per cent of residents had read the Isle of Wight County Press in the last month (70.7 per cent every week), the Beacon, 31.9 per cent, and the Isle of Wight Gazette, 15.1 per cent.

Local radio 34.2 per cent of residents had listened to Isle of Wight Radio in the last seven days.

Local websites The majority said they did not use any local websites as a source of local information and news, but if they did, 21.9 per cent used the council's *iwight.com* site, 17.3 per cent used the Isle of Wight County Press site and 4.5 per cent used the Isle of Wight Radio site.

Social media The vast majority said they did not use social media sites as a source of news about the Island (83 per cent), but if they did, they used Facebook (14.3 per cent) or YouTube (2.6 per cent).

When asked if they would be interested in hearing about council services, policies and plans via these sites, the majority said no (76.1 per cent).



The council's PFI project aims to modernise the Island's road network. Road maintenance scored poorly in the survey

The survey

The council commissioned BMG research to carry out the survey, which comprised 1,106 telephone interviews between November and December 2009.

During interviewing, quotas were set for age, gender and ethnicity at ward level to ensure the sample was

representative of the Island's population. The target population for the survey was the adult population (16-plus) of the Island.

More information

To see a full version of the survey please visit the *iwight.com* website.

“Once again, residents have confirmed what a special place the Island is to live and work. I doubt there is any other location in the UK where residents would speak so highly and with such unity in overwhelming approval of the place in which they live.

“As a council there is much to draw heart from in this survey. The appreciation of services such as parks and beaches, libraries and services for the elderly is encouraging. But we must also accept that there are areas requiring improvement. I am pleased to say that in many of those areas such as school results and the condition of our highways, we have in place radical plans to bring about that improvement.

Council leader, Councillor David Pugh



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Take the One Journey route to a healthier life

The Island's leisure centres are giving an extra helping hand to make 2010 the start to a fitter and more positive life. Here we look at their special *One Journey* programme

If you are determined to get to grips with your health and fitness in 2010 – but remain nervous about those early first steps, a new extended programme is now in place to guide you along the way.

One Journey has been launched at the popular Tone Zone gyms at three leisure centres: The Heights in Sandown, Medina Leisure Centre in Newport and Westridge in Ryde.

The extended programme has been created as a result of research that shows gym users get better results through increased levels of contact with instructors during the first six weeks.

Instead of the typical one-visit induction, *One Journey* offers five one-to-one sessions with a fitness instructor over the first six weeks of membership of the Tone Zones – to help you get the best possible results.



The One Journey route

One Journey is designed to maximise the benefits from your fitness regime.

From the start, the instructor will go through your individual goals and develop a personal fitness programme suited to you.

Remember, going to the gym or fitness classes isn't just about keeping fit. Exercise can make you feel good about yourself, improve your well-being and have a positive effect on your life.

The Tone Zone gyms have an extensive range of equipment – from bikes, rowers and treadmills, to fitness balls and core stability equipment.

Even after your *One Journey* sessions are completed, qualified instructors are still always at hand to help you get the most out of your fitness session. And as well as Tone Zone gym sessions, your programme may include fitness classes and swimming.



What people are saying

Feedback from Tone Zone customers has been positive since the programme was introduced.

"Customers tell us they really like the personal approach with a 'personal' fitness instructor," said Alex Minns, operations manager for the council's leisure services.

"*One Journey* gets people motivated and once they realise they can actually achieve the goals they've set themselves, they get a

boost in their self-confidence and start to feel good about themselves and continue not just to get fit, but to stay fit too."

Customer Eileen Lynch described herself as "a classic couch potato" before attending the sessions. But now the 44-year-old says she is "healthier and has more energy", with her instructor making her feel far better about her fitness.

Another *One Journey* attendee said: "I've started to achieve a level of fitness I've not had for years. I feel confident and happy about myself."

How to get involved?

To enrol on your own *One Journey*, call or visit your nearest council Tone Zone gym and arrange a day and time to be shown around. You can also discuss your requirements, and staff will advise you about the membership and payment options best suited to you.

One Journey costs from £20 if you take out a One Card and pay by either direct debit or an annual payment in advance.

You can read more about *One Journey* at iwight.com/leisure

Tone Zone gyms

The Heights

Sandown (tel: 405594).

Medina Leisure Centre

Newport (tel: 523767).

Westridge Squash

Ryde (tel: 566243).

Sign up for *One Journey* and enter a prize draw

When you sign up for *One Journey* and take out a One Card, don't forget to fill in a WIN card. These will place you in a quarterly draw, offering prizes tailored to individual goals. Recent prizes have included spa treatments and sports vouchers.

Feeling unwell?

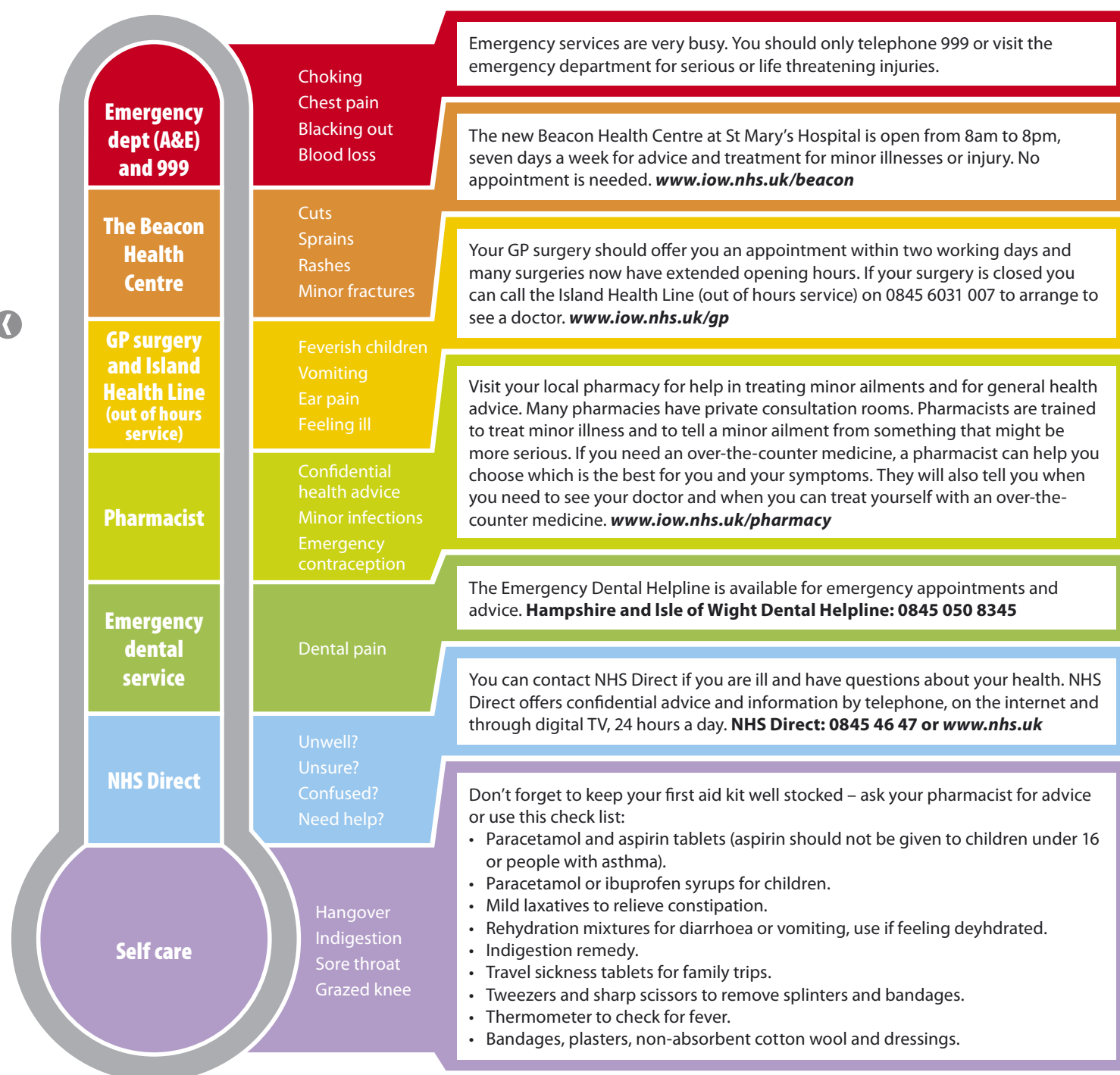
Remember to *choose well* this winter



Everyone wants to stay well if they can. With colds, coughs and infections doing the rounds and cold weather snaps this winter it's important that everyone on the Island knows how to get the right help, from the right place, at the right

time from the NHS. Use the thermometer below to help choose the service most appropriate to your needs. Remember your pharmacist can offer expert advice, NHS Direct is only a telephone call away and health advice can be found at

www.nhs.uk – an early enquiry can help prevent a crisis later. Choosing the right service helps to reduce the pressure on emergency services and ensure that they are available for those who really need them.



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Big rise in use of rural halls

Pictured: St Lawrence village hall has seen an increase in use in recent years

The use of England's rural community-owned buildings has trebled in the past 20 or so years, according to new research.

A survey carried out by Action in Communities with Rural England (ACRE) has revealed a threefold increase since 1988.

The survey looked at 9,000 halls across the country, representing a total asset value to communities of more than £3 billion.

The survey also included feedback on the valuable support service provided by the Rural Community Action Network (RCAN) to volunteers managing the halls – with 83 per cent of hall committees seeking their advice rating it good or excellent.

On the Isle of Wight

On the Island, 29 village halls and community buildings took part in the survey. The findings showed that:

- more than 8,700 hours of volunteer time is spent in managing 19 of the community buildings;
- only 18 per cent of those managing the buildings, regularly received grants, with the bulk of income coming from hiring charges, fund raising and bank interest;
- more than 50 per cent of community buildings plan to carry out essential improvements to basic

facilities such as a roof or kitchen, with nearly all intending to apply for a grant for this work in the next two years;

- the halls are frequently used for community roles such as holding parish meetings, luncheon clubs, community clubs, women's institutes, mother and toddler groups, senior citizens, youth clubs, arts classes and sports clubs.

Action with Communities in Rural England is the national body for the Rural Community Action Network, providing a strategic view of rural community issues to the government and its agencies. For more information on ACRE go to www.acre.org.uk

Island voice at national level

Richard Priest, chair of trustees at the Isle of Wight Rural Community Council, has recently been appointed to the ACRE board.

He said: "This is the first time we have been represented at national level, and it reflects the quality of services on the Island, as well as the positive impact that the whole range of services has on the Island community."



Rural champion meets rural minister

Government rural minister, Dan Norris, was briefed on a range of issues relevant to the Island during a recent visit.

Isle of Wight Rural Community Council rural champion, David Langford (*pictured left*), met the minister to put him in the picture about key Island issues.

Areas discussed included: proposals for an Island incinerator for the disposal of fallen livestock; rural affordable housing needs; overly restrictive planning policies for rural areas; threats to rural schools, post offices and shops; rural public transport; and rural medical care.

If there are any rural issues you would like David Langford to raise, you can get in contact with him via the rural community council.

New boost for community-led plans

A new website giving details of community-led planning on the Isle of Wight and in the south east has been launched.

The website at www.clp-se.org.uk, is being managed locally by John Brownscombe on behalf of the Isle of Wight Rural Community Council, and he will be contacting town and parish councils soon to give more information about the site.

Community-led planning is about communities agreeing a shared vision and priorities for their area. This often leads to the publication of a parish or community plan.



Grant scheme for village halls

A special scheme is available on the Island for ruraly-located village halls in need of improvements to their facilities and which wish to achieve the Hallmark standard.

The capital grants are available via the Isle of Wight Rural Community Council, with three themed standards to qualify for the Hallmark scheme:

- Charity administration and management.
- Health, safety, security and licences.
- Social awareness, community, forward planning and development.

The management committees for rural village halls are able to apply for funding under the scheme, once they achieve each of the quality marks.

Seventeen village halls from around the Island have enrolled in the scheme.

Gurnard village hall was the first to be awarded the standard Hallmark 1, and its management committee is now working towards Hallmark 2 and 3. A grant has been awarded to the hall for improvements to its stage.

Others to benefit from funding support as a result of achieving stages of Hallmark accreditation, include Seely Hall at Brook, and Havenstreet Community Centre.

New equipment to boost archaeological knowledge



Grant funding has helped provide the Isle of Wight Natural History and Archaeology Society with special equipment to map sites below the ground.

The new magnetometer and resistivity meter will benefit a range of archaeological projects on the Island, giving better advance knowledge of what lies beneath the surface.

The equipment uses geophysics to help archaeologist locate, record and protect sites without the need for destructive excavation.

The grant support has come from the LEADER initiative, which derives funding from the Rural Development Programme for England, and supports projects ranging from farming diversification to rural businesses.

The archaeology project is called *Below the Ground*, and comes under the management of county archaeologist, Dr Ruth Waller. It is planned to run for ten years and will examine sites identified by the Isle of Wight Archaeology Service.

The Island has already attracted £2.6 million of LEADER funding (with grants of up to £50,000 available), and the scheme will be in place until 2013.

For more information on how LEADER can help you, please contact Carol Flux at the Isle of Wight Economic Partnership, tel: 535836.



Affordable housing opportunity at Kerry Fields

People local to Nettlestone and Seaview are being reminded of the availability of a special starter housing scheme, specifically for them.

The Kerry Fields cul-de-sac is a development of ten, two-bedroom homes owned by Vectis Housing Association, built to benefit those with connections with the area.

Five of the properties are operated on a shared ownership basis with the occupants, and the other five are for rent only.

If you are interested in joining the list for the scheme, you should contact Lynda Purkis at Vectis Housing Association, tel: 525985, or email: lynda@vectis-housing.demon.co.uk

An eyecatching look at Wild on Wight

iWPOY 2009

ISLE OF WIGHT
PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR



Pictured: Dragonfly by Gay Farmer (main picture), Red Squirrel! by Stuart Shore (inset top), and Male Barn Owl by Paul Blackley (inset bottom) (all images courtesy of IWPOY)

Some stunning images were among the winners in the wildlife category for the 2009 Isle of Wight Photographer of the Year competition.

Here are the top three in the category, which was titled *It's a very small world: go Wild on Wight*.

Twenty five images were shortlisted in the category, which was supported by the

Isle of Wight Biodiversity Partnership as part of its tenth anniversary celebrations.

The brief was for photographers to get up close to the Island's wildlife.

The overall winner was titled *Dragonfly*, by photographer Gay Farmer, taken in her garden in July 2009. She said: "It is quite unusual to see a dragonfly in my garden, so I

rushed to get my camera to try to get a shot. Photography is relatively new to me but I am enjoying learning new ideas and techniques."

In second place was Stuart Shore with his image titled *Red Squirrel*. He has been photographing the Island's wildlife for the past few years and has developed this into his own business – Wight

Wildlife Photography.

His picture was taken in March 2009 at Alverstone Mead. He said: "I had been trying to photograph squirrels in their natural environment. This squirrel kept running up and down a nearby tree, so I set the camera to focus on a section where it might take a quick look at me."

In third place was Paul Blackley's captivating image, titled *Male Barn Owl*, taken in spring 2009 in the West Wight. Paul has always been passionate about the natural world and now runs his own business – Wightlife Photography.

Paul said: "I spent many hours observing the owls, seeking the right shot and after a while, as the daylight hours lengthened I noticed both the male and female would often fly to a particular post to enjoy the final rays of the evening sunshine".

To view all the shortlisted entries, please visit www.iwpoy.org. The images will also be on tour at various locations across the Island during the summer – see local media for details.



Going for a planting record!



Pictured: Tree planters at Mill Copse, a Wight Nature Fund reserve

In December a group of 26 volunteers gathered at Mill Copse, Yarmouth and took part in 'Tree O'clock' – a nationwide attempt at a new tree-planting world record.

Nationally more than 230,000 plantings have been confirmed but estimates suggest in excess of 500,000 may have been planted – but unfortunately not a new world record.

At Mill Copse 54 hazel trees were planted, which will contribute to Wight Nature Fund's management plan for the copse.

Seasonal guide to wildlife in your garden



If ponds and bird baths freeze over, putting out a supply of fresh water as well as energy rich food scraps will make your garden attractive to visiting birds. Winter gardens may still be in need of some tidying work but try to leave trimming of shrubs and hedges until the birds have eaten all the berries.

Remember to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend.

Settle down for an hour to watch and record the highest number of each bird species seen in your garden (not flying over), or local park at any one time, on either Saturday 30 or Sunday 31 January.

Full details, including a guide to identifying birds can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

NATURE NOTES



After the rain of the late autumn, our rivers and streams have been flowing rapidly, sparkling in the low winter sunlight. If you are out for a walk along a river or around an estuary at this time of year, you may hear a kingfisher announcing its presence with a high pitched whistling call. They are seen on the Island between August and the end of March, but rarely during the breeding season.

The kingfisher is a tiny bird with a stocky body, very short tail, short, rounded wings and a relatively large head. It perches on riverside branches and posts overhanging water to hunt its prey of small fish and aquatic insects, which it takes from under the water with its long, pointed bill. Its rapid flight path, skimming low over the water makes it difficult to spot, but the flash of the azure blue and bright orange plumage is unmistakable.

Last year's plants are looking brown and bedraggled, but it won't be long before new growth appears. Glossy yellow lesser celandine flowers (*pictured*) open above their dark green heart-shaped leaves early in the year – they are a 'messenger of spring' in the children's book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. According to Gilbert White, a diarist writing around 1800 in Selborne in Hampshire, they flowered on 21 February. The Woodland's Trust Nature Calendar for last winter had 125 sightings of lesser celandine by the end of January 2009. When will they appear this year? Have a look at www.naturescalendar.org.uk

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer



The traditional art of hedgelaying will again be in the spotlight next month, with the annual Isle of Wight Hedgelaying Competition at King's Manor Farm, Freshwater on Saturday 27 February.

Entrants are being invited for the popular event, which features both novice and open classes, with spectators also welcome.

The competition, organised by the Isle of Wight Hedgerow Group, will take place between 10am and 3pm, with prizes presented at 3.30pm.

More details are available from www.iwhg.org or from the council's parks and countryside section on 823893.

Isle of Wight Hedgerow Group

The Isle of Wight Hedgerow Group encourages the planting of new hedges and the good management of existing hedges on the Island, as well as promoting the art of hedgelaying.

Hedgelaying is the traditional way of managing hedges throughout much of England and Wales. It creates a thick

stock-proof barrier, from untidy, gappy and straggling hedges. Stems are cut most of the way through so that they can be bent over without damaging them.

Laying a hedge rejuvenates it by encouraging it to put on new growth and the resulting hedge gives greater protection to crops and wildlife. A laid hedge looks pleasing and forms a living part of the heritage of our landscape.

This traditional country skill declined for much of the 20th century, and at one time looked as though it might die out. However, a revival in the late 20th century came from an influx of amateur hedgelayers, who now keep the craft alive as a hobby, as well as a small but growing number of professionals.

International Year of Biodiversity 2010



The United Nations has declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB), celebrating the diversity of all life on Earth.

In the UK, the IYB has more than 200 partners supporting the campaign, including the Isle of Wight Biodiversity Partnership.

Special events and activities are planned across the UK for 2010, giving people the chance to learn more about the rich variety of life around them, the importance of biodiversity, and how to get involved in monitoring and conserving local wildlife.

For details of local events on the Island visit www.wildonwight.co.uk and look out for the Wight Walks listings early this year.

Also find out more at the official IYB UK website at www.biodiversityislife.net

ACTIVITIES

Health walks

(9, 23 February)

Health walks from Sandown Library, starting at 9.45am from the library, with refreshments at a café en route, for details tel: 402748.

Cowes Reading Group

(10 February)

New reading group set up at Cowes Library, first meeting on Wednesday 10 February, 6pm to 7pm, for details tel: 293341.

EXHIBITIONS

Turning Point, Andrew Dowden ceramic designs

(27-28 March)
Solo exhibition of individually-designed, hand made and hand carved ceramics, including standing forms, wall plaques and tile panels, Echium Terrace Room, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission free.

At the end of the rainbow, 20th century Isle of Wight pottery exhibition

(27-28 March)
An historical exhibition of Isle of Wight pottery in the 20th century, including displays, photos, pieces from private collections, Canna Room, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission free.

FAIRS & SHOWS

Spring Show, Brighstone and District Horticultural Society

(13 March)
Spring show at Wilberforce Hall, Brighstone, 1.30pm to 4pm, presentations at 4pm.

Turning Point, Andrew Dowden – an exhibition of Andrew's distinctive, handmade ceramics, 27 to 28 March at Ventnor Botanic Garden



TALKS

Kingship, largesse and patronage in Wessex forests in the 13th and 14th centuries

(18 February)
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association, by Dr Amanda Richardson, University of Chichester, at Nodehill Middle School, Newport, 7.30pm, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

THEATRE

Dick Whittington

(13-14, 20 February)
Family pantomime by the Wight Strollers, Medina Theatre, Newport, matinee 2.30pm, evening 7.30pm, tickets £7 adults and £5 children, from theatre box office, tel: 527020.

MEETINGS

Public meeting, the challenges of Alzheimer's research

(17 March)
Public meeting at the Avon and Test Reception Suite, Solent University Conference Centre, 157 to 187 Above Bar, Southampton, 2pm to 4pm, for more information contact the Alzheimer's Research Trust, tel: 01223 843899.

MUSIC

Pei-Jee Ng and Miyako Machida

(13 February)
West Wight Arts Association presents cellist Pei-Jee Ng and pianist Miyako Machida, performing Debussy, Beethoven and Mendelssohn, at Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets available (within a fortnight of the event) from

MacKenzie Arthur, Avenue Road, Freshwater, or tel: 752278.

Alexandra Dariescu

(13 March)
West Wight Arts Association presents pianist Alexandra Dariescu, performing J.S. Bach, Dutilleux, Beethoven, Chopin and Ravel, at Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets available (within a fortnight of the event) from MacKenzie Arthur, Avenue Road, Freshwater, or tel: 752278.

Spring Blues 2010

(20 March)
Annual Spring Blues Festival starring Big Joe Louis plus his Blues Kings, Amen Boogie Blues Band and Damien Paul, Ventnor Winter Gardens, 7.30pm, tickets £12/£14, contact box office, tel: 857581.

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