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## Welcome



Welcome to the fourth issue of the Isle of Wight Council's magazine, *One Island*, which from this edition goes monthly.

As ever, a lot is happening at the council, and recently we have announced our new cabinet team (*see the news desk section for details*) and have been debating the key issue of schools' reorganisation. The meeting to discuss this took place after we went to print, so we hope to have a full update in our next issue.

In this edition we are pleased to welcome our partners the Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust, with a four-page pull-out guide to health services on the Island, and also include special features on how the council works and the Island's new decriminalised parking arrangements.

Over the coming months we will also focus specifically on the priority projects you have identified through recent consultations and which we pledged to support in our budget plans announced in February.

As always, we remain committed to delivering the improvements and progress which all Island residents deserve.

**Councillor Andy Sutton**  
Leader, Isle of Wight  
Council

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#### Council

(council chamber)

16 May (6pm)

#### Cabinet

(Wroxall Community Centre)

1 May (6pm)

#### Planning Committee

(council chamber)

21 May (4pm)

#### Licensing Sub-Committee

(committee room one)

2 May (2pm)

14 May (4pm)

#### Audit and Performance Committee

(committee room one)

8 May (6pm)

#### Standards Committee

(committee room one)

21 May (6pm)

#### Scrutiny Committee

(committee room one)

17 May (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing

(committee room one)

23 May (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Children and School Results

(committee room one)

2 May (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Safer Communities

(committee room one)

3 May (6pm)



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## Don't break the new no smoking laws!

From 1 July this year, new laws regulating smoking come into force.

From that date it will be an offence to smoke in an enclosed workplace, vehicle or public space, and also for the manager or person in control of such places to fail to display appropriate no smoking signage or allow smoking to take place in their premises.

The Isle of Wight Healthy Business Partnership - a combination of the council, the Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust and the Chamber of Commerce Tourism and Industry - is continuing its efforts to educate smokers and those in control of premises to make sure they do not fall foul of the new rules.

It is an important message because penalties for breaching the new laws are stringent - managers or persons in control of premises may face fines of up to £2,500 for failing to stop persons smoking in a premises/vehicle, £1,000 for failing to display appropriate signage, and smokers could face an individual fine of up to £200. Fixed penalty notices may also be issued for failing to display signs (up to £200) or for smoking (£50).

To help people comply with the new legislation, several seminars for businesses have been held with more to follow.

Environmental health officers who will be responsible for enforcing the ban will be

visiting workplaces including pubs, clubs and restaurants, to ensure businesses are adequately prepared and informed.

Warren Haynes, environmental health manager, said: "This legislation is about protecting the public and employees in enclosed premises. I hope all Island businesses will take advantage of this opportunity to ensure they are fully prepared for the new law."

Further information on smoke free legislation can be found on the council's website [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) or telephone environmental health on 823000.



## New cabinet team

The leader of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor Andy Sutton, who was re-elected at the authority's annual meeting this month, has appointed a new cabinet for 2007/2008, responsible for the detailed, day-to-day direction of the council's policies and operation. As well as Councillor Sutton, the cabinet will include:

Cabinet member	Responsibility
Patrick Joyce (deputy leader)	Schools leadership and governance
Melanie Swan	Children's services
Jilly Wood	Customers and parish empowerment
George Brown	Economy, tourism, assets and planning
Tim Hunter-Henderson	Environment and transport
Dawn Cousins	Health, wellbeing and supporting people
David Pugh	Regeneration, leisure and communications
Barry Abraham	Resources
Ian Ward	Safer communities and fire modernisation

## Education proposals

At the time of going to print for this edition of *One Island*, the council's meeting (scheduled for 23 April) to discuss the options for 14 to 19 education on the Island had not yet taken place. We hope to bring you an update in future issues of the magazine.

## Council is "improving well" says report

The council has been acknowledged as "improving well" on its two-star status in a government report.

The Comprehensive Performance Assessment Scorecard written by the Audit Commission found that the council had made good progress during the past year, with 40 per cent of its services among the

best performing nationwide.

The housing benefits service was found to be performing well and library services were recognised as having improved. Initiatives to address homelessness and cut the number of empty properties were also successful, according to the report.

Although improvements in

GCSE results were above the national rate, they remain well below average in overall terms, and further improvement was a priority.

The report also noted that social care for adults was good, public transport use had increased, but the condition of roads was poor and traffic congestion was a concern.

Council chief executive, Joe Duckworth, said: "This report and the Comprehensive Performance Assessment scores show the council is travelling in the right direction to becoming a four-star authority. But there is no room for complacency and we must continue to make improvements on our journey to becoming a truly excellent authority."



## Boundary review – don't miss out!

If you are wanting an input into the current review of Isle of Wight Council ward boundaries, don't forget the final deadline is 4 June.

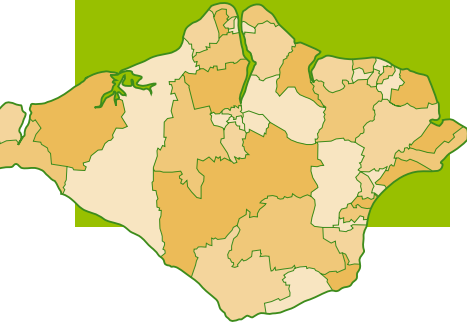
That is the closing date for views to be sent to the Boundary Committee for England, which has been carrying out the review since February.

Your views could influence whether there are changes to the existing ward boundaries (electoral divisions) by the time of the next council elections in May 2009.

The council recognises many people think there are too many councillors, and in October last year it welcomed the news that the Boundary Committee for England had been directed by the Electoral Commission to carry out the review.

The council has drafted its own proposals recommending a reduction from 48 to 40 councillors. The deadline for public comments on the council's proposals was 13 April, with a decision on the final form of the council's submission to the Boundary Committee due in early May.

However, if you still wish to give your views separately to the Boundary Committee, you have until 4 June, and should contact: The Review Manager (Isle of Wight), The Boundary Committee for England, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.



## Refresh those driving and cycling skills



Two courses are being offered by the council as part of its programme of ongoing road safety initiatives.

The courses are aimed at car drivers who may need their skills refreshing and 'lapsed' cyclists who may wish to take up the activity again.

Better Driving courses are being run by the council's road safety and traffic management team as refresher sessions for motorists who feel they may have developed bad habits since passing their tests.

The evening courses are run over six weeks for a bargain price of £25.

The Re:cycle scheme is designed for people who may have fallen out of the habit of cycling.

The flexible course is held by national standard trainers and is also aimed at adult novices as well as those cyclists looking to get back in the saddle again after a period of using other transport or even those who feel they lack a bit of confidence.

• Further information on both courses is available by calling 823799 or by emailing [roadsafety@iow.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@iow.gov.uk)

## Island-wide taxi zone

The Isle of Wight is now operating under a single island-wide taxi zone, following a move by the council in February to amalgamate the four previous zones of Newport, Cowes, Ryde and South Wight. Under the old zoning system, for example, it had not been possible to hail a taxi in the streets of Freshwater if it was licensed for Newport.

The move to combine the areas, called zone amalgamation has been the subject of discussion and consultation between the council, taxi trade and public since 2001. The bringing together of all the zones is in line with Department for Transport best practice guidance and is to benefit the travelling public. It is suggested it can cut costs to the council through simpler administration and enforcement, and for the trade it can promote fuel efficiency through less 'dead' mileage. For the public it should mean more choice and availability of taxis.



## Bank holiday refuse collection

There will be a slight change to the usual refuse collection times for the two bank holidays in May. The arrangements shown below will be in operation.

### Refuse normally collected: Will be collected on:

Monday 7 May	Tuesday 8 May
Tuesday 8 May	Wednesday 9 May
Wednesday 9 May	Thursday 10 May
Thursday 10 May	Friday 11 May
Friday 11 May	Saturday 12 May
Monday 28 May	Tuesday 29 May
Tuesday 29 May	Wednesday 30 May
Wednesday 30 May	Thursday 31 May
Thursday 31 May	Friday 1 June
Friday 1 June	Saturday 2 June

Recycling services for the kitchen waste bucket and the kerbside recycling box will change in line with the dates given above. If you have any queries regarding refuse collection or recycling, please contact:

- Isle of Wight Council, tel: 823777, website: [www.iwight.com/waste](http://www.iwight.com/waste)
- Island Waste Services, tel: 0800 3283851, website: [www.islandwaste.co.uk](http://www.islandwaste.co.uk)

## Did you know?



In 2005/2006 the council carried out fire education visits to 64 Island schools, advising more than 4,230 pupils (including 550 at a Junior Citizen Week)

# Hygiene star ratings for where you eat

A new scheme has been launched to help diners check the hygiene standards of restaurants and eateries before they sit down for a meal.

The *Scores on the Doors* scheme, run by the council's environmental health team, advises restaurants to display their hygiene rating (from zero to five stars) awarded following targeted inspections. The information is also available on the council's website at [www.iwight.com/scoresonthedoors](http://www.iwight.com/scoresonthedoors)

It is hoped the desire to be able to display a five star rating will also raise awareness of hygiene issues and drive-up standards. The idea is similar to schemes already running successfully elsewhere in the UK and abroad. The Island version was launched in March.

Environmental health manager, Warren Haynes, said: "While of course we must strive for perfection, we are working from a strong base. Ninety-two per cent of our premises have achieved ratings of three stars or above while around two thirds have four or five star ratings."

A range of businesses from small takeaways to large multi-national companies have achieved the maximum five star ratings as have some Island schools and care homes.



# Don't miss your adult learning info



A summer edition of the council's adult and community learning prospectus is now available from libraries, leisure centres and various community venues.

The council supports many adult learning opportunities to help develop knowledge and skills. Courses range from arts and carnival crafts to information technology and family learning.

• Call 823401 or email [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk) for a copy of the prospectus.

# Island presence at major education show

The council had a major presence at the national Education Show which took place in Birmingham in late March.

The Education Show is the UK's leading event for education professionals, offering a chance to review the widest selection of learning resources from every sector under one roof.

More than 15,000 visitors and hundreds of organisations, ranging from councils to major companies, packed into the NEC over the three days.

• The council was showing how its Extended Schools Programme has been recognised as a national leader, particularly with the way

it is implemented and its methods of consulting with children and young people.



Walking festival promises to be the biggest ever



The Isle of Wight's ninth annual walking festival next month promises to be the biggest yet. Thousands of walkers are expected to take part in 200 walks during the event, which takes place from 5 to 20 May. The festival includes the annual fund raising *Walk the Wight* on Sunday 13 May. The variety of walks this year ranges from ghost walks and samba walks to speed-dating walks. A booklet detailing the full programme is available from Island tourist information centres. Details are also available at [www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk)

# New council chairman takes up post



Councillor Roger Mazillius has been elected as the council's new chairman for 2007/2008.

Councillor Mazillius (left), member for Northwood, replaces Councillor Charles Chapman (right), who has completed his term of office.

The council chairman is its civic head and chairs meetings of the full council. The position

is non-political and as well as being responsible for the council's civic affairs, the role includes promoting public involvement in the council's activities.

In his year in office, Councillor Chapman represented

the council at more than 230 engagements, from supporting major events to attending Remembrance services. On 3 April he hosted the annual Civic Day for visiting mayors.

During the year, important pieces of civic silverware were placed on display along with the Rowlandson collection, to improve the civic office.

Councillor Chapman said: "I have been very proud to represent the council during the past year. It is very rewarding to meet so many people on the Island who are doing so much good in our communities."





## Aiming for the best – the Island's fire and rescue service

Much modernisation work has been taking place since last month's council decision to keep control of the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service.

One initiative now being explored is closer collaboration with the other Island 'blue-light' emergency services. Though at an early stage, these discussions could lead to plans for shared accommodation.

Acting chief fire officer Paul Street said: "I know the

confidence displayed in us by the council has sent a new wave of enthusiasm surging through the service.

"Every man and woman in the service knows it is their duty to do what they can to keep improving the service and I know they are ready for the challenge."

He thanked the thousands of Islanders who took part in the recent consultations – the vast majority of who wanted control to stay on the Island.

## *Iwight.com* – an umbrella for many different sites

If you want to find out more about the council why not visit its extensive *iwight.com* website?

The site is developed and managed by the council's web team, which also operates a growing selection of additional sites. Some of these websites publicise specific projects, while others are run in association with many of the council's partners.

Here's a selection of these sites:

[www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk](http://www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk)

Managed in conjunction with Children's Services, it provides a

resource for teachers, students, parents and practitioners.

[www.dinosaurisle.com](http://www.dinosaurisle.com)

The website for Dinosaur Isle in Sandown.

[www.havenstreetandasheypc.co.uk](http://www.havenstreetandasheypc.co.uk)

A parish council website.

[www.visitbrading.co.uk](http://www.visitbrading.co.uk)

The official website for tourism in Brading.

[www.branstonefarm.com](http://www.branstonefarm.com)

Everything you need to know about Branstone Farm. Photo galleries of the animals and facilities as well as a downloadable colouring book.

## Environmental health online

The council's environmental health team is providing an ever-improving online service for Island residents, businesses and other organisations.

In common with other council services, environmental health has a website as part of the council's award-winning *iwight.com* site.

The site, at [www.iwight.com/living\\_here/environment/environmental\\_health](http://www.iwight.com/living_here/environment/environmental_health) provides links to other websites as well as information on services, consultations and audit reports.

Licensing online is a section under construction, scheduled to be fully operational by July 2007. It will allow users to view

licensing applications, to apply for licences (and pay where necessary), to view public registers, and to access general information and guidance on licensing issues.

The newly launched food hygiene star rating scheme, Scores on the Doors, can also be found at [www.iwight.com/scoresonthedoors](http://www.iwight.com/scoresonthedoors)



## Arts unit events



## Chinese parade

A flavour of the far east will be coming to the streets of Newport next month, with the staging of a Chinese parade linked to the Isle of Wight Walking Festival.

The parade is being organised by the council's arts unit with Creative Partnerships (Southampton and Isle of Wight) and will form part of the grand opening of the walking festival in St Thomas's Square on Saturday 5 May.

The all-pedestrian parade will assemble at Wellington Road, Carisbrooke at 10am, and at 10.30am will set off along Carisbrooke Road, through Newport High Street to St Thomas's Square for the grand opening of the walking festival at 11.30am.

For more information please contact the arts unit on 823826.

## Focus on dance

### Isle of Wight Dance Directory

The council's dance project launches its latest initiative this May – a dance directory listing classes and courses for anyone who wishes to put a spring in their step. The aim is to raise the standard of community dance across the Island and give local residents and visitors the chance to see what's available.

### Shaken & Stirred, Medina Theatre, Saturday 28 April, 7pm

The new dance directory gets an official launch at a Community Dance Platform event on Saturday 28 April. *Shaken & Stirred* offer local dance groups the chance to perform in a professional environment and to share the exciting and diverse range of dance activity that takes place on the Island. All contributors to the directory have been invited to perform as

well as several other significant groups and schools. Tickets cost £4 and are available from Medina Theatre Box Office on 527020.

### Summer School of Dance, Quay Arts, 23 to 27 July, 10am to 2pm

The summer holidays kick off to an energetic start for young people eager to put on their dancing shoes. The week is for those aged six to 15. No experience is needed, just plenty of energy, enthusiasm and imagination.

Summer School costs only £45 for the week, and booking is essential as places sell out very quickly. To reserve a place please contact the arts unit on 823813.

• To find out more about these events please contact Jane Bridle, dance development officer at the arts unit, tel: 823813 or email [jane.bridle@iow.gov.uk](mailto:jane.bridle@iow.gov.uk), or visit [www.isleofwight-arts.co.uk](http://www.isleofwight-arts.co.uk)



# Representing Ryde

As part of our continuing focus on towns, villages and other areas across the Island, we take a look at how residents' affairs are represented in the Victorian seaside town of Ryde



FROM SMALL beginnings as two hamlets in the late 18th century, Ryde has grown over the past 200 years to become the Island's largest town in terms of population.

With the opening of Ryde Pier in 1814 and Queen Victoria's Island connection, the town grew significantly during the 1800s and 1900s, and today has a population of more than 26,000.

From the late 19th century until 1974 Ryde had its own borough council, which was succeeded by Medina Borough Council (covering much of the Island's north-east quarter including Newport and Cowes), and then in turn by the Island's unitary authority, the Isle of Wight Council in 1995. The Isle of Wight Council also replaced the former Isle of Wight County Council which had returned county councillors for the Ryde area for more than 100 years. Today, as well as returning eight Isle of Wight councillors for its area, Ryde has its own town management committee, a step towards achieving town council status, which is expected in April 2008.

## Ryde Town Management Committee and town council

Ryde Town Management Committee was set up in 2006 to replace the former Ryde Community Partnership, whose funding from the Isle of Wight Council had ended.

The management committee has 16 members, eight Isle of Wight Council members for the Ryde area, and eight community representatives bringing a wide cross-section of local knowledge and expertise. Its objectives include encouraging and improving public participation on community matters.

To cover costs for services in the area, the Isle of Wight Council adds on to the council tax an amount for the properties in the Ryde area, which is spent solely for the benefit of local residents.

It is expected a new town council will be established for Ryde in April 2008, with elections taking place on 1 May 2008.

To date, the work of the town management committee has included:

- providing Christmas illuminations in the town;
- managing and maintaining the Esplanade skate park;
- environmental enhancements such as hanging baskets;
- beach cleaning and landscaping improvements;
- supporting community events such as a weekly car boot sale;
- promoting, marketing and advertising Ryde as a town and tourist attraction;
- organising town and beach walks to identify improvements.

Many local issues are considered by the management committee, including community policing and planning

## Ryde connections

- All Saints' Church in Ryde was built to the designs of Gothic revivalist architect Sir George Gilbert Scott (1811-1878), whose works also included London's St Pancras Hotel and Station (1865) and the Albert Memorial (1862). Construction work on All Saints' began in 1869 and cost £20,000, the cornerstone laid by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.





matters. There are also working groups covering: events, tourism and marketing; the community plan; finance; and transport.

Questionnaires were sent out not long ago to 11,000 properties in the Ryde area, and a strategic plan is being developed based on identified needs and priorities. More than 1,600 households responded to the questionnaire.

During the next 12 months the committee aims to introduce procedures so the new town council, when set up, can qualify for Quality Town Council Status.

Clerk to the town management committee, Tony Gordon, said: "We hope the voice of the people of Ryde is now being fully heard, and with the work of the town management committee and the successor town council their needs and priorities will be properly responded to. Great strides have been made with the town in recent years and we hope it will go from strength to strength."

The current town management committee members are:

- Councillors: Henry Adams, John Bowker, Ivan Bulwer, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, David Knowles, Ian Stephens, Arthur Taylor. Some of these councillors also sit on other town or parish councils.
- Community representatives: Adrian Axford, Chris Binnie, Brian Harris, Nikki Hill, Graham Pearce (co-opted), Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle (chairman), David Woodward, Paul Wyatt.

#### Meeting dates:

Town management committee meetings are held on the first Monday every month (except bank holidays) at Ryde Town Hall council chamber at 6pm. Working group meetings are also held each month.

*Notice of meetings are published at Ryde Help Centre, Ryde Town Hall, and on the town hall notice boards, and local people are actively encouraged to attend.*

#### Contacts:

For all matters concerning Ryde Town Management Committee, you should contact Tony Gordon, clerk to the management committee, tel: 615612, email: [admin@tonygordon.co.uk](mailto:admin@tonygordon.co.uk).

- Famous performers who have appeared at Ryde venues down the years include the Rolling Stones who played two sell-out shows at Ryde Pavilion in March 1964 (they stayed at the Ryde Castle).
- At the 1908 Olympic Games in London, Clyde Purnell from Ryde was a member of the Great Britain gold medal-winning football team.

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## RYDE TIMELINE

### 1377

Ryde – then a fishing village known as La Riche or La Rye – was burnt to the ground by the French as part of ongoing aggression associated with the Hundred Years' War.

### 1700

Ryde comprised two hamlets, Upper Ryde, a small farming community, and Lower Ryde, by the water's edge.

### 1780

Union Street set out by William Player, eventually named Union Street after the Act of Union joining Britain and Ireland.

### 1802

Yelf's Hotel established in Union Street.

### 1811

Ryde's population is 1,601.

### 1814

Ryde Pier opened on 26 July, originally measuring 1,740ft.

### 1817

First steamboats operated between Ryde and Portsmouth.

### 1829

The Ryde Improvement Act of 1829 recognised Ryde as a town.

### 1881

Ryde's population is 11,461.

### 1903

Electricity switched on in Ryde at the works of the Isle of Wight Electric Light Company in Bennett Street.

### 1927

Ryde's Esplanade Pavilion is opened.

### 1936

Ryde's Commodore Cinema is opened, the largest on the Island.

### 1961

Ryde's population is 22,500.

### 1961

Theatre Royal burns down and is demolished.

### 1989

Ryde Harbour is built.



# Play by the parking rules

*We take a look at new parking enforcement arrangements for the Island...*

*"We are determined these new arrangements will help the flow of traffic on the Island, while improving road safety and discouraging illegal parking."*

*Tim Hunter-Henderson, cabinet member for environment and transport*

IMPROVED TRAFFIC flows and more money to spend on transport schemes on the Island should be the results of new arrangements for parking enforcement that are now in operation.

Since the beginning of the month, the council has assumed control of parking enforcement. Thirty parking attendants, including 18 new posts, are now patrolling the Island's streets looking for vehicles that are illegally parked.

Islanders who have slipped into sloppy habits when it comes to abiding by parking regulations need to be aware that the new parking attendants have been instructed to apply the rules fairly and consistently.

But under the decriminalisation of parking regulations – or civil parking enforcement, as it will be known – those who obey the rules have nothing to fear.

The changes will not mean there will be new parking restrictions, and there is no increase in the level of fines paid within 14 days.

Pluses for motorists are that the changeover will help to cut out 'hogging' of spaces in key shopping areas and reduce erratic and dangerous parking, including outside schools.

Revenue from fines that currently goes to the treasury, will stay on the Island for transport schemes, and yearly accounts will be published. Motorists can appeal to the council against any tickets received and if unsuccessful they can then take the matter to the National Parking Adjudication Service.

As part of the new responsibility, the council will be carrying out a review of

waiting restrictions in consultation with town and parish councils. Though the process cannot be done overnight, it could lead to some inappropriate or unnecessary yellow lines being removed.

Stuart Love, director of environment and neighbourhoods, said: "The simple fact is that anyone who respects parking restrictions will not be affected by this change at all.

"What it means is that double yellow lines, which were put in place in the interests of safety and traffic management, will be properly enforced.

"It will mean a reduction in the number of vehicles that currently abuse the system, often causing an obstruction or safety hazard."

He added: "The new attendants will also be expected to act as ambassadors for the council and will be able to give residents and visitors local advice.

"This is not about making money, it is all about traffic management and road safety issues and clamping down on anti-social parking."

Police Superintendent Dean Jones said: "It is right and proper that the local authority takes over this area, as it enables police to focus on other issues affecting the Island. This new dedicated service means that not only are parking issues going to be addressed, but there will also

be an additional uniformed presence on the streets both in terms of freed up officer time and the parking wardens themselves."

Since April, the council has been operating an educative approach to the new arrangements by issuing warning or no-charge tickets. From May however, the new arrangement will be introduced.



# Local health services

Isle of Wight **NHS**  
Primary Care Trust

October 2006 heralded the start of a new beginning for health services on the Island – with a single NHS organisation becoming a reality.

The new Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust both commissions and provides a wide range of health services for the Island's population and its many visitors. These services include doctors, dentists, opticians, pharmacists and general practitioner (GP) out of hour services, as well as hospital, ambulance and mental health services. The trust also provides community care such as district nursing, podiatry and diabetes. The Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust is unique in the country in providing both acute and community healthcare.

## First class healthcare for Island patients – it's official

The eagerly awaited year end has confirmed that the Island's Primary Care Trust has hit and even excelled national targets.

Patients on the Island now have maximum waiting times for inpatient and outpatient procedures of 15 and seven weeks respectively – which is weeks faster than the national targets of 18 and 11 weeks.

The A & E target of more than 98 per cent of patients seen within four hours has been achieved – and in recent weeks our A & E team has done even better and seen 100 per cent of patients within that time.

Despite the many challenges which the Island's rural setting and isolation from the mainland presents, our ambulance service has exceeded all its targets including the response time of eight minutes to reach a life threatening Category A call anywhere on the Island. The ambulance service was one of only two in the country to achieve the challenging Category A "Call Connect" target (this means the clock starts ticking from the moment the call reaches the exchange).

Our general practitioners have made an enormous impact on screening and managing patient referrals and have moved to being the best value prescribers within the space of 12 months and are now nationally recognised as an example of excellent practice. Quality of care in general practice is measured by the Quality and Outcomes Framework scores – and the Island's are one of the best in the whole country.

Mental health and sexual health teams have also performed well, while the Isle of Wight was one of only three areas in the south to exceed our local stop smoking target – which is really good news in advance of the national ban on smoking in public.





## Finances today

Our financial position is looking strong and we believe that when the final figures are completed in early May, they will show for the first time in many years that the Island's health service finances are in the black.

## Financial year 2006-2007

The Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust budgets for 2006/2007 were £187 million. The chart below shows the split of this sum between primary care, prescribing, administration and purchase of healthcare.

The largest area of spending is the purchase of healthcare (£138 million). This includes all patient treatments and procedures at St Mary's Hospital, other NHS hospitals including specialist services and non-NHS organisations. Of this sum £97 million is spent locally.

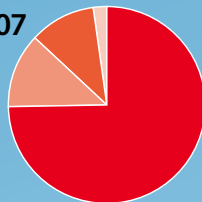
Prescribing amounts to £22.3 million and includes prescribing by GPs in primary care and payments to pharmacists to dispense prescriptions.

Spending in primary care totals £20 million and includes payments to GPs for their services, including the costs of staff and premises, and payments to dentists under the new dental contract.

Administration includes the costs of the trust board, professional executive committee and the management and administration of the organisation, and totals £4 million.

### How the money was spent in 2006/2007

- Purchase of healthcare (£138 million)
- Primary care (£20 million)
- Prescribing (£22.3 million)
- Administration (£4 million)



## Island Quitters

Island Quitters is the Island's local NHS Stop Smoking Service. Since April 2006 new initiatives have been introduced to make services as accessible as possible.

Help and support to quit smoking can be accessed at any of the drop-in support sessions across the Island. The sessions are free, friendly and offer practical and supportive advice. A specialist advisor will guide you through the process. Nicotine replacement therapy is available at the sessions (a one off prescription charge may be required).

Please call Island Quitters on 814280 for up to date support sessions information. Island Quitters is also able to provide workplace stop smoke sessions on request.

## Additional future finance

Healthcare on the Island has received a £20 million cash injection from the government in recognition of the Island's deprivation and high number of elderly residents. This pushes the Island health budget for 2007/2008 to £213 million making it the best in the South Central region.

Primary care trust chief executive, Ed Macalister-Smith, said: "This is very positive news for the trust, it provides a stable financial position and allows a substantial amount for investment."

## Involving patients

The trust is committed to encourage and support patient and public involvement in healthcare on the Island. There are opportunities to join the trust's patient council, which has an important role in developing, changing, monitoring and auditing the way health services are provided.

There are a number of patient support groups for specific health issues, such as breast cancer, Parkinson's, stroke, learning disabilities and many others. The trust also has a patients' advice and liaison service which you can contact if you have questions or concerns about your care or ideas to improve services.

Outside of the NHS, there is the Island's Patient and Public Involvement Forum, which provides an important scrutiny role and provides a co-ordinated voice for the public to influence healthcare provision.

## Choose and Book

Island patients can choose where and when they go to hospital for their appointment with a specialist. In some cases *Choose and Book* allows patients to book their first hospital appointment immediately and electronically while they are still at the GP surgery, meaning they go home with a definite and convenient appointment. Patients are given a choice of at least four hospitals or clinics and a choice of date for their appointment.

## Annual Healthcheck

The Annual Healthcheck is the Healthcare Commission's system of assessment for all NHS trusts in England. The year of 2006/2007 was the second year for the new system, and in addition to meeting basic quality standards, NHS trusts will also be assessed this year against a small number of developmental standards designed to check whether NHS organisations are making and sustaining progress.

A public declaration of compliance against the core and

developmental standards will be made by the Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust in April 2007, and the outcome of the assessment for 2006/2007 is expected to be published by the Healthcare Commission in October. Further information about the Annual Healthcheck is available at [www.healthcarecommission.org.uk](http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk)

The Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust declaration will be available to view on the trust website after 1 May 2007.

## Waste medicine and reducing prescribing costs

More than £23 million a year is spent by the Island's NHS on prescriptions. It is estimated that more than £1 million of this is wasted as prescriptions are repeated but then not used. GPs and pharmacists are working together to reduce wasted medicines and to cut the cost of prescribed drugs – by constantly reviewing and introducing less expensive, but identical, drugs.

Money saved on this campaign will stay on the Island and support your local health service.

## NHS care records

Over the next few years the NHS care records service will be introduced so that patient information will be available whenever and wherever it is needed.

This means that if someone from the Island is taken ill while visiting family on the mainland, they can be treated by a local doctor who will have immediate access to the patient's medical records. The doctor can be informed of any drug allergies and previous treatments, ensuring that life saving treatment can begin immediately.

## Sandown Medical Centre

A new health centre is being built in Sandown, on the same site as The Heights Leisure Centre. This will provide new premises for the Sandown Medical Centre, currently in Melville Street.

It is due to open in September 2007 and as well as GP services, there will be a pharmacy, bases for health visitors and district nurses, office space for the intermediate care team and for care managers working for adult services, together with some rooms for specialist clinicians providing services on a sessional basis.

There will also be space for various healthy living activities and ante-natal clinics. The intention is to be able to provide as many services as possible from the same building and to improve communication between those providing a range of health and social care services, creating a more streamlined service for patients.

## Island Health Communication Centre

In May last year ambulance control, the out of hours GP service, and the emergency dental service, came together into one team based in the new Island Health Communication Centre. Ambulance 999 calls are also managed within this centre which is staffed by specially trained paramedics and emergency care practitioners. The Island Health Communication Centre provides a single point of contact, based on the Island, for patients requiring urgent and emergency unscheduled care.

## Health and wellbeing, lifestyle and risks

### Know the risks and choose your lifestyle:

#### Smoking

*There is no safe level of use:*

- Don't start smoking.
- Quit as soon as possible, it's never too late.
- Avoid smoky environments.
- Contact Your Local Stop Smoking Service, tel: 814280.

#### Alcohol

*Drink in moderation – recommended levels:*

- Men: three to four units per day or 1.5 pints of beer at four per cent.
- Women: two to three units per day or one glass of wine (175mls).
- Drink plenty of tap water.
- Have two alcohol free days per week.

#### Food

*Eat five portions or more of fruit and vegetables every day.*

- Eat more high fibre foods.
- Reduce foods high in fat, salt and sugar.
- Eat less red meat and processed food.
- Drink plenty of tap water.

#### Physical activity

*Get active:*

- Take regular moderate exercise, for 30 minutes, five days a week. This can be done in two or three bouts of ten to 15 minutes.
- Moderate means just enough to make you breathe faster yet able to talk comfortably.

#### Be aware

*Body, sexual and mental – know what is normal for you – recognise persistent problems and seek help and advice from your doctor:*

- Persistent moles, sores, lumps, coughs, constipation, diarrhoea, hoarseness, blood in stools or urine.

#### Screening

*Attend when invited:*

- Breast screening by mammography every three years for women over 50 years of age.
- Cervical screening every three to five years for women aged 25 to 64.
- If worried about symptoms see your GP, do not wait for your next screening invitation.

#### Sun exposure

*Be sun safe:*

- Don't burn, wear a hat and t-shirt.
- Seek the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- Use sunscreen SPF 15 or higher.
- Drink plenty of tap water.

#### Weight

*Know your ideal weight:*

- Avoid being over weight or under weight.
- Combine healthy eating and regular exercise.



## Useful contact numbers

### GP surgeries

Cowes Medical Centre	295251
Sandown Medical Centre	0844 4773001
Beech Grove Surgery, Brading	407775
Beech Grove Surgery, Lake	408408
East Cowes Health Centre	0844 4773116
Shanklin Medical Centre	862245
Argyll House, West Street, Ryde	562955
Brighstone Surgery	740219
Niton Surgery	730257
Godshill Surgery	840625
Medina Healthcare, West Street, Newport	522198
Medina Healthcare, High Street, Wootton	883520
Carisbrooke Health Centre	522150
Garfield Road Surgery, Ryde	565103
Tower House, Ryde	811431
Esplanade Surgery, Ryde	0844 4770940
The Dower House, Pyle Street, Newport	523525
St Helens Medical Centre	0844 4772454
Grove House Surgery, Ventnor	852427
Brookside Health Centre, Freshwater	753433
The Surgery, Station Road, Yarmouth	760434
Ventnor Medical Centre	852787

### General contact numbers

Island Health Line (for health advice and out of hours GP service)	0845 6031007
St Mary's Hospital (hospital switchboard)	524081

### General contact numbers (continued)

NHS Direct	0845 4647
Emergency dental service/dental helpline	0845 6031007
Specialist smoking cessation service	814280
Health promotion	814284
Diabetes nurse facilitator	552458
The Continence Service (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)	552457
The Parkinson's Disease nurse specialist	524081
Podiatry services	534933
Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS)	534850
Primary Care Trust headquarters	524081
Patient and Public Involvement	552128
League of Friends	534609
Mental Health Access and Treatment Service (MATS)	522214

### District nursing services

The District Nursing Service (main number)	552456
Ventnor Clinic	854436
Arthur Webster Clinic	864004
Beech Grove Surgery, Brading	401271
East Cowes Health Centre	281913
Cowes Medical Centre	290970
Tower House, Ryde	611246
Medina Healthcare, West Street, Newport	535481
Dower House Surgery, Newport	529119
Brookside Health Centre, Freshwater	753433

## Feedback from patients

The trust looks to the public to let it know their views on services, and appreciates their support in participating in patient surveys – which are either national or local surveys.

This year the national patient survey selected diabetes care to examine. The trust is still awaiting the outcome of the Island's performance compared with a national average.

Each Island general practice also ran its annual patient satisfaction survey which showed that patients were satisfied with access to doctors and nurses and also with their communication skills. The surveys provide valuable information to each general practice to further improve their services.



"People on the Island can really feel confident that their NHS is working outstandingly hard to make sure that Island services are locally valued, clinically safe and financially sound. Our staff are to be congratulated for the huge amount of effort that they have put into this fantastic achievement. The Island's NHS is committed to deliver the very highest quality services for Island residents – and these results speak for themselves."

*Ed Macalister-Smith, chief executive, Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust (pictured left)*



# Beware the dangers of carbon monoxide

Knowing about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning is vital for us all. You can't see, taste or smell the gas, but it is lethal. Here the council's housing renewal section provides some useful advice

## Key facts

- Everyone using a fuel burning appliance is at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Carbon monoxide causes fatalities irrespective of age or sex.
- Long term exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide can have debilitating effects.
- Carbon monoxide may impair foetal development.
- Precautions CAN be taken.

## What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (chemical symbol, CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced when any fossil fuel (gas, coal, oil etc) burns incompletely. It is difficult to detect as it is colourless, odourless and has no taste.

## What are the danger signs?

- Gas flames that burn orange or yellow instead of blue.
- Sooty stains on or just above appliances.
- Solid fuel appliances that burn slowly or extinguish.

## What can carbon monoxide do to me?

Carbon monoxide bonds with the haemoglobin in your blood and subsequently replaces the oxygen needed to sustain your body's functions.

It causes fatalities in high doses or can build up over a period of time causing symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, confusion, disorientation, fatigue, and chest pain.

Symptoms can often be confused with influenza and sometimes depression.

## Who is at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning?

Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the home across most of the western world including, the UK, USA, France etc. RoSPA (Royal Society

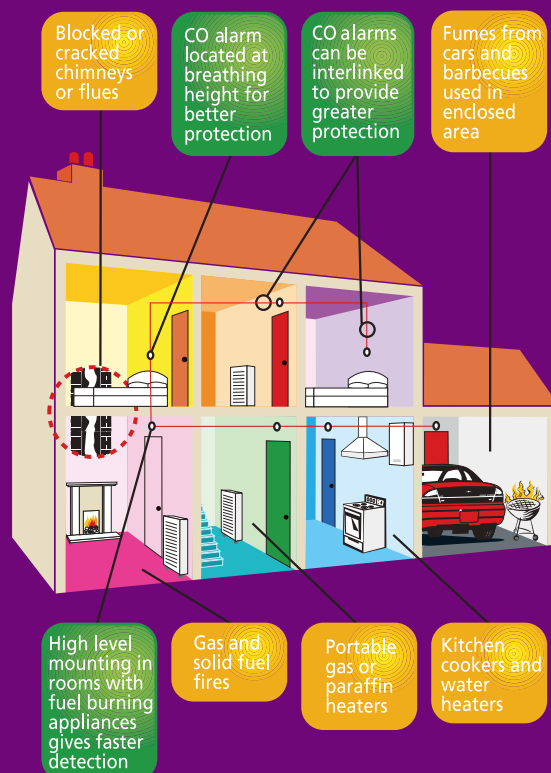
for the Prevention of Accidents) reports more than 20 deaths a year from this silent killer, plus around 200 serious incidents each year where people only narrowly survive carbon monoxide poisoning.

Experts believe that every year in the UK, many thousands of people suffer non-fatal carbon monoxide poisoning and the majority of these cases go undiagnosed.

All humans and animals are at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning and those most at risk are young children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with respiratory problems.

## What can I do to protect myself?

- Always ensure your appliances are regularly serviced by a qualified engineer (make sure they are CORGI registered if you have a gas appliance). This will reduce the chance of a carbon monoxide leak, but will not eliminate it, as appliances can break down



"It is vital we remain vigilant about potential hazards in the home, such as carbon monoxide."

Ian Ward, cabinet member for safer communities

and chimneys become blocked between service dates.

- Ensure your home is properly ventilated; never block vents.
- Use professionals to service any other fossil-fuel burning appliances such as oil or coal burning stoves annually.
- Ensure all chimneys and flues are regularly swept and kept clean.
- Fix carbon monoxide detectors in your home; these can be purchased from most DIY-type stores. For added peace of mind, it is highly recommended that the carbon monoxide detector is BS EN50291 approved and Kitemarked.
- Ensure that such detectors are installed, maintained and replaced according to packaging instructions.
- Be aware that high levels of carbon monoxide can be found in other buildings; two children from the UK were recently poisoned by carbon monoxide in their holiday home abroad. While the responsibility to check safety lies with the owner and holiday operator, you may find it reassuring to pack a small (credit card-sized) carbon monoxide warning card, put it up, go out for an hour or two and check it on return. If the gas is present a small disc in the centre of the card turns grey, then black. The cards cost about £10 and last for a year – a small price to pay for the safety of you and your family.

The council has arranged with local supplier, Hursts, for a discount on carbon monoxide detectors until 31 May. Visit their Newport store (with a copy of this article) for more information. Carbon monoxide detectors are also available in other hardware outlets and DIY type stores.

For more information contact the council's housing renewal section on 823040, or visit: [www.co-awareness.co.uk](http://www.co-awareness.co.uk), [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com), [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)



# Isle of Wight Connexions news

information, advice,  
guidance and support for  
young people, parents,  
carers and employers

## Connexions Personal Adviser commended for work with young parents

Kate Attrill, Specialist Teenage Pregnancy Midwife and Connexions Personal Adviser, received a commendation at the Nursing Standard Nurse 2007 Awards held in February.

Kate was shortlisted to receive an award for her innovative approach to multi-agency practice. During her five years of working for the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership and South Central Connexions Kate has established a one-stop service for teenage moms on the Island. Kate's role is unique: not only is she a midwife, but also a Connexions Personal Adviser, offering advice and guidance on issues such as career opportunities, education, training and housing benefits as well as mediating between families where there are difficulties.

From running drop-ins at the Connexions Centre in Newport to making home visits, Kate offers intensive support to about 15 young parents at one time. The young people that she works with all have complex support needs - they may be involved with drugs, have housing issues, be subject to domestic abuse or have mental health issues. It is within this element of her work that Kate has adopted an excellent approach to multi-agency working. After assessing the individual client's needs, Kate will determine what support is required from other services to help the young people to overcome barriers that are preventing them from engaging and achieving their full potential. Kate acts as an advocate for young parents and supports them through all aspects of the transition into parenthood.

Kate comments on her nomination, "I was delighted to receive this commendation. It reflects how well agencies on the Island work together to help young parents achieve and the excellent service Connexions offers to our most vulnerable clients and their babies."





**Newport Connexions Centre**  
**29 High Street, Newport, PO30 1SS**

Telephone: **01983 525927** Email: **infoiow@connexions-southcentral.org**

Opening Times: **9.30am-4.30pm Mon to Wed 9.30am-6.00pm Thu 9.30am-4.00pm Fri 10.00am-1.00pm Sat**

# Making BIG waves at the Wight 2B Heard Conference

Prejudice, discrimination, drugs and self-injury were top of the agenda at this year's Wight 2B Heard conference, 'Making Waves'. Celebrating its eighth year, this stimulating and topical young people's conference took place at the Bembridge Coast Hotel on Friday 9 March 2007.

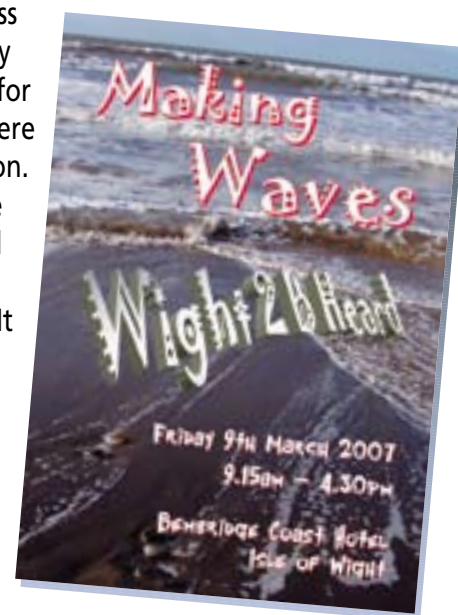


Other topics that young people discussed included accommodation and homelessness; sexual health and wellbeing; nutrition and healthy eating; exclusion zones; and the environment. Young delegates aged 14 to 19 from across the Island had the opportunity to find out more about these issues before putting their questions to a panel of key decision makers. The panel included Andy Sutton, Leader of the Isle of Wight Council; Joe Duckworth, Chief Executive of the Council; Pamela Charlwood, Chief Executive of South Central Connexions; and Billy Jones, Youth MP.



Steve Beynon, Director of Children's Services, gave a keynote speech at the start of the day to help delegates think about what the five "outcomes" of 'Every Child Matters' mean for them and to paint his vision of a better life for young people on the Isle of Wight. Later in the day, a range of experts ran a total of 12 different focus groups. The Island's Youth Council presented to the audience and encouraged young people to continue using the Youth Council to ensure their voices are heard.

The Wight 2B Heard conference is a multi-agency event, project managed jointly by Connexions and the Isle of Wight Council's Youth and Community Service. Andrew Preskey, Connexions Manager, comments, "We have had a real buy-in from young people across the Island this year. They requested all the topics for the focus groups, and were involved in the promotion. Ben Pelling, 18, took the photo and did the initial designs for all of the promotional materials. It is important that we do make waves, not just allowing the voices of young people to be heard but making sure they are listened to."



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# Making your home composting easier

To help cut the amount of Island organic waste going to landfill, the council is promoting an initiative offering thousands of cut-price composting bins for sale...

THE ISLE of Wight Council has teamed up with the WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) to offer thousands of composting bins for sale from just £8 (see the advertisement opposite).

The bins will allow Island residents to generate their own garden compost and at the same time reduce levels of organic waste going to landfill sites.

The council has to dramatically cut the amount of such waste that is buried or face a financial penalty from the government.

A simple step to help achieve the targets is for homeowners to put their organic waste in one of the new composters instead of their refuse bin.

Many people think garden waste is the only thing you can put in your compost bin – but there are a lot more everyday items from your home and garden you can add. In fact, more than 30 per cent of an average household bin can be composted at home. This means an average household can expect to divert more than 150kg of waste from landfill each year – equivalent in weight to a baby elephant!

"This initiative allows the individual to really do their bit for the environment by adopting only a very small change to their daily routine," said Sarah Buttress, the council's waste minimisation and recycling officer.

Organic waste that is sent to landfill is unable to decompose properly because, squashed under all the other waste, it doesn't have any access to air. So instead methane (a powerful greenhouse gas) is produced, which contributes to global warming.

When you compost your organic waste at home you are not only providing your garden with a limitless soil improver for plants and vegetables, but you are doing your bit to reduce global warming.

• A 220 litre compost converter costs £8, a 330 litre model costs £10 and a hinged lid, 250 litre model is available for £20. Delivery is free for all models.

## Composting - step by step guide

### 1 Find the right site

Ideally site your compost bin in the garden on bare soil. If you have to put your compost bin on concrete, tarmac or patio slabs ensure there's a layer of soil or existing compost on the bottom so the worms can colonise.

### 2 Add the right ingredients

Fill your kitchen caddy with everything from vegetable and fruit peelings to teabags, paper towels and eggshells. Take care not to compost cooked food, meat or fish.

### 3 Fill it up

Empty your kitchen caddy along with your garden waste into your compost bin. A 50/50 mix of greens and browns is the perfect recipe for good compost.

### 4 Sit back and relax

It takes between six to nine months for your compost to become ready for use, so now all you need to do is sit back and wait.

### 5 Ready for use

Once your compost has turned into a crumbly, dark material, resembling thick, moist soil and gives off an earthy, fresh aroma, you know it's ready to use.

### 6 Collect the compost

Lift the bin slightly or open the hatch at the bottom and scoop out the fresh compost with a garden fork or spade.

### 7 Use it

Don't worry if your compost looks a little lumpy with twigs and bits of eggshells – this is perfectly normal. Use it to enrich borders and vegetable patches, plant up patio containers or feed the lawn.

### Greens

- Tea bags
- Grass cuttings
- Vegetable peelings (including lettuce and cabbage leaves)
- Fruit scraps (including citrus peel)
- Old flowers
- Nettles
- Coffee grounds and filter paper
- Spent bedding plants
- Comfrey leaves
- Rhubarb leaves
- Young annual weeds (eg chickweed and speedwell)
- Pond algae and seaweed (in moderation)

### Browns

- Egg shells (crush them first to speed up composting)
- Egg boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboard packaging (scrunched up in small amounts)
- Newspaper (scrunched up)
- Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- Garden prunings
- Dry leaves, twigs and hedge clippings
- Straw and hay
- Bedding from vegetarian pets
- Ashes from wood, paper, or lumpwood charcoal
- Sawdust and wood chippings
- Wool
- Woody clippings
- Feathers
- Cotton threads
- String (made from natural fibre)
- Tumble dryer lint (from natural fibre clothes)
- Vacuum bag contents (if you have natural fibre carpets)
- Old natural fibre clothes (eg woolly jumpers or cotton t-shirts – cut into small pieces)
- Tissues, paper towels and napkins (unless they have been in contact with meat, fats, oils or disease)
- Shredded confidential documents
- Corn cobs and stalks
- Pine needles and cones (slow to compost – don't put too much in)



# A guide to how YOUR COUNCIL WORKS

Many of us may not understand how the Isle of Wight Council works and what exactly it is responsible for – particularly as rules and regulations often seem to be changing. We hope this simple guide will give you a clearer picture

## What is the council?

The Isle of Wight Council, like other councils, is a legal entity that acts and provides services on behalf of people living in its area.

It was formed as a single main council (a unitary authority) for the Island in 1995 when the services of the former Isle of Wight County Council, Medina Borough Council and South Wight Borough Council, were merged.

Democratically-elected councillors and professional officers (the staff) work together to ensure the council operates effectively.

## What is the council responsible for?

The council is responsible for hundreds of services, including:

- education;
- all the roads on the Island, and footpaths;
- tourism development;
- planning and building control;
- licensing (taxis, pubs, music events etc);
- refuse collection and recycling;
- social services;
- the fire service;
- various countryside issues and tree preservation orders;
- some museums and leisure facilities;
- ...and many others.

Some of these are provided

directly by council staff, and others (like refuse collection) may be delivered by a contractor.

## What do the councillors and officers do?

### Councillors

There are 48 councillors, elected for four years by the electorate of their specific areas (wards). The councillors are democratically accountable to the ward residents (not just those who elected them), and also have a duty to represent and do what they think is best for the whole Island.

Councillors receive an allowance for their time (currently £7,500 per year) and elect post holders including a chairman (the civic head), a leader (the political head), and chairmen of various committees.

### Officers

Officers are the paid employees of the council who implement its policies and provide its services. They advise councillors, particularly on how policies may be developed and implemented, and ensure the council follows and acts according to its legal obligations.

There are about 5,000 employees (of which 2,500 work in education and schools), covering a whole range of roles,

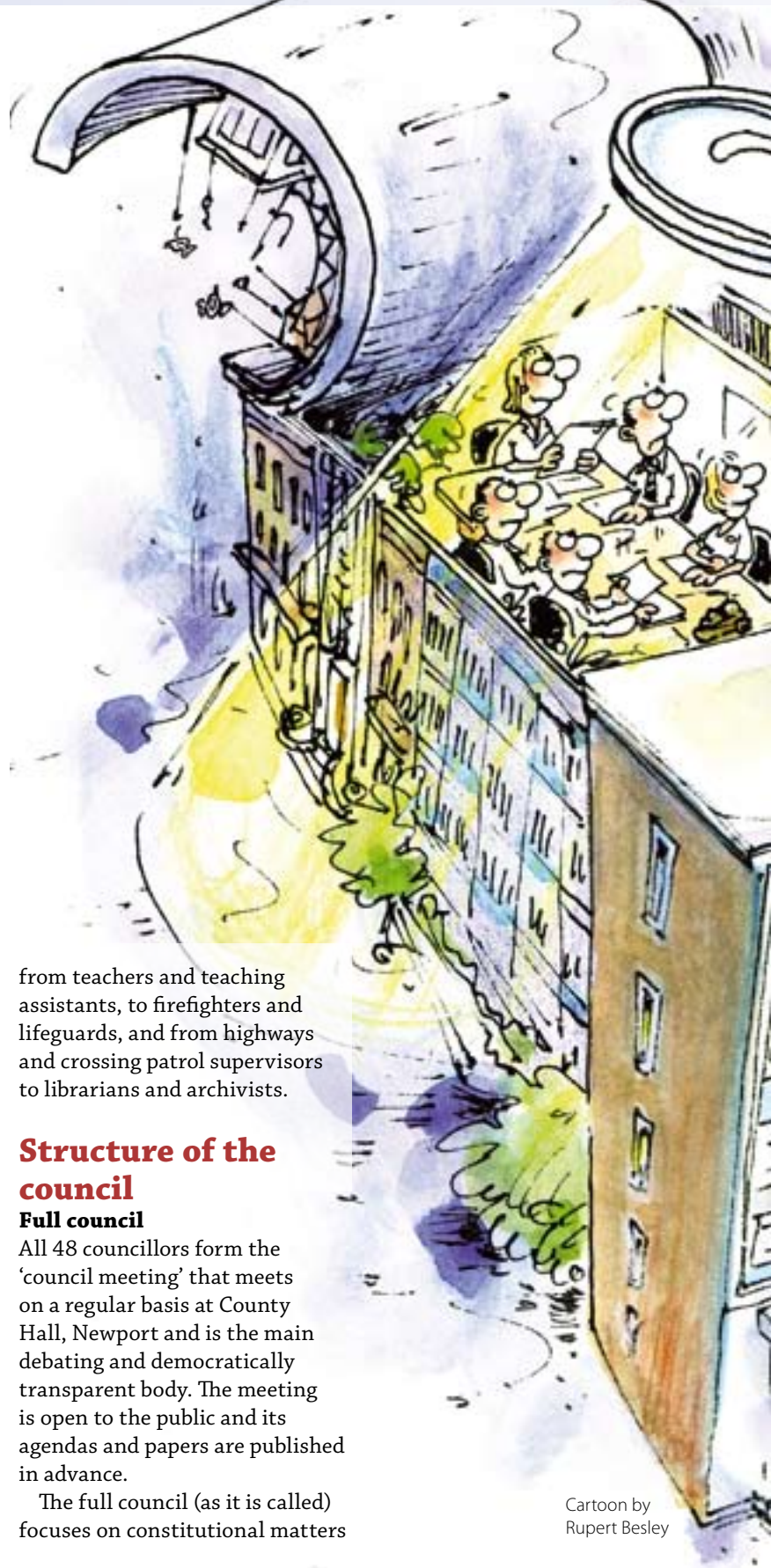
from teachers and teaching assistants, to firefighters and lifeguards, and from highways and crossing patrol supervisors to librarians and archivists.

## Structure of the council

### Full council

All 48 councillors form the 'council meeting' that meets on a regular basis at County Hall, Newport and is the main debating and democratically transparent body. The meeting is open to the public and its agendas and papers are published in advance.

The full council (as it is called) focuses on constitutional matters



Cartoon by  
Rupert Besley



# WORKS...

"We feel it is crucial for the public to understand exactly what we do and how we operate – as a key step towards our ultimate goal of achieving the highest possible standards. We hope this guide and better communications will help to achieve this."

*Andy Sutton, council leader*

and high level policies and sets the council's budget for the year and the level of council tax we pay.

## **Leader and cabinet**

Each year the full council elects a leader, who in turn appoints a cabinet (of no more than ten councillors), which is responsible for the more detailed, day-to-day direction of the council's policies and operation.

Members of the cabinet have specific areas of responsibility:

for example the cabinet member for highways has the ultimate responsibility for all things relating to the roads on the Island (working within the law, government requirements, the council's policies and budget, and subject to professional advice from officers).

## **Committees and policy commissions**

The council also appoints a scrutiny committee (a check to the activities of the council and partners that affect the lives of Islanders) and four commissions to help develop policy initiatives and ideas for future consideration.

There are also committees and sub-committees that look after things like planning applications and the licensing of pubs and music events and other premises and activities.

## **Delegated decisions**

Officers have some delegated powers to decide and implement a fast range of services – some planning decisions are dealt with under delegated powers. Such matters are strictly controlled and monitored by the councillors.

## **Partners and communities**

The council works closely with parish and town councils and many key community partners, including public sector agencies such as the health service and police.

## **How do we decide what to do for the best of the Island and you as a resident?**

The council carries out

consultations, both generally (such as our recent residents' survey) and specifically (such as our fire service consultation) to find out what you want us to do. All policies, strategies and the budget are shaped by such findings.

## **Who keeps us in line?**

Ultimately it is the voting public that determines whether it wants a change, through the ballot box at the time of elections (every four years).

On an ongoing basis, however, the council and its elected members and officers are subject to a whole range of checks to ensure they are performing to the level you expect. These include regular internal and external checks (such as the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, via complaint processes, the Local Government Ombudsman, and the Standards Board for England).

## **How is it all paid for?**

The money the council uses to provide services comes from essentially three main areas:

- Direct grant from government (67 per cent).
- The council tax (21 per cent).
- Fees and charges for certain services (12 per cent).

Details of council tax and the council's budget are given in a leaflet sent out to all households each year.

## **How can I find out more?**

If you wish to know more about how the council works you can visit the website at: [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com)





## Project to celebrate our coastal heritage

The council's coastal visitors' centre at Ventnor (*pictured*) has been awarded £49,900 by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a major new coastline initiative called Reach (Resources, Education and Access to Coastal Heritage).

The two-year Reach project will interpret the physical, social and cultural history of the Island's coastline and how residents and visitors can enjoy, celebrate and preserve our coastal heritage.

Features of the project will include: helping provide a coastal education officer for the duration of the project; and field visits and lectures for local and visiting schools to learn about the Island's coastal environments, geology and history.

Other developments include a re-fit of displays at the coastal visitors' centre and family oriented activity days during the school holidays.

The Reach initiative will also develop the 'My Heritage Project' through which Islanders and visitors can record their coastal heritage through photography, storytelling, art and the creation of an oral history archive. This will culminate in an exhibition celebrating the Island's coastline.

- For more details on the project please contact Natasha Dix, tel: 855400, or visit our website at [www.coastalwight.gov.uk](http://www.coastalwight.gov.uk)



## Monitoring the Island's changing coast



The council's internationally-recognised centre for the coastal environment at Ventnor is carrying out key survey work for the Island – crucial for use in planning coastal defences, conservation management and for research and education. This follows the award of funding from Defra until 2012.

The centre plans and co-ordinates surveys for the Island as part of the South-East of England Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme.

The Island monitoring programme encompasses Annual Beach Management Surveys as well as an extensive Global Positioning System (GPS) survey schedule, wave and tidal data.

Large quantities of data are made available from the survey, together with analysis, via the Channel Coastal Observatory website ([www.channelcoast.org](http://www.channelcoast.org)) at the National Oceanographic Centre, Southampton.

For further details contact Emma Mathie, senior coastal engineer at [Emma.Mathie@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Mathie@iow.gov.uk)

## Seasonal hint for wildlife in the garden

With drier summers becoming more frequent, plants which do not need much watering are a good choice for the garden. Rosemary, lavender, cistus and rockrose will give a variety of colours, shapes, textures and scents, as well as providing food for nectaring insects.





# Nature notes



A house martin nesting under the eaves of a house

Despite a cold snap just before the 'official' start of spring, the season has been well advanced this year. A cuckoo is usually heard in the first half of April, and by end of the month we expect to see the first house martins and swifts arriving from their wintering grounds in Africa.

House martins have glossy blue-black upper parts, pure white undersides and rumps and forked tails. They are often seen swooping low catching airborne insects. They build nests on the outside of buildings under the eaves, although in the 19th century these birds were cliff-nesters, as they still are in parts of southern Europe. A new nest, made of pellets of mud mixed with grass, and lined with feathers and plant fibres can be completed in one to two weeks, but repairs to an old nest take only a few days. Four or five eggs are laid and they take just over a fortnight to hatch. The nestlings stay there for about another three weeks, being fed by both parents. Once the young have moved on, the parents may have a second or even third brood, if the temperatures are warm and food supplies are good.

Swifts have sleek, swept-back wings, short forked tail and sooty brown plumage; their acrobatic aerial displays in pursuit of insects, accompanied by high pitched screams, are a feature of summer evenings. They nest in roof spaces, and once the young take to the air they may not 'put down' again for several years, and thousands of miles, as they sleep and feed on the wing.

Do you know where there are house martins nesting on the Island? This year an island-wide Wildlife Watch survey is underway to find out more about house martins and other species. You can report your sightings on line at [www.iwnhas.org](http://www.iwnhas.org) or fill in a special postcard available from your local library.

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer

## Celebrating nature's dawn miracle

**International Dawn Chorus Day 2007** takes place on **Sunday 6 May**, and to help celebrate the occasion a special dawn chorus walk is being held on the Island.

The walk, titled **Dawn Chorus Magic**, takes place on **Saturday 5 May** (from 5am to 7am), through the wetlands and woodlands of the east Yar valley. It is being led by Ian Boyd (tel: 298098 for details), with walkers asked to meet at Longwood Lane, Sandown where the cycleway crosses GR 588850.

International Dawn Chorus Day is being promoted by The Wildlife Trust to celebrate nature's daily miracle, with bird lovers all over the world taking part.



## New trail a treat for wildlife

Birds, butterflies and bicycles will be found in abundance at a new Southern Water-sponsored scheme on the Island.

The company is giving £3,000 to the Troll Trail, a section of the existing Newport-Sandown Cycle Track which is a haven for wildlife.

The 2.5 mile trail is named because of the number of bridges across the route, and is being developed into a visitors' attraction by Gift To Nature, part of the arts and environment charity, Island 2000 Trust.

With Southern Water's help, Gift To Nature plans to carry out conservation work which should encourage threatened birds, such as the house sparrow and grey wagtail, and butterflies to the area.

Volunteers will also be planting trees and creating a picnic area, complete with hand-carved benches, along the disused railway line between Newport and Merstone, which now forms part of National Cycle Network route 23.

The official launch of the Troll Trail is planned for July.

Southern Water's community programmes manager, Helen Sparkes, said: "We are delighted to support this project which encourages families to use the cycle path to experience the natural environment in a safe, healthy and fun way."



## ACTIVITIES

**Supper, Wine and Music Evening**

(27 April)  
At the George Street Centre, Ryde, 7pm for 7.30pm, tickets £15 (email: [secretarymnd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:secretarymnd@yahoo.co.uk)), a choice of curry to include one vegetarian, and after the meal enjoy the classy sound of The Cool Connection; a sparkling fun evening with all funds donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

**Craft Workshops**

(28 April – 26 May)  
Workshops at Wightcat Crafts, 14 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, booking in advance essential (tel: 527525), Cardmaking Workshop (28 Apr, 26 May, 10.30am to 1pm), Regular Scrapbooking Club (12 May, 10.30am to 1pm), Parchment Craft Club (16 May,

1.30pm to 4pm), Beginners' Parchment Class (23 May, 1.30pm to 4pm).

**Isle of Wight Randonnee Bicycle Rides**

(6 May)  
A 100 kilometre round Island route (six checkpoints), or a 55 kilometre east Wight route (four checkpoints), free entry, start at any checkpoint on your route, from 9am, checkpoints close 6pm, full information from [www.cyclesland.co.uk](http://www.cyclesland.co.uk) or tel: 527065.

**The Island Flower Club (Ryde) Demonstrations of Floral Art**

(second Wednesday each month, except July) Relax and watch demonstrations of the art of flower arranging by qualified demonstrators from the National Association of Flower

Arrangement Societies of Great Britain, flowers raffled off, teas served, at Wootton Community Centre, visitors and new members welcome, £3 admission, 2pm to 3.45pm.

## EXHIBITIONS

**Baxter Bradford, Coasting**

(16 March – 6 May)  
An exhibition of large format colour and black and white images depicting the power and moods of the coastlines of the Solent, the Isle of Wight, Dorset and west Cornwall, Dimbola Lodge Museum (open Tuesdays to Sundays 10am to 5pm), Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814.

**Fulvio Rubesa, Aequilibrium**

(23 March – 29 April)  
Images from Fulvio Rubesa's long-



**The Return of Henry VIII and His Falconers**  
An exciting costumed falconry display at the Owl and Falconry Centre, Appuldurcombe House, 26 to 31 May

standing interest in working with dancers and choreographers, Dimbola Lodge Museum (open Tuesdays to Sundays 10am to 5pm), Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814.

**Judy Rodrigues, Eventually, I Went to Live Across the Sea**

(7 April – 12 May)  
A selection of paintings and studies by Judy Rodrigues, a member of Top Floor Studios, Bristol, at the Rope Store Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

**Alfred (Paddy) Kerr Painting Group Summer Exhibition**

(26 May – 3 June)  
An exhibition of more than 40 paintings in oils, pastels, water colours and acrylics, showing Island and sea views, flowers, animals and many other subjects, at Ventnor Botanic Garden (Echium Room), 10am to 5pm, admission free.

## MUSIC

**Bembridge Singers' Concert**

(16 May)  
Performing Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Richard Benger's *Te Deum*, at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, 7.30pm, tickets £5 (children free) on the door.

**Steve Knightley and Jenna**

(27 May)  
Vaguely Sunny and Quay Arts present a folk music concert at Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 8pm, tickets from Quay Arts, tel: 822490.

**The Bluesroom**

(2 June)  
A night of international blues featuring, from New Zealand, The Paul Garner Band, plus support from The Contra-Blues Band, at The Venue Ryde Theatre, 7.30pm, tickets £10/£12 available from box office, tel: 568099.

## SHOWS

**Annual Appuldurcombe Antiques and Craft Fair**

(6 May)  
A large number of craft, antiques and collectors stalls, Appuldurcombe House, Wroxall, 10am to 4pm.

**The Return of Henry VIII and His Falconers**

(26-31 May)  
Exciting costumed falconry display recreating the visit of Henry VIII and his falcons to Appuldurcombe in 1538, at the Owl and Falconry Centre, Appuldurcombe House, Wroxall, 10am to 4pm.

## THEATRE

**Twelfth Night**

(16-19, 23-26 May)  
by William Shakespeare, Apollo Theatre, Newport, all seats £6, box office tel: 527267.

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