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Welcome to the October issue of *One Island* magazine. In this edition we take a special look at how the council's pre-apprenticeship scheme is helping young Islanders into employment and giving them hope for a positive future.

We also celebrate the completion of two new-build school projects as part of the school reorganisation programme – the £30 million Cowes Enterprise

College and the £6 million Haylands Primary School at Ryde.

Other features include updates on the refurbishment of The Heights leisure centre in Sandown – together with Medina and Westridge leisure centres – and more news on the major Highways Private Finance Initiative project for Island roads – which is set to get underway next spring.



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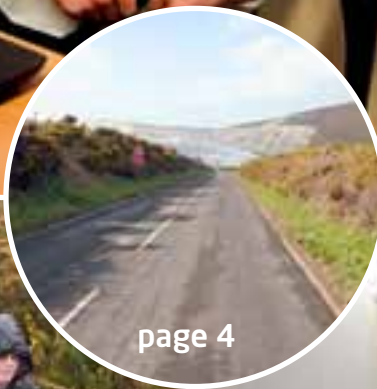
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Contract signed on £260 million Highways PFI

The contract for the Isle of Wight's Highways Private Finance Initiative has been formally signed, and work to bring the Island's roads up to an unprecedented standard will begin, as scheduled, in April next year.

The project – the largest of its type ever undertaken on the Island – will see the upgrading of every stretch of adopted road, footway, pavement and cycleway. It will also take in street cleaning, roadside and winter maintenance, the CCTV network, street furniture and road signs as well as all street-lighting.

Contractor Ringway – who will be carrying out the work on behalf of parent company Vinci Concessions/Meridiam – will be hosting a series of meetings across the Island to explain more about the scheme and what it will mean to residents and businesses.

The meetings will take place in the six

geographical areas into which the work will be divided. Details of these meetings will be announced soon.

Stuart Love, the council's director of economy and the environment, said: "Getting to this stage has been a long and complex process but a necessary one given the need to get the very best contract in place.

"That has now been done and I am sure residents will welcome the imminent prospect of the entire road network being brought up to the standard they rightly expect."

The work is financed in the main by a government grant – *not* a loan that has to be repaid – of £260 million.

The majority of the work – which also includes a number of 'geotechnical' schemes to stabilise the highway on stretches such as the Military Road and the Undercliff – will take place in the first seven years of the scheme.

Remember to check inspection reports

Island residents looking for a care home for themselves or loved ones are being reminded to check the inspection report before making a decision.

Care Quality Commission reports are available from the website www.cqc.org.uk and show whether a home is meeting government standards of quality and safety.

The commission regulates all care homes in England and inspects them annually, although homes can be inspected at any time in response to concerns about poor care.

In addition to care homes, the commission also regulates and inspects agencies that provide care in the home – also known as domiciliary care agencies – as well as hospitals and dentists.

If you have experienced poor care, or know that poor care is being provided somewhere, you can report it anonymously to the commission. Where the commission finds a service isn't meeting the standards it will always take action to ensure care improves.

• To report poor care, visit: www.cqc.org.uk or tel: 03000 616161.



All set for walking weekend

In just a few weeks thousands of walkers will be out in force across the Island once again, for the fifth staging of the Isle of Wight Autumn Walking Weekend.

This year's event takes place from 26 to 29 October and features more than 70 themed walks for people of all ages and abilities.

The successful walking weekend is an offshoot of the Island's award-winning annual walking festival held each May.

All the walks during the council-organised event will be led by experienced volunteers. Details can be viewed online at www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk

The walks take in journeys of mystery, intrigue and exploration on routes including the Island's scenic coastal footpath, Hallowe'en adventures through forest and churchyards and story walks for children.

To request a programme you should email: elaine.cesar@iow.gov.uk



Isle of Wight Walking Festival 2013

Don't forget to put the dates in your diary for the 2013 annual walking festival, from 4 to 19 May.



Facelift for County Hall reception

New and improved facilities are now available for members of the public visiting the reception area at County Hall, Newport.

During the summer a facelift was given to the main reception, with a particular emphasis on making it easier for customers to be served and to access relevant information.

The revamped area features new interview rooms, giving greater privacy for customers who wish to discuss personal information – and there are plans for information screens

to be installed over the coming months.

There is also a 'changing places' toilet facility – only the second on the Island. These facilities are designed specifically for people with severe disabilities or impairments, providing more space and equipment for users with carers – including a changing bench, hoist, grab rails, wash basin and central toilet.

Try a compost bin this autumn

With autumn once again upon us, Island residents are being reminded of the availability of compost bins via an initiative involving the council.

Through the National Framework Home Composting Scheme, reduced

price compost bins can be ordered by visiting www.getcomposting.com or calling 0844 571 4444.

Bins costing £16 (normally £39), plus a £10 delivery fee, can be obtained, together with various composting accessories.

Compost bins are particularly useful if you have a small garden and, as well as garden waste, can take some kitchen waste such as vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags and coffee grounds. They also help reduce carbon emissions.



Election for new commissioner

On 15 November, the electorate of the Island and Hampshire will go to the polls to elect a police and crime commissioner for the first time.

The commissioner will set the priorities for Hampshire Constabulary, respond to the needs and demands of the community and set a budget to make sure that local and national priorities are funded. They will not be expected to run the police.

The role of the commissioner is to be the voice of the people and to hold the chief constable to account for the delivery and performance of the force. The new commissioner will take office from 22 November.

You can find out more by visiting www.hantspa.org

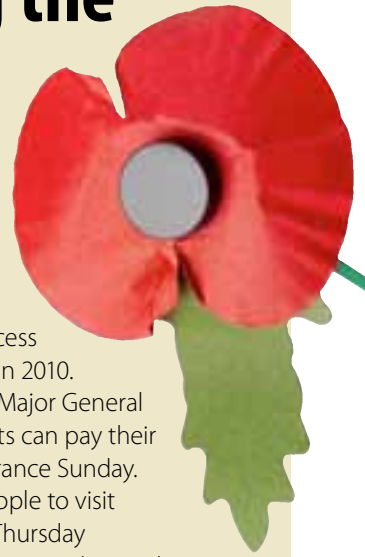
Remembering the Island's fallen

A special field of remembrance will once again be opened this year to commemorate those in the uniformed services from the Island who lost their lives in service of their country.

The field was introduced in the Princess Beatrice Garden at Carisbrooke Castle in 2010. It was established by Lord-Lieutenant Major General Martin White as a place where residents can pay their respects around the time of Remembrance Sunday.

The castle will open its doors for people to visit the field between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 8 November, as well as on Saturday 10 November and Sunday 11 November between 10am and 4pm (but not Friday 9 November).

A formal service of remembrance, which members of the public are welcome to attend, will take place at the castle on Thursday 8 November at 10.45am. Refreshments will be available following the service and all proceeds will go to the Isle of Wight Women's Institute.



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Grants to keep warm this winter

Island homeowners and private tenants receiving certain income-related benefits are being reminded that government-funded grants are still available to keep their homes warm and help save on energy bills.

The grants of up to £3,500 are available through the Warm Front scheme, which runs until March 2013.

The scheme provides a package of insulation and heating measures tailored to individual needs, including loft and cavity-wall insulation, draughtproofing, hot-water tank jackets, new central

heating systems or repairs to existing ones.

The grants can even be for up to £6,000 in areas where there is no mains gas supply.

You can apply for a grant if you own your own home or rent from a private landlord and are on certain benefits, including: Pension Credit, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, or income-based Jobseekers' Allowance, Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an income of £15,860 or less (subject to certain qualifications).

• To find out if you are eligible you should call 0800 3162814 or visit www.warmfront.co.uk

Island youngsters 'go green' at Fort Victoria



The Footprint Trust has praised young people for coming out in strength and giving practical help at one of the Island's most popular beauty spots.

More than 30 youngsters aged 15 to 17 from Island schools gave up a day of their holiday to work at Fort Victoria Country Park near Yarmouth. The teenagers (pictured above) were taking part in the National Citizen Service Programme, led on the Island by Community Action Isle of Wight.

The council's countryside rangers made the event possible, leading to more than 90 hours of voluntary work. The Footprint Trust's GreenMobile project organised the event in partnership with the ranger service.

Ray Harrington-Vail of The Footprint Trust, said the National Citizen Service programme gives young people the chance to try different activities, make new friends and learn new skills.

The youngsters improved pathways at the fort, making access easier for those visiting, and also assisted in helping to improve the revetments to protect habitats from erosion.



New campaigning group for visually-impaired people

The National Federation of the Blind is inviting all visually-impaired people and their partners to join in with its campaigning on key issues affecting sight-impaired people.

The federation, founded in 1947 by blind and partially-sighted people, is a charity and campaigning organisation which has branches throughout the UK.

Its meetings on the Island are held on the third Saturday morning each month, often featuring a speaker and discussions about a current campaign.

The federation also offers mutual advice and support and occasionally arranges social events.

For more information, please contact Pam Willingham, tel: 616131.

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THE GAMBLING ACT

The Isle of Wight Council is revising its statement of licensing principles in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The Act provides for a system of licensing and regulation for commercial gambling in England and Wales and licensing authorities have responsibility for licensing gambling premises within their area such as casinos, bingo halls, betting shops, adult gaming centres and small society lotteries.

To read the statement of licensing principles go to the consultations tab on iwight.com, for a paper copy write to the Licensing Section, Jubilee Stores, The Quay, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2EH or tel: (01983) 823159.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Before the statement of licensing principles is finalised we would like to know your views.

The consultation runs from **8 Oct to 5 Nov**



You can send your comments by email to us at the Licensing Section licensing@iow.gov.uk or by visiting the licensing web page www.iwight.com/licensing



You can also write to us at the above address.

Scheme helps secure A brighter future

In 2011 the council launched a £100,000 pre-apprenticeship scheme to help 50 young people aged 16 to 19 onto the

employment ladder.

Here we turn the spotlight on two young people who have gone from strength to strength

on the scheme - which is now being expanded to create a further 21 pre-apprenticeship opportunities

Jack's skills earn an award



Things are coming together in every sense for Jack Gilbey (pictured above left).

Having enrolled on a pre-apprenticeship programme, former Medina High pupil, Jack, is now enjoying a full apprenticeship with local firm Stoneham Construction.

While on one hand the carpentry skills he is gaining stand him in good stead for full employment at the end of the apprenticeship, the wages he is now earning are also very much a bonus for the 19-year-old.

"Even while I was on a pre-apprenticeship I was earning more than I was getting on the dole," said Jack, of Newport.

"But now I am on a full apprenticeship I am earning more still and also get some overtime as well, which is another bonus. Basically it means I can afford to go out whenever I want. The work

has made a great difference to my social life."

What's more, Jack is pleased to be learning a trade, with Stoneham's Simon Murphy as his mentor. He was referred to the pre-apprenticeship scheme by the Job Centre having returned to the Island from a spell in Northamptonshire.

He had previously undertaken a BTec qualification in construction while at school but drifted into other areas of temporary work before returning to the Island.

Once he teamed up with Island Training at the Isle of Wight College and Stoneham however, things really took off. Due to Jack's commitment and drive, it was only a few weeks before Stoneham decided to graduate Jack from pre-apprenticeship to full apprentice status.

Among major schemes Jack has already contributed to are the Nine Acres Primary School refurbishment at Newport, and the improvements to Ryde School.

Nigel Meaden from Stoneham, said: "Jack has fitted in well as a team member and is eager to learn. We are extremely pleased with the way things have worked out, thanks to the initial pre-apprenticeship programme. We have great expectations for Jack in the future."

Jack's hard work also gained him an accolade at the annual Isle of Wight College Awards Ceremony.

Janet Stevens from Island Training, said: "The council's pre-apprenticeship scheme allowed Jack to get a start with Stoneham Construction, where he has gained a great deal of experience. We are grateful to Stoneham Construction for giving Jack this opportunity, and we are extremely pleased that he managed to secure an apprenticeship with them in such a short space of time."

Scheme expanded to 70-plus pre-apprenticeships

Fifty young people have been awarded pre-apprenticeships under the council's scheme launched in 2011 - and 11 of these have already been converted into full apprenticeships.

The pre-apprenticeship scheme was launched to help reduce the number of young people aged 16 to 19 who were classified as NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

Each placement has been researched by the council, co-operating closely with work-based training providers,

to ensure both the young person and the business will benefit.

While the aim is to secure a full apprenticeship, even those who are unsuccessful will emerge with three things to help them gain work in the future: an employer's reference, general employment skills and something to add to their CV.

Due to the early success of the scheme in converting pre-apprenticeships to full apprenticeships, a further 21 pre-apprenticeship opportunities are being created.

Adam's role in worldwide firm

The sky's the limit for Adam Price, who is excelling at a successful local company that recruits, trains and supplies staff to the worldwide leisure industry.

In2Action has 260 staff across the globe including 13 at its base at Gurnard Pines. Among these Island-based employees is Adam, 17, who joined the company on the council's pre-apprenticeship scheme via Newport-based training provider HTP.

Former Carisbrooke High School pupil Adam, of Newport, sailed through his 12-week pre-apprenticeship scheme, focusing on business administration skills, and is now on a full apprenticeship with In2Action. Already his employer has high hopes for Adam within the company.

In2Action has steadily grown as a company and Adam is already very much a part of its future plans.

"We are extremely pleased with his progress, his work ethic, his commitment and his dedication," said George Ross, In2Action owner and managing director.

"He has put his all into everything he has been asked to do and we are fortunate to have him as part of the team."



"As a local company we were keen to be able to recruit someone from the Island. We wanted to give someone from the Island a chance and we are delighted with how things are going with Adam. He has gone from pre-apprentice to full apprentice and we would certainly hope that at the end of that there will be a role for him to continue to grow with us in full employment."

"We employ people worldwide and it is possible that Adam may want to work overseas at some point in his career with us."

For now, Adam (pictured) is working in a busy office environment to a plan devised with HTP.

Both George and Adam are delighted with both the pre-apprenticeship initiative and also the ongoing support provided by HTP.

Adam said: "It is all going very well. Going from pre-apprentice to full apprenticeship has given me more hours, I am learning new tasks and skills and, of course, my pay has gone up too."

"I want to continue to develop my skills and to go as high as I can with this company. There is a great team here – everyone is supportive and eager to help and give me advice."

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SCHOOL REPORT

Pictured: The piazza-style entrance under construction at Cowes Enterprise College



Building for the future

In the next month the Island's first new-build secondary school since the 1970s is due to be unveiled – with the opening of the £30 million

Cowes Enterprise College.

Contractor Pihl is due to hand over the new-look school, on the existing enterprise college site, in the next few weeks –

with pupils due in from the start of November.

The Cowes One School Pathfinder project, as it is known, is the largest single construction project forming part of the Island's school reorganisation programme.

The scheme's realisation creates a major new focal point for the community of Cowes as well as a modern learning environment on the former Cowes High School site.

The state of the art school will offer facilities including a 650-seat conference centre/auditorium, new

early years' provision and an outdoor amphitheatre – all for the community to enjoy when not in school use.

Two eye-catching features of the new school are the piazza-style entrance and the bio-diverse roof, featuring many plant species native to the Island.

It is a great privilege to witness the creation of these excellent new school facilities across the Island – especially the magnificent new schools at Cowes, Haylands and St Francis.
“Let us hope they will play a key role in creating a learning environment in which our schoolchildren can thrive and build a positive future.”

Janet Newton,
project director
for the council

Following the opening of the new buildings, the focus of the contractors will switch to the second phase of the project – the demolition of the old buildings and reinstatement of the site, to feature all weather sports pitches, a green gym and car parking facilities.

Cowes is among many communities across the Island which have been able to welcome new or improved school facilities in recent months.

The transformations have varied from extensions and upgrades to entirely new schools – all part of the changeover (since September 2011) to a two-tier system of primary and secondary schools.

The high quality facilities and two-tier structure are key factors in the drive to raise education standards for current and future generations of Island schoolchildren.

Two other new-builds are the £6 million Haylands Primary at Ryde and St Francis Primary at Ventnor.

The new Haylands Primary, on the former Swanmore Middle upper field, was formally opened in September by the Island's Lord-Lieutenant Major General Martin White.

The school was built by contractor Willmott Dixon Construction, the national firm which has been the council's framework partner for the overall project – supported by many Island-based contractors.

The site of the old Swanmore Middle buildings is being disposed of for redevelopment, and the future of the former Haylands Primary site in Playstreet Lane is currently being considered.

Meanwhile at St Francis Primary (on the former Ventnor Middle site), the building of the new school is due to finish this month, with a November/December handover by Willmott Dixon Construction. Pupils will start from January next year.

Pictured: The two-storey atrium at Haylands Primary School



Reinvesting in the future

Funding for all the school building schemes is being provided from a mixture of government sources and funds generated from the sale of surplus school sites – effectively reinvesting for the future.

Here are some updates on progress with other key aspects of the project:

Bembridge Primary moves to new site

The final remaining primary school to switch to an upgraded former middle school, Bembridge Primary, has now moved to the old Forelands Middle site.

Bembridge follows a long list of primary schools which have moved to old middle school sites over the past year.

Meanwhile, extension and alteration projects have been continuing at various primary school sites, including:

- Wootton Primary School – a two classroom extension was handed over in September and a double

mobile classroom is due to be removed by December 2013;

- Carisbrooke (C of E) Primary School – a two classroom extension and hall extension are due to be ready for use from early October;
- Summerfield Primary School, Newport – internal alterations and work on a courtyard were completed for September.

Gatten and Lake, and The Bay update

Work is due to start this month on the new-look 210-place Gatten and Lake Primary School – on the school's former detached playing field site.

The new Gatten and Lake school is a pre-designed 'Sunesis' project – a cost-effective way of building a new school to an adjustable traditional-build template, but including individual features. It is scheduled to be up and running by mid-May 2013.

A planning application was considered in September for another Sunesis-style school, for The Bay (C of E) Primary School, Sandown, combining

the former Grove Road and Carter Street schools to create a single site for The Bay Primary School on the current Grove Road site. If approved, this new school is planned to be ready for September 2013.

Special schools' consultation

Consultations are due to conclude this month into plans to provide enhanced and improved facilities for Island children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Two surplus primary school sites – at Love Lane, Cowes and Broadlea, Sandown – are earmarked to provide pupil referral units, WISE* workshops and a new Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulty (BESD) school. These schools would replace the pupil referral units currently at Thompson House at Whitecroft, the Clatterford Tuition Centre at

the St George's/Watergate site in Newport, and the WISE workshops at Dodnor and Sandown.

*WISE is a workshop initiative for supporting education.

Priority Schools Building Programme

It has recently been confirmed that four Island projects have been successful with bids under the national £2.5 billion Priority Schools Building Programme.

Two are local authority projects: Oakfield C of E Primary at Ryde and Carisbrooke College; and the other two are for Christ the King College at Newport (a joint diocese school) and Ryde Academy (an Academies Enterprise Trust school).

More details on the schemes will be announced in due course.



Pictured: The exterior of Haylands Primary School

More information

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GET SET FOR NEW-LOOK LEISURE CENTRES



It's all change at The Heights Leisure Centre, Sandown as months of refurbishment work come to an end.

Phase 1 has given the centre a new state-of-the-art Tone Zone gym, new activity studio, a deck-level main pool, two new accessible pool changing rooms, plus a new light and airy café area.

In the last few weeks before the re-opening, the pools are being retiled and new windows and doors fitted, the Tone Zone is being decorated and a new audio-visual system installed.

The café area now also has plenty of natural light from recently installed 'sun pipes', which illuminate the area.

Two of the Heights' squash courts, meanwhile, have been

The next two weeks will see the official unveiling of major refurbishment projects at two of the Island's leisure centres - The Heights, Sandown and Westridge, Ryde. Here we turn the spotlight on the schemes - and also a third project at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport

converted into a new activity studio – and at the end of Phase 2 in February 2013, there will be three activity studios at The Heights (one of which will be set up as a group cycle studio)

giving customers a wider range of classes to choose from.

Existing gym members can fast-track their way to the new Tone Zone with special induction sessions from

Saturday 6 to Friday 12 October. And while customers are viewing the new equipment, their One Card will be upgraded to a new Smart card, which they can use on the new Pulse SmartCentre. To take part, appointments should be booked at The Heights' reception.

New Tone Zone for Westridge

Meanwhile, work to convert the former boxing club area at Westridge, Ryde into a new 40 station gym is almost complete, and will open on Thursday 11 October.

The old gym will revert to a squash court in November. Westridge will then become



Pictured: Under construction – the new Tone Zone gym (left) and the refurbished swimming pool (right) at The Heights

Pictured: Three-dimensional view of the new Tone Zone for Westridge, Ryde



the Island centre for squash, including all league matches and coaching sessions.

The new gym will also have the latest hi-tech Pulse equipment and Pulse SmartCentre.

Westridge will also be open on Sundays from 9am to 1pm (from October).

Medina Leisure Centre upgrade

Work began in September to construct a new gym above the sports hall store at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport – giving views across the sports hall and Seaclose playing fields.

A new first floor activity studio is also being built. A new lift will give access to both facilities.

During Phase 1 there will be some temporary disruption to the Tone Zone, including a reduced number of stations.

Some classes have also been cancelled. The dryside changing rooms will be closed until the end of Phase 1 in mid-January. Due to the limited wet-side changing facilities, customers are asked, where possible, to come already changed for their activity.

During October, no football, basketball or team sports will take place in the sports hall, although badminton, short tennis and table tennis can still be played.

You can keep up to date with work at all three leisure centres at iwight.com or if you'd like to receive regular newsletter updates (and special offers), email: leisure@iow.gov.uk and you'll be added to our email list.



New gym space, equipment and opportunities

The new gyms at all three facilities are being equipped by Cheshire-based company Pulse Fitness.

Still managed by its founders, Christopher and David Johnson, Pulse has become the UK and Ireland's largest fitness solutions provider over the last 32 years.

As well as a proven track record in designing stylish and functional fitness equipment, Pulse also designs, builds and operates facilities throughout the country and develops investment partnerships with local authorities, leisure trusts and educational establishments.

Each of the gyms will feature Pulse's latest range of cardiovascular and resistance equipment:

- Fusion cardiovascular equipment features the latest self-powered wireless technology to ensure it is the most environmentally responsible range of equipment available. Each piece of equipment will benefit from a 15 ins LCD screen and a full range of Freeview channels – combined with iPod connectivity.
- Pulse's latest Evolve range of resistance equipment combines design and biomechanical efficiency to replicate the body's natural three-dimensional movement.

Both the Fusion and Evolve ranges have been specifically designed to cater for less able-bodied users and will increase the accessibility of the three gyms.

Smart equipment means Smart training solutions

Another feature of both the Fusion and Evolve ranges is their compatibility with Pulse's SmartCentre gym management software.

The easy to use SmartCentre is a big step in the future of fitness training and membership management – gym users will have a Smart card (pictured left) to replace their existing One Card. Benefits include:

- increased levels of contact with instructors;
- instructors being able to monitor fitness, health and medical issues quickly and efficiently and respond to customers' needs;
- delivery of bespoke programmes tailored to individual needs;
- easy to monitor workouts and progress.

Fast-track access to the new gyms at The Heights and Westridge

Familiarisation sessions have been arranged at The Heights. Existing Heights and Westridge users will be able to view and try out the new equipment and be issued with a new Smart One Card.

The sessions, lasting around 45 minutes, are between Saturday 6 October and noon on Friday 12 October – starting on the hour throughout each day.

To take advantage of these sessions simply contact reception at the Heights and book your place; it is important that you attend and obtain your new card as you won't be able to use the new gyms without a new Smart One Card.

In a spin?

As part of Phase 2 at the Heights, not only will the existing studio be refurbished but the Health Zone area will also be

refurbished, becoming a group cycle studio with 21 spin bikes. Group cycling provides a combination of fun and physical activity which you can pursue at your own pace in a class-style environment.

Dates to look out for...

The new 40-station gym at Westridge will open at 9am on **Thursday 11 October**.

Work will commence shortly after this to convert the existing gym back into a squash court – this will feature a wider doorway to ensure that all aspects of the facility are as accessible as possible.

Phase 1 of The Heights opens to the public at 7am on **Monday 15 October** and features a refurbished deck level pool, fully refurbished wetside changing area including two accessible changing areas, new look café, refurbished reception and the 70-station gym complete with its state-of-the-art equipment.



Budget 2013/2014

- what you told us and our response

To help shape the 2013/2014 budget, the council held a series of consultation exercises during the summer.

These included meetings with businesses, community groups, unions and town and parish councils – and an online budget simulator and survey.

Here we look at some of the findings, what we have done already in response, and explain what happens next

At the budget workshops - what you told us

Council priorities

- The council's priorities are generally reasonable and balanced.
- Economic growth and regeneration should remain a key priority, with a focus on business growth and investment, the upgrading of town centres, seafronts and town squares, extension of the tourist season and the creation of more job opportunities.
- We should raise the aspirations

of young people and generate opportunities for young people to stay on the Island.

- We should protect the elderly, the young, disabled and vulnerable people.

Council spending

- There should be capital grants and other initiatives to encourage business sustainability.
- There should be further council back office staff reductions and the sharing of job roles with the NHS.
- Focus should be on creating jobs and employment opportunities, especially for young people.

Some other suggestions

- Invite business associations to put forward ideas for enhancing the street scene.
- Allocate funding to tackle youth unemployment and create new employment activities for young people.
- Increase the export of locally produced goods and services.
- Put money into profiling the history and literary heritage of the Isle of Wight (eg literary festival, and the successful walking and cycling festivals).
- Pass on some responsibilities to town and parish councils (eg allotments and car parks).



Investment was suggested for events such as the Isle of Wight Walking Festival

Starting earlier

In recent years the council has asked the public to play a key role in shaping its annual budget and spending plans.

As a result of previous feedback, this year the programme of consultations was held far earlier than usual, mainly during July rather than November/December. This was to give the public more time to have an influence on the budget before it is set next February.



Street scene improvements were also suggested

Online budget simulator

The online simulator allowed you to indicate your priorities for the council by increasing or decreasing spending in service areas.

Despite low numbers responding, you told us your overall desire was to increase

budgets, the most popular being adult social care (+1.3 per cent). This was closely followed by other adult services (+1.17 per cent), then rights of way and transport (+0.12 per cent). All other areas showed a decrease in budget allocation.

The most significant decrease was in corporate support service areas (-5.51 per cent) and the lowest decrease was in highways (-0.07 per cent).

Just over half of those

responding wanted council tax kept at existing levels.

Your thoughts on one-off spending

In the survey and workshops you told us that:

- the council should allocate funding to a range of initiatives to help tackle youth unemployment;
- the council should invite business associations to put

forward ideas for enhancing the street scene in their area;

- the council should make one-off funding available to the community to help them take responsibility for council property or buildings.

But most of you disagreed that:

- the council should allocate capital investment for the supply of beach huts in key locations.

What we've already agreed and what happens next

We have agreed to spend a one-off sum of £400,000 by funding £300,000 of initiatives to tackle youth unemployment and to make an extra £100,000 available to boost tourism marketing. We have also agreed to identify land for new beach huts – rather than provide them ourselves.

All feedback from the budget consultation will contribute to the budget and council tax report due to be published early in 2013. This will then be debated by the council's Cabinet and Full Council prior to the budget being agreed in February.

There is still time to make your views known. If you have further comments or views you can email RICTeam@iow.gov.uk or write to RIC Team, County Hall, Newport Isle of Wight PO30 1UD by 30 November 2012. More details about the findings can be viewed at www.iwight.com (see September Cabinet reports).

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COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT IS CHANGING

As part of its welfare reforms, the government is proposing to abolish the current national Council Tax Benefit Scheme.

From 1 April 2013 all local councils, including the Isle of Wight Council, will have to replace the current benefit scheme with a local council tax support scheme for all working-age claimants. The government has told local councils that people of pensionable age (those of qualifying state pension credit age) will not be affected by any changes.

What does the change mean?

When the new local schemes start on 1 April 2013, the government will pass on the funding to local authorities, but will reduce this by about ten per cent. For the Isle of Wight, if we were to just continue with the current council tax benefit scheme, it would mean there would be a funding shortfall of £1.9 million.

In creating the new local Council Tax Support Scheme the Isle of Wight Council is considering a number of options which limits the amount of benefit payable. The council is keen to create a scheme which is fair and affordable, not only to people claiming council tax support but for all council tax payers, and for the council.

In the proposals pensioners and most disabled claimants will not be affected

HAVE YOUR SAY

A public consultation on the various options being considered by the council will run from 24 September to 30 November 2012.



You can read more information and tell us your thoughts by completing a survey online at www.iwight.com



Pick up a questionnaire at Island libraries, help centres and children's centres.



To receive a paper copy of the consultation document and questionnaire Please call us on **(01983) 823653**, or email **customer.services@iow.gov.uk** or write to us at **Isle of Wight Council Offices, Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9EA.**





Introducing Island Roads



We are pleased to announce

The Isle of Wight Council and Vinci Ringway have signed the 25 year historic Highways PFI contract. Vinci Ringway have now created a dedicated company on the Island named "Island Roads" to deliver the highway services under this PFI contract. "Island Roads" will become a household name for the Islanders and will be working to provide a hugely improved highway network.

www.ringway.co.uk



ANNUAL REPORT AND SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/2012

Each year the council is required to publish its accounts to show the public how much money it has been spending on different services.

This feature provides a summary of the council's accounts for 2011/2012, its priorities during the year and the challenges it faces in the future...

The financial year 2011/2012 was a challenging 12 months for the Isle of Wight Council – and further tough decisions are faced over the coming years.

Against this backdrop, the council continues to prioritise its resources on those services that it has a legal duty to provide and in those areas that have been identified as priorities.

Our priorities in 2011/2012 were: raising educational standards, the Highways PFI scheme, keeping children safe, supporting older and vulnerable residents, housing and homelessness, regeneration and the

economy, and the delivery of budget savings through changed service provision.

Added to this list was the development of a new waste strategy to ensure the Island has the best possible collection, disposal, recycling and waste management in place for the future.

Investment in these priority areas came despite a significant reduction in the grant received from central government. It meant last year's budget was £339 million, compared to £362 million in 2009/2010 and £368 million in 2010/2011.

This reduction coincided with increasing

demand for some services, particularly adult social care, together with rising costs. As a result, the council recognised that a budget gap of £33.134 million would need to be met over four years from 2011/2012, with the majority required in the first two years.

To achieve this, the council agreed a savings programme that sought, as far as possible, to preserve frontline services while at the same time, increasing efficiency. This included cutting the number of chief officer and senior officer posts by over a third.

These efforts achieved the required savings and even allowed the council to re-invest some money back into priority areas, particularly moves to stimulate the local economy and create employment opportunities for young people.

Our key priorities in 2011/2012



Highways PFI scheme

Work is due to start on the Highways Private Finance Initiative in April next year. Under the scheme, all the Island's publicly adopted roads will be brought up to an unprecedented standard as will footways, cycleways, pavements and street lighting.

Also included in the project will be street cleaning, verge maintenance and winter maintenance operations.

Every effort is being made to ensure the 25-year contract represents the very best value for money and gives the highest standards of service.

To ensure this, a huge amount of preparation was needed and in 2011/2012 the council committed the required resources to ensure this could take place.

Raising educational standards

The number of Isle of Wight students achieving the key indicator of five or more A* to C grades at GCSE improved when compared with 2010. Around 75 per cent of students achieved five or more A* to C grades on the Island in 2011. This compared to 70 per cent in 2010 (the recently released 2012 figure is 72.8 per cent).

A level figures released by the Island's high schools showed the percentage of students achieving passes significantly increased compared to the previous year. The overall pass rate (A to E grades) improved by just under one percentage point, giving the Island an average of 97 per cent – almost on a par with the national average.

Work continued in 2011/2012 on major building projects to create three new schools as part of the school reorganisation project. Haylands Primary School has now been completed, the new St Francis Primary in Ventnor is due for handover in December, while students are due to move into the new £30 million Cowes Enterprise College shortly.



Regeneration and the economy

The council has continued to develop a scheme called the Solent Ocean Energy Centre which will create both a centre for the development of tidal energy technology and an area where successful equipment could be deployed. Hundreds of jobs on the Island and throughout the region will be created by the project.

The council also launched pre-apprenticeship and full apprenticeship schemes to help young people back into work. So far around 60 young people have taken advantage of this scheme.

Plans have been announced to invest £3 million to help make super-fast broadband technology available to most homes on the Island.



Keeping children safe

The council has recognised the importance of early help for families that is local, easily accessible and helps parents build on their strengths and abilities. The Island's children's centres are key in delivering this and, while they are provided by a variety of organisations, all have been found to be 'good' or 'outstanding' when inspected by Ofsted. This work is complemented by other approaches which bring together schools, health professionals and others to work together in a "team around the family" approach.

For those families experiencing the greatest challenges or where children may be at the highest risk, the council has adopted a new way of delivering children's social work that strengthens a team-based approach and is more focused on social workers spending time working directly with families rather than completing paperwork.

While the rest of the country has seen an increase in the numbers of children and young people in local authority care, the Island has seen a reduction as we have either enabled children to return home successfully or helped them move into alternative permanent family placements.



Housing and homelessness



In 2011/2012 the council helped towards the provision of 205 new affordable homes across the Island – more than double the target of 100 for the year.

These homes were in a range of developments including a rural scheme of six units at Brading, eight units for disabled people adjacent to Southern Quarter, Oakfield, Ryde, 15 one and two bed flats at the former Wight Motors site, Ryde, 42 mostly two bed apartments at Hawthorn Meadows, East Cowes and 26 two and three bed houses for discounted market sale on nearby land.

Work continued, and continues, at Pan Meadows, Newport, where 74 two, three and four bed homes, of which nine were shared ownership, became available.



The delivery of budget savings

The council continued in 2011/2012 to change the way it operates in order to provide services as efficiently as possible – including embarking on a programme to cut the number of buildings from which it operates from 42 to seven.

Part of this involves modifying County Hall to accommodate nearly twice as many staff and also to provide customers with better facilities and opportunities to do the business they require online.

The majority of the overall savings (76 per cent in 2011/2012) have come from administration efficiencies, including the reduction in the number of chief officer and senior officer posts.

Supporting older and vulnerable residents

The results of a survey of those receiving adult social care during 2011/2012 showed they were increasingly satisfied with the service provided.

During the year the council assisted 30 per cent of eligible residents onto a personal budget – ahead of the target and above the national average.

Also in 2011/2012, 215 disabled facilities grants totalling £1.14 million were approved.

People Matters, a new organisation led by and representing the interests of service users, was also successfully established.



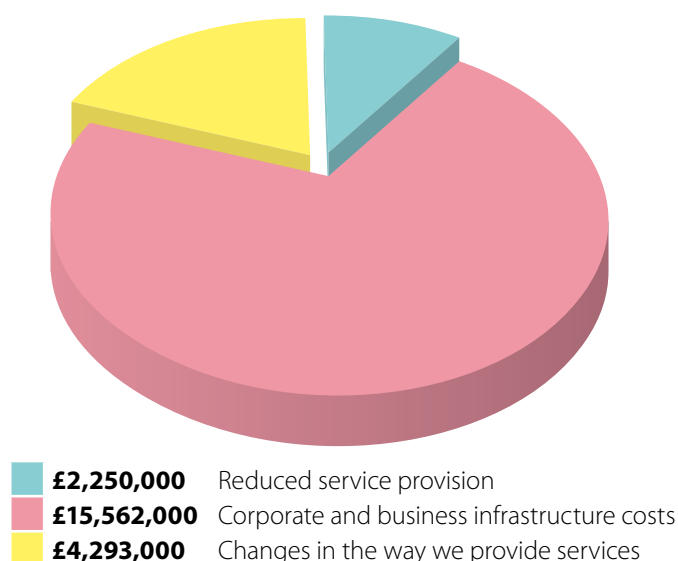
Summary financial position for 2011/2012

The overall net expenditure for the council during 2011/2012 was £2.29 million lower than anticipated in the budget. Of this, £1.8 million was allocated to earmarked reserves to provide for the procurement of the waste contract, economic development fund, new employment initiatives and other pressures. The net saving of £0.49 million has been added to the general fund balance which at 31 March 2012 totalled £8.55 million.

Directorate	Budget £000's	Net expenditure £000's	Net outturn position £000's
Chief executive, schools and education	7,653	7,492	-161
Director of resources	12,358	11,881	-477
Director of economy and environment	35,323	34,398	-925
Director of community wellbeing and social care	64,822	64,094	-728
Corporate accounts	14,891	14,892	1
Net revenue expenditure	135,047	132,757	-2,290
Revenue support grant	-63,594	-63,594	
Council tax income	-71,453	-71,453	
Net budget saving	0	-2,290	
Transfer to earmarked reserve	0	1,800	
Net saving transferred to general fund	0	-490	
Opening general fund balance	-8,060	-8,060	
Net saving transferred to general fund	0	-490	
Closing general fund balance	-8,060	-8,550	

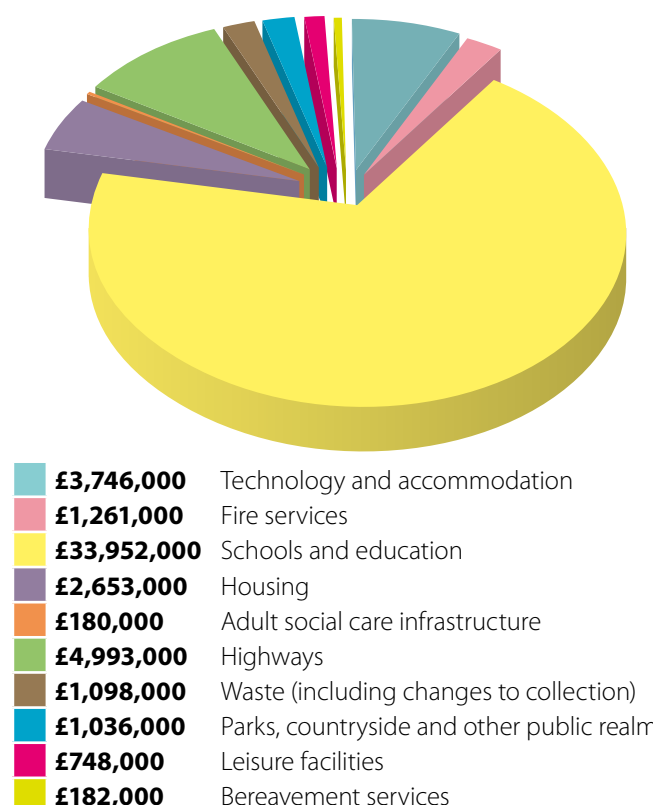
2011 to 2012 reductions in costs

Strong financial management and control measures across all service areas contributed to the achievement of a net saving at the year end, which included reducing gross costs by £22.105 million across the council (see the chart below).



2011 to 2012 capital investment

Capital spending is spending which creates or enhances assets that have a life of more than one year. The council began the year with an ambitious programme of capital investment projects and achieved in year capital expenditure of £49.849 million compared to a budget of £56.032 million – equivalent to 89 per cent delivery of the amended programme. The remainder of the approved capital programme not spent in 2011/2012 has been moved into 2012/2013.



Statement by director of resources

I certify that the statement of accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2012.

The council's statement of accounts has been audited by the Audit Commission – the government's public spending watchdog, and the final accounts were approved for publication by the council's Audit Committee on 24 September 2012. A copy of the full statement of accounts is available on iwight.com

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO CARE?

Do you feel you can make a difference to a young person's life by becoming a foster carer?



The Island has many youngsters in foster care, but also suffers from a lack of carers, in particular for teenagers, sibling groups, and parent and child placements.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer, **call (01983) 525790, or visit www.iwight.com/fostering**

The fostering and adoption team can offer good advice and dispel any concerns.

Family Link scheme

The Family Link scheme also needs support from new and existing foster carers.

This scheme places children with disabilities with 'link families' for a short break of a few hours or a couple of nights every month.

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GET THE JAB, GET FLU SAFE

As the autumn sets in and winter approaches, it's time for those at greatest risk from flu to protect themselves and their families, and get flu safe with a free flu jab.

Flu is a highly contagious infection that anyone can catch, and it can be a really serious illness for some. Those at greater risk from flu include people aged 65 or over, pregnant women, and those with health conditions such as severe asthma, chest or heart complaints and diabetes.

From October 2012, those people at most risk will be encouraged to get flu safe with a free jab from their GP or local pharmacy if they are under 65.

The NHS in England is launching the new Flu Safe campaign to remind people that they should get a flu jab.

Flu Safe is a national message to highlight the importance of getting the jab, and carries facts about flu to dispel common misconceptions.

Dr Jenifer Smith, director of public health for the Island, said: "Flu is not just a cold – it can be a really serious illness for some people and it doesn't just affect older people. If you're pregnant, have lowered immunity or a long term health condition such as severe asthma, a chest or heart



A flu jab being administered at Brookside Health Centre, Freshwater

complaint, or diabetes then you should also get a free flu jab from your GP and get flu safe. The flu jab is completely safe, and it can't give you flu."

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust is encouraging everyone on the Island who knows anyone who may be at risk from flu to tell them how important it is that they get protected.

People who are carers and frontline health and social care staff are also encouraged to get a free jab to protect themselves and those around them.

The flu vaccine changes every year to fight the latest strains of flu, so even if you had a jab last winter you need another one this year to stay flu safe. The jab doesn't contain the 'live' virus so it cannot give you the flu.

Dr Smith added: "Flu can increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses such as bronchitis and pneumonia, and can make existing conditions much worse. Flu can knock you off your feet and make it hard to look after the kids or go to work. In the most serious cases, seasonal flu might land you in hospital – it can even be a killer.

"If you're in any of the 'at risk' groups, the flu jab is completely free and is a safe way of protecting you and your family in a matter of minutes."

The best time to be vaccinated is at the start of the flu season from October to early November, so it's good to get in early and get flu safe in time for the winter.

Simply contact your GP to arrange a convenient appointment and get your jab. Alternatively, if you are under 65 you can walk in to your local pharmacy. It's quick, safe and free for those most at risk from the virus.

For more information, speak to your GP or local pharmacist, or visit www.nhs.uk/flu

Flu facts

- The flu jab can't give you flu.
- The flu jab is perfectly safe.
- The flu virus changes, so you need a flu jab every year.
- If you're pregnant, the flu jab doesn't harm your unborn baby. In fact it can protect your baby from flu for the first few months of life.
- The flu jab also protects against swine flu.
- The flu jab isn't just for older people – pregnant women, those with health conditions, carers, and those with weakened immunity should all get the jab.
- The flu jab protects people of all ages.
- Flu isn't just a cold, it can be a really serious illness.

Are you flu safe? Get the jab!



"Flu can be a serious illness... are you at risk?"

Getting a flu jab can protect you all winter. It's free if you are pregnant, over 65, or have a health condition such as severe asthma, diabetes, a chest, heart, liver or kidney complaint, or lowered immunity.

It's quick, safe and free. To book your jab, speak to your GP practice today.


www.nhs.uk/flu

Over 65?

If you are over 65, it is vital to get a flu jab, to protect you at the time of year when you are most vulnerable.

People aged 65 or over can get a free flu jab on the NHS at their GP surgery. This will give them the best possible protection against the virus. Those who care for older people are also advised to get vaccinated to protect not only themselves, but the person that they care for, who may be particularly vulnerable.

The best time to get the jab is at the start of the flu season, from October to early November, so it's good to get in early and get flu safe in time for winter.

Simply contact your GP to arrange a convenient appointment and get your jab. It's quick, safe and free for those aged 65 or over.

Under 65 and have a serious medical condition?

If you're in any of the 'at risk' groups, the flu jab is completely free and available at some community pharmacies (*see list opposite*), as well as your local GP practice. Pregnant women are encouraged to speak to their midwife.

List of pharmacies offering the flu jab to under 65s

- **Your Local Boots**
Tower House, Rink Road, Ryde
- **Regent Pharmacy, Shanklin**
59 Regent Street, Shanklin
- **Your Local Boots**
Cowes Medical Centre, 200 Newport Road, Cowes
- **Lloyds Pharmacy**
Church Path, East Cowes
- **Day Lewis Pharmacy**
7 High Street, Cowes
- **Regent Pharmacy**
Well Road, East Cowes
- **Day Lewis (Siddys)**
86-88 High Street, Newport
- **Boots the Chemist**
1 High Street, Shanklin
- **Boots the Chemist**
3 High Street, Ventnor
- **Lloyds Pharmacy**
18 Esplanade, Ryde
- **Lloyds Pharmacy**
Sandown Health Centre, The Heights, The Broadway, Sandown
- **Day Lewis (Siddys)**
43 High Street, Wootton Bridge, Ryde
- **Day Lewis (Siddys)**
22 Carisbrooke High Street, Carisbrooke
- **Boots the Chemist**
170-172 High Street, Ryde
- **Your Local Boots**
25 High Street, Bembridge
- **Niton Pharmacy**
High Street, Niton
- **Day Lewis Pharmacy**
51 Regent Street, Shanklin
- **Gibbs & Gurnell**
34 Union Street, Ryde
- **Sainsburys**
Foxes Road, Newport
- **Lloyds Pharmacy**
22E Carisbrooke Road, Newport
- **Day Lewis Pharmacy**
23 Sandown Road, Lake, Sandown
- **Seaview Pharmacy**
Pier Road, Seaview
- **Your Local Boots**
1 Moa Place, School Green Rd, Freshwater
- **Your Local Boots**
107 High Street, Sandown

Are you flu safe? Get the jab!



"You'd do everything you can to protect your baby..."

People often don't realise that flu can be a serious illness. If you're pregnant, flu can knock you off your feet for weeks, and you are more at risk of flu complications such as pneumonia.

A flu jab is quick, safe and free. To book your jab, speak to your GP practice today.



www.nhs.uk/flu



Protect yourself and your baby

You would do anything to protect your unborn baby, but many pregnant women don't realise how dangerous and debilitating flu can be. Getting vaccinated against flu is the best way to protect yourself and your baby from the virus, and make sure you stay flu safe all winter.

If you're pregnant the flu jab is quick, safe and completely free – just ask your midwife, GP or local pharmacy and make an appointment. You can have the jab at any stage of pregnancy, and it can also protect your baby for the first few months after birth.

Annie Hunter, head of midwifery at St Mary's Hospital, said: "Pregnant women are at increased risk of serious illness if they catch flu. In fact, studies have shown that pregnant women with some strains of

flu are four times more likely to develop serious illness and four to five times more likely to be admitted to hospital than the general population.

"Research shows that the jab is safe for mother and baby and can be given at any stage of pregnancy. The earlier you have the vaccine the better as it means you will be protected for the whole winter. Remember that flu can lay you low for a couple of weeks and make it really difficult to look after your kids or go to work – when it's so easy to avoid with a quick jab it's the last thing you need when you're pregnant."

It normally takes up to two weeks to develop protection after the vaccine, and protection against flu lasts all winter. Pregnant women are urged to get a jab as soon as possible to minimise the risk to themselves and their babies.



Pride in a personal service

Vectis Housing Association prides itself on its local service of providing affordable homes for Island people. Here we take a look at its work and how it links with the council to help the homeless and others in housing need

Across the Island, Vectis Housing Association manages close to 370 properties to help give Island people the security of a roof over their head.

A not-for-profit community organisation, Vectis is a tenth of the size of either of the main larger Island housing associations, both of which are now part of mainland groups.

But as chief executive, Paul Hann, explains: "We are very much solely an Isle of Wight-based operation and remain independent of any larger group, even though we do work with a

consortium in order to secure the few grant-funded new homes which are still available."

Vectis owns 310 properties and leases another 60 from private landlords.

With or without public subsidy, Vectis also creates a small number of new homes each year. Its latest development is for eight new three-bed houses, semi-detached and terraced, at Ash Court, Upper Ventnor.

"We tend, and prefer, to focus on providing smaller developments, and supporting closer knit communities. We are very keen to unlock the

potential of any such project which may otherwise be stalled because of the current economic environment.

"Over the last 20 years we have provided an average of around eight to ten new homes a year, mostly working with local building firms whose quality in construction matches our own pursuit of excellence in what we do."

Until recently there was a minimum public subsidy of 30 per cent to help such developments, but now Vectis and its counterparts are having to find that element of funding via other means.

Vectis also links with other housing associations and the Isle of Wight Council as a partner in the Island Homefinder Choice Based Lettings Scheme. The scheme deals with the allocation of homes from a central list administered by the council.

And through the Housing Association Leasing Scheme, Vectis leases a range of properties from private landlords to help provide homes for those in need – while taking away the management hassles for those landlords.

"We have built this up to 60 homes over a 16 year period, and

have a bank of landlords who are very positive about the idea. We are the only association who have continued with this scheme – and are able to offer some of these properties to the council to nominate homeless people for," said Paul.

"We hope through schemes such as this we can give more Island tenants relative security of tenure for the future.

"We pride ourselves on our local service to tenants and our one-to-one relationship with them. You could say we are the epitome of localism."

About Vectis Housing Association

Vectis is based in new, accessible premises in Chapel Street, Newport, with seven full-time and two part-time staff.

The governance of the association is overseen by an unpaid board of management.

The association also operates a tenants' forum, of eight tenant volunteers, who meet to scrutinise and shape the service delivery. Two of these tenants also sit on the board of management.

To find out more about the association or for any enquiries, you can call 525985.

TIME & PLACE

ACTIVITIES

Isle of Wight Bus and Coach Museum Annual Running Day (14 October)

Vintage buses in operation to local destinations, including visiting vehicles from the mainland, Newport Quay, 10am to 4.30pm.

Evensong (21 October)

Service of hymns and prayers, Langbridge Chapel, Lower Newchurch, 4pm.

Mass and confirmation (4 November)

Combined service for the congregations of All Saints' Godshill, St Alban's Upper Ventnor and St Saviour's Shanklin, at All Saints' Godshill, 10am.

Act of Remembrance (11 November)

At St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 9.30am. and at All Saints' Church, Godshill, 11am.

Huge Hospice Quiz (15 November)

Largest charity quiz on the Island, Lower Hyde, Shanklin, 7pm, to raise funds for Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Newport, teams of four should register in advance with hospice fund raising, tel: 528989, £20 per team.

Evening Prayer (18 November)

A service to mark the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, Langbridge Chapel, Lower Newchurch, 4pm.

Sung mass (2 December)

To celebrate the start of Advent, 9.30am, Advent carols, 3pm, St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor.

Service to honour St Nicholas of Myra (6 December)

At St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 5pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition of paintings (1-31 October)

Imaginative and colourful paintings

and prints by Pat Clarke, Brading Roman Villa Café, Brading.

Andrew Dowden Ceramic Designs, autumn exhibition (5 to 7 October)

Distinctive contemporary ceramics at Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission to visitor centre to view exhibition free.

Cowes in the 50s (20 October – 11 November)

Cowes Heritage annual exhibition, a display of

photographs and memorabilia, Regatta Office, The Parade, Cowes, 10am to 4pm, free entry.

FAIRS & SHOWS

Craft Fair (13 October, 8 December)

Organised by the Isle of Wight Craft Guild, all items handmade locally, Parish Hall, Newport, 10am to 3.30pm.

St Saviour's Christmas Fair (24 November)

Christmas fair, with craft stalls, bric-a-

5 October to 31 December

brac, books, tombola, raffle, cakes etc, at St Saviour's on the Cliff Church, Queen's Road, Shanklin, 10am to 2pm.

MEETINGS

We regret due to space limitations we have had to hold back the 'meetings' section for this edition.

MUSIC

Ian Siegal + Support

(5 October)
Winner of the MOJO blues album of the year (2009), Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm, tickets £12/£14, contact box office, tel: 822490.

Ensemble 360

(13 October)
West Wight Arts Association presents a memorial concert to celebrate the life of Conrad Piper, performing Schubert, Brahms and Mozart,

Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets from Totland Parish Council office or tel: 756028 or email: totlandparish@googlemail.com

Newchurch Male Voice Choir charity concert

(20 October)
With invited special guests, St Olave's Church, Gatcombe, 7.30pm, proceeds to church funds, contact Barry Leahy, tel: 564637.

Concert

(27 October)
In memory of the late Alan Course, All Saints' Church, Godshell, 3pm.

Alexandra Dariescu

(10 November)
West Wight Arts Association presents pianist Alexandra Dariescu performing Beethoven, Scarlatti, Schumann and Chopin, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets from Totland Parish Council



Award-winning blues singer Ian Siegal will be performing on the 5 October at Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm

office or tel: 756028 or email: totlandparish@googlemail.com

50th anniversary concert, Newchurch Ladies Choir

(10 November)
Celebrating a half century of music for and in the community, Newchurch

Community Hall, 7.30pm.

Wu Quartet

(8 December)
West Wight Arts Association presents violinists Qian Wu and Edward Brenton, Matthew Kettle on viola and Joe Zeitlin on cello, performing Haydn, Janacek and Brahms, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets from Totland Parish Council office or tel: 756028 or email: totlandparish@googlemail.com

Newchurch Male Voice Choir Christmas concert

(21 December)
With invited special guests, All Saints' Church, Newchurch, 7.30pm, proceeds to Sandown and Shanklin Lifeboat, contact Barry Leahy, tel: 564637.

April to July 1836: the coming of the Poor Law to the Isle of Wight

(7 November)
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association by Johanna Jones, local historian, venue to be confirmed, 7.30pm, visitors welcome, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

What the Dickens

(15 November)
Vectis Decorative and Fine Arts Society presents an illustrated talk about the life and times of Charles Dickens, by Jane Tapley, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, coffee from 7.15pm, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

The Spy Beside the Sea

(6 December)
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association by Adrian Searle, local historian and author, 6th Form Campus, Orchard Street entrance, Newport, 7.30pm, visitors welcome, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

Venice and her music

(13 December)
Vectis Decorative and Fine Arts Society presents a talk about Adrian Willart and how he revitalised the music at St Mark's, by Janet Canetty-Clark, Royal Academy of Music, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

THEATRE

The Apollo Theatre's 41st season

(October – December)
The Apollo Players present their 41st season, including The Real Thing by Tom Stoppard (24 Oct – 3 Nov) and The Railway Children (12-22 Dec), Apollo Theatre, Newport, 7.30pm, all tickets £7, visit: www.apollo-theatre.org.uk

The Broadway Revue

(11-13 October)
Curtain Up Amateur Dramatic Society presents an evening of music and laughter, Totland Church Hall, 7.30pm, tickets tel: 754654 or 754236.

Sweeney Todd

(24-28 October)
Stageworks Theatre Company presents the musical comedy thriller, 7.30pm (2.30pm Sunday matinee), tickets £12 adults, £8 under-15s, contact Shanklin Theatre box office, tel: 868000.

Jack and the Beanstalk

(13-15 December)
New Strolling Players present a traditional pantomime, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm (plus matinee on 15 Dec, 2pm), tickets adult £6, children £3, family (two adults and two children) £15, from The Cabin, Freshwater, tel: 752956 or 754654.

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TALKS

Stunners

(11 October)
Vectis Decorative and Fine Arts Society presents an illustrated talk about pre-Raphaelite models and muses, by Dr Anne Anderson, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, coffee from 7.15pm, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.