



Shanklin Town Council

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Town Mayor's address

Councillor Chris Quirk, Shanklin Town Mayor

This is my second address as Town Mayor. I took over as Mayor from Cllr Steve Knight who has led the town council through

the difficult period of the Covid-19 pandemic, and I commend him for his hard work ensuring that everything continued in the town during the periods of lockdown, along with our Town Clerk Stella, and recently appointed new Council Officer Jon Gilbey, himself a former Councillor and Mayor with a wealth of understanding of local infrastructure issues.

As we welcome new Councillors, we also lose a few of our established Councillors, two familiar former Mayors John Fleming and Richard Priest, both retired as Town Councillors after many years serving our community and we wish them both well for the future, Richard is now the Town Clerk in Sandown. We also saw the departure of Sarah James and our former Mayor's Consort Esther Knight; our thanks to our retiring Cllrs for their efforts over the years.

As we come out of Covid-19 lockdown and

Shanklin hopefully returns to a more normal life, you will see the impact of the town council on our local infrastructure; the toilets at the bottom of Hope Road have been refurbished, and those at Chine Bluff re-opened as a unisex facility, pending the construction of new toilets on an adjacent piece of land nearby, owned by Ann Springman of Shanklin Chine. Our toilets at Falcon Cross Road and Tower Cottage Gardens were again awarded 'Best Loo' status, and are open along with the facilities in Rylstone Gardens. If you find any of our toilets that are not in a clean and sanitary state, there is a phone number displayed outside that you can call to report the situation which should be quickly resolved.

We have looked at the possibility of installing temporary toilets at the Spa Car Park site to replace the old toilets that are no longer useable, however to date a suitable solution has not been found, although options are under consideration.

You may have noticed that the safety buoys have reappeared off the beaches in Shanklin and across the Bay. We have been fighting to get these re-instated to give a clear reference

point for jet-ski riders and other power craft off the extend of the swimming areas, it is illegal for powered craft to go faster than 5mph inside these marker buoys.

You will have noticed the flowers in the hanging baskets and planters around the town that are providing their usual colourful display. The town council are also replacing the flagpole on the esplanade.

I am also in discussion with the IW Council over repairs and reinstatement for the historic Cliff Paths in Shanklin and Luccombe, this is currently work in progress with core sample testing underway in some sites. These issues will not be solved instantly as significant expenditure is involved, but we are seeking to resolve the long-term issues of our Cliff Paths.

On a final note, I had the pleasure of opening the Elizabeth Milton Skincare Clinic, a new business at the beautiful local Grade 11 listed Landguard Manor, known to many as a wedding venue but also housing a number of interesting local enterprises. The new business offers a range of dermatological treatments using the Zemits skincare system to deliver anti-ageing, skin lifting and tightening results.

**Best Regards Chris.
Shanklin Town Mayor (2021)**