

# Shanklin Town Council news

## Fireworks a fitting Regatta finale

Town Mayor's address by Councillor Jon Gilbey



Shanklin's Regatta was, as expected a very enjoyable day, with the grand finale being a superb fireworks display in the evening. A big thank you to Shanklin Rotary Club and all the volunteers for making this event possible.

I also attended the Shanklin in Bloom presentation evening at the RBL. This event just highlights how many individuals, and businesses

take a pride in the appearance of their gardens and frontages.

The renovation of Tower Cottage Gardens has already generated many positive comments from residents and visitors to the Old Village, and work on Falcon Cross is now well underway. The Town Council has invested almost £150,000 on the two projects, as well as securing improvements to Tower Cottage Gardens, which should improve public enjoyment of the green space in future years.

Both public toilets will be fully accessible, with special features for disabled users, including brail touch controls and amenities for parents and babies, as well as energy efficient initiatives and savings. These toilets will have a small 20p charge to help offset the running costs. Tower Cottage will also provide an

opportunity for income generation regarding a potential kiosk, selling drinks, sandwiches, and ice creams during the season. These locations are now covered by 24/7 CCTV, with live recordings being used to prosecute individuals who seek to damage or abuse these new facilities.

I would like to thank the public for their understanding of the amount of work that has gone into these facilities, causing a slight delay in the opening schedule, and for the comments received.

I hope you've all enjoyed this summer and all the events, even if it was a case of dodging the showers. West End' with my family. This was again a fantastic evening of entertainment by Jayne and her exceptional troop of performers. We are so lucky to have such talent on our own doorstep.

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