

Shanklin Town Council news

By Jon Gilbey

I have been given the huge honour of being elected as Shanklin Town Mayor for a fourth year. This will enable me to finish off the many projects I started last year as Town Mayor and in my previous roll of Isle of Wight Councillor.



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The new toilets are due to at last get underway. This has been quite a complex planning and design process especially as these units are custom built in Sweden for our two locations.

I've also managed to get the grassed area outside falcon cross toilets resurfaced by Regal resins to help tidy up this location with the potential to put a couple of benches back at some point, so many thanks to them and especially Nigel for donating this to the Town.

At this point I feel I must mention the glorious weather we have been having; I just hope it is not too much too soon.

Many of you may be aware of the 'Bring Bank' site on the spar car park

down on the Esplanade; this has become a dumping ground for litter from the coaches as well as some commercial refuse. After a conversation with the IWC, waste management team and Island roads, they have agreed to install eight dual recycle and general waste bins along the Esplanade, enabling the removal of the old units and hopefully increasing the recycling rate of our beach users.

Dash and Splash

I started this year's Dash and Splash from Shanklin to Sandown. The event seems to get bigger each year, so well done to all the entrants and of course the organisers and volunteers that make this all possible.

It has already been a busy couple of months with the general day-to-day contractual stuff alongside my official Mayoral duties. I had the honour of handing out the cups at this year's Shanklin rowing regatta that once again had fantastic support from the many clubs that come over to the Island to compete. A big thank you to all at the club for

organising this superb event, and from my point of view this starts the Town's summer of events off.

I attended The South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association meeting held at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton. This was the second time I have attended one of these events but the first time at NOCS. Excellent presentations were given by all the forces, followed by a tour of the centre that was extremely interesting.

I also attended the Trustees of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation Summer Reception, held at the Land Rover Ben Ainslie Racing (BAR) headquarters in Southampton. This was a fantastic venue with breathtaking views from the flight deck over the Harbour, especially on a lovely summers evening.

Finally you have me again for the next year filling this page with potentially exciting bathroom reading, but I sill hope you enjoy it!

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