



IWALC
July 2024
Serving Town, Parish
and community councils



County Officer report July 2024

We look forward to the AGM taking place on Thursday 25th July. Some nominations have been received for positions moving forwards into the 2024/2025 year.



Conversations have been happening with the County Officers regarding support for Town and Parish Councils, task forces have been set up to share best practice and help County Officers in this work.

I was able to speak with Go Collaborate this month, regarding their platform that encourages community participation in consultations. They are based in Cornwall and formed in 2019, helping councils, housing associations and community groups to run consultations in their respective communities. They offer affordable solutions that present data well and save councils a lot of time. The link to their website is <https://www.gocollaborate.co.uk>, for more of an in depth look please look at their Community projects demo platform <https://app.gocollaborate.co.uk/demo/anywhere-community/> and their Neighbourhood planning demo platform <https://app.gocollaborate.co.uk/demo/anywhere-parish/>. If you are interested in this, please email me at countyofficer@iwalc.org by 10th August and I will arrange a zoom call so that you can ask questions and find out more. They are keen to offer discounts to councils who sign up under County Associations, so the more that sign up the bigger the shared discount. Residents sign up with their email address and their postcode, which then gives them access to give feedback on projects your council are running.

Last week I completed the Carbon Literacy Project training and am waiting to be assessed. The next step in the process will be to become an accredited trainer, so that this training can be rolled out across towns and parishes on the Island. The new IWALC website is now running and up to date at www.iwalc.org.

Wellbeing

Isorropia Taster Session!

Isorropia is offering a free opportunity for ALL to come and learn about our island organisation, and how we can help islanders develop their mental wellbeing and thrive.

What is this?

A chance to learn more about Isorropia Foundation, and what we can do to help islanders master their mental wellbeing.


This will be a relaxed session to have all your questions answered!

Who is this for?

Absolutely anyone! You could come for yourself, to learn more for a friend or family member, or come as a professional to bolster your knowledge.



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 Aspire Ryde, Dover Street, Ryde, PO33 2BN

 Monday the 5th of August, from 14:00-15:30



Star Council awards

A quick reminder that NALC launched its Star Council Awards 2024 on 28 May 2024 – details can be found [here](#).

NALC's Star Council Awards (Sponsored by Clear Councils Insurance) are the only awards in England that recognise local (parish and town) councils' contributions to their communities. The long-running awards celebrate local councils, councillors, young councillors, county associations and clerks' positive impact on their communities. The winners will be announced at a parliamentary reception in the House of Lords.

These awards are only for parish and town councils, councillors, clerk and county associations. The deadline is 6th September.

NOMINATION GUIDANCE

Before you start:

- Make sure you are nominating someone for the correct category.
- Ensure your nominee fits the category criteria.

When completing the form:

- Start early and review your submission multiple times. A good approach is to write the submission paragraph elsewhere first so that you can edit it, only copying the final version into the form.
- Evidence is key. Judges will examine how the nominee fits the category criteria and reward those who have demonstrably gone above and beyond for their communities.
- Ensure the evidence is detailed – examples must be pertinent to the criteria and provide detailed context.
- Remember that the judges are not familiar with your nominee's work. When referring to specific projects or work undertaken, keep that in mind.
- Use plain language. The submission is short, so make sure you are clear and direct.
- Use multiple examples throughout the form, highlighting the daily breadth of work your nominee undertakes.

Before you submit:

- Make sure you've answered every question on the nomination form.
- Make sure your submission is within the word limit. Review your answers, ensuring you've supplied enough detail.
- Get someone else to proofread your answers.

If you have further questions or require guidance, please contact NALC at starcouncilawards@nalc.gov.uk.

Congratulations



Since the boundary changes occurred in 2023, for the first time on the Island, July 4th 2024 saw residents elect two MPs to serve on the Isle of Wight. Both MPs became well known as councillors for the Isle of Wight Council.

In West Wight, Richard Quigley was elected. Richard is a member of the Labour Party and was elected with 13,240 votes.



In East Wight, Joe Robertson was elected. Joe is a member of the Conservative Party and was elected with 10,427 votes.

Both Richard and Joe have been emailed, inviting them both to contribute to the monthly Newsletter, keeping our Towns and Parishes updated on the work they are carrying out on behalf of residents. We look forward to hearing from them for future newsletters.

The Island's Largest Ever ELECTRIC TRANSPORT SHOW

Sunday, 28th July 2024 - 10am to 4pm - Newport Quay and Riverside Centre

Going Electric is dedicated to showcasing electric transport in all its forms - not just Electric Vehicles (EVs), but vans, bikes, boats, charging infrastructure and visions of the future. With a 'Meet the Owners' area and expert talks in the Seminar Room on many aspects of home, transport and energy sustainability

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO AT GOING ELECTRIC

The Island's EV Motor Show

The Island's leading main dealers showing the very electric cars on offer

lesliesmotors

Van Mossel
Esplanade

Vehicle Consulting
Solent

premiermotors
SALES SERVICE RENTAL REPAIR

CITROËN
CENTRAL GARAGE (NEWPORT) LTD

SNOWS

Staddlestones

Over 30 Exhibition Stands and Display Areas

E-bikes

The latest E-bikes on display with test rides available

Home Energy

Solar Panels, Battery Storage, Heat pumps, EV charging and much more from the Islands best installers

Expert Talks

Talks from leading experts in the seminar room will look at how to select the EV that's right for you, vehicle charging, transport innovations, the Island's infrastructure, sustainability plans and more. Our talks are sponsored by Red Funnel



Meet the Owners

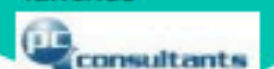
A dedicated area providing the perfect opportunity to meet EV owners and ask questions about their day-to-day use of EV's and how they fit into their lives.

Non-Profits

The islands best non-profits working in the energy saving sector, on hand to give you impartial advice on any related topic

Refreshments

Grab a drink or and Ice Cream out on the quayside in the PC Consultants zone or head to the Riverside cafe who'll be serving light lunches



- 1 Event Reception & info Point
- 2 Leslies Motors
- 3 Van Mossel Esplanade
- 4 Premier Motors
- 5 Staddlestones
- 6 Snows
- 7 Vehicle Consulting Solent
- 8 Central Garage Citroën
- 9 Island Renewables
- 10 Mission Zero Business Hub
- 11 Green IW CIC
- 12 Solar Renewables Installations Ltd
- 13 Keert
- 14 IOW Solar
- 15 Future Isle of Wight CIC
- 16 The Footprint Trust
- 17 Engenius
- 18 CycleWight
- 19 Richardsons Yacht Services
- 20 Cunningham Marine
- 21 WightBike
- 22 JoJu Charging
- 23 EVO Driver Training
- 24 Plaza Ices
- 25 Island Tea & Coffee
- 26 Meet the Owners
- 27 IW College
- 28 Co-op
- 29 Media Point

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To Seaclose
free parking

Refreshments
PC Consultants

WightBike
Bike Zone

Toilets

Meet & Greet Point

To Newport

Seminar Room
by Red Funnel

Cafe

Disabled Parking

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Please comment on social media about your visit to Going Electric



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Vehicles are left at the owners risk. The organisers have no responsibility for any lost items or the accuracy of any information provided by contributors to the event. By attending you accept that you may be photographed and agree to allow this to be used for any legitimate purpose in connection with the event.

The Islands Electric Vehicle and Green Technology is less than two weeks away.

Electric vehicles can now be bought for the same price as their conventional counterparts, heat pumps are becoming commonplace and solar panels provide a significant portion of the nation's power. This transition is good for the environment and thanks to the incredibly low running costs electric vehicles are also good for people's pockets.

If you are interested, join us on July 28th from 10 to 4pm at Newport Quay and Riverside centre.

The show is free to attend and features the islands biggest exhibition of electric cars, plus bikes, boats and energy saving technologies such as home solar, battery storage, heat pumps, EV charging systems, marine and off-grid installations from trusted local firms.

Visitors will be able to test E-bikes on site to get a feel for just how beneficial the addition of the small electric motors are for getting up hills!

The Going Electric show also provides a platform for many local non-profits that are operating in the energy saving sector, great for those seeking impartial energy advice. There will be half a dozen local EV owners keen to share their experiences of having EV's on the Isle of Wight, a great way for those who are unsure of switching to electric to hear direct from drivers who have many tens of thousands of miles of electric miles under their belts.

When visitors want to take a break from looking around the exhibition they can head into the main hall at the Riverside centre where there will be three one-hour-long talks covering transport, home technology and sustainability, all kindly sponsored by Red Funnel.

Disabled parking will be at the Riverside centre. Free parking is available at the Seaclose car parks situated to the north, just a five-minute walk away. Otherwise parking for the show can be found in Newport.

Tea coffee and ice cream will be served within the show itself at the PC Consultants refreshment zone and the Riverside Café will be open throughout the event for light bites to eat.

Going Electric 2024 show is kindly supported by main sponsor Ridge Clean Energy and Power to Change – strengthening communities through community businesses.

Full details of the event can be found here: <https://www.wightcommunityenergy.org/going-electric>

Calling tree loving citizens who are interested in becoming a tree warden

The Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Forum with the Isle of Wight Council and Parish Councils are looking into the possibility of recruiting and training tree wardens. Several Parishes have wardens already and we would like to extend the scheme across the Island. Initially we are asking for names and the Parish potential volunteer wardens could cover. Later in September a meeting of interested people will be arranged



Want to see what the role entails? Go to [Become a Tree Warden - Tree Council Volunteer Tree Wardens](#) Good communication skills are essential! As well as looking after trees, there is an opportunity to record species of flora and fauna spotted, including red squirrels.

Please email your name and Parish to Helen and you will be contacted in September when we have further details to give you. The address is: wightsquirrels@hotmail.com

Contact: Helen Butler MBE
Chair The IOW Red Squirrel Forum
Tel: [01983 611003](tel:01983611003)

Funding Your Community's Vision: Grants Available for Neighbourhood Plans!

Is your town or parish ready to shape its own future? The Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme is offering grants and expert support to help you create a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects your community's needs and aspirations.

These grants can cover everything from developing your plan to engaging your community and getting professional advice.

Engaging a community is often a painful and time consuming task and GoCollaborate is here to help you. Their user-friendly platform streamlines community consultation and ensures everyone has a voice. Together the GoCollaborate team now have over 40 years of consultation and engagement experience and they will work with you to deliver an accessible and engaging consultation you need, for a price that fits your budget.

Don't miss out on this chance to empower your community. Visit <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/> to apply for the grant and contact [GoCollaborate](#) today to get started!



Local news

BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It has been a busy few months for the Bembridge Parish Council. June 6th saw the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration on Culver Down with the lighting of the beacon. Attended by over four hundred people, the evening's service was a poignant reflection on those who sacrificed so much for our freedom.



Later in June we held the annual Bembridge in Bloom competition organised by Councillor Marianne Sullivan. Caroline Peel, Chair of the Bembridge Horticultural Society, presented the prizes of cups and gift vouchers to the winners during an awards ceremony in the Cloisters, Bembridge on 5th July.

An event to start the campaign for a plastic free Bembridge took place in Bembridge Village Hall on Thursday 20th June organised by members from the Sustainability Group and supported by the council. Businesses, community groups, schools, families, and individuals were invited to attend. The launch aimed to be informative, fun, and engaging. Support and advice were available from Chani Courtney (Surfers Against Sewage representative), Lindsey Newberry and Ally de Trey: the Community Leads for this project. The event was well attended and galvanised interest in a plastic free Bembridge. We are aiming to become the first plastic free village on the island.

Ryde Interchange Toilets

We are delighted to announce that the new public toilets, located at Ryde Interchange are now open. This follows the successful finalisation of all necessary legal work, marking a significant enhancement to our community's public facilities.

The new facilities have been designed with modern standards of hygiene, accessibility, and sustainability in mind. Equipped with touchless fixtures and accessible stalls, the new public toilets are aimed at providing comfort and convenience for all residents and visitors. The facilities will be open from 6am -7pm daily.

Accessibility equipment

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our full range of Accessibility equipment has now arrived and will be able to be booked from the 1st of July. The equipment will be managed by our Lifeguards, who also have an additional two sea/beach wheelchairs and they're completely FREE to use. These include:

- Mobi-chair sea-going wheelchair
- Hippocampe beach wheelchair
- Wheeleeze sand walker (rollator)
- Sunloungers with raised seats



Fishbourne Parish Council
The Royal Victoria Yacht Club held its Open Day for people with disabilities on Saturday 6th July. This is a long-standing tradition at the Club, dating back to 1981, where people with a range of disabilities are invited from across the Island to enjoy a day at the RVYC. Despite a rather wet and windy day it was possible to get many of the guests

out onto the water and into the safe shelter of Wootton Creek. The showers did little to dampen the spirits as everyone enjoyed a barbecue, tea, cakes and ice cream and a variety of musical entertainment. The visitors seemed very appreciative of the efforts that had been made to make it a very well organised and enjoyable event. Fishbourne Parish Council has continued to contribute a financial donation towards the event, which clearly brings such joy to a large number of people.

Cowes Town Council

Cowes Town Council arranged a full ceremony to commemorate D-Day, on the evening of Thursday, 6th June, on The Parade. The event was organised, jointly, by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk, with the Act of Remembrance read by Rev. Roger Whatley, music from Vectis Corps of Drums, readings and poems from members of local Cadet Groups and the Beacon Lighting and reading of the International Tribute by Vice Lord-Lieutenant Brigadier Maurice Sheen, who, thoughtfully, shared the lighting of the beacon, at the appointed time, with the Mayor's 9-year old grandson, holding the torch together. The event was well attended with a queue of people afterwards wanting their photos taken with the Mayor under the flaming beacon.



Sunday, 9th June, saw the annual Picnic in the Park at Northwood House, opened by the Mayor, Cllr John Nicholson, and the High Sheriff, Graham Biss. This popular event is well organised and presented in the lovely grounds of Northwood House and Park, enjoyed and supported by the local community with a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment for all.
Mayor of Cowes
Photos courtesy of MichaelPaler





Only thing I think we have to report is the fact I have recently started as the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer here at Rookley, after serving for 10 years at Shalfleet, 9 years at Freshwater and 10 at Totland!

Plus, thanks to John Cattle of WightTrash, who kindly installed a piece of skate park equipment (which was left over from the refurbishment of the Ventnor Skate Park) at the Rookley Skate Park.

Sally M Woods

