

Monthly news from East Cowes Town Council and the community

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Can you come up with a good name for our newsletter?

Please drop your ideas in to the Town Hall at York Avenue or email your ideas

by Friday 15th March to assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter keeping you up to date with what your Town Council is doing with contributions from a variety of community groups and local people.

In response to the recent consultation the Town Council is keen to share information about what they do, how the precept is spent and plans for upcoming projects.

Did you know?

- ❖ All Town Council meetings are open to the public
- ❖ Meetings take place at the Town Hall or at Queensgate Primary School
- ❖ The Town Council looks after the town's parks, skate park, outdoor gym, paddling pool, two sets of toilets and the Town Hall
- ❖ The Town Council gives grants to local groups
- ❖ The Town Council responds to East Cowes planning applications
- ❖ The Town Council has a website where you can find information, dates, agendas and minutes for council meetings www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

New Home for the Library



From 1st April East Cowes Library with all its usual facilities will be relocated in the side meeting room at the Town Hall. The Library will have its own accessible entrance. The Town Council and Isle of Wight Council has funded building works, electrical works, redecoration, new shelving and moving costs. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to support this valuable resource.

Who are our Councillors?

Osborne Ward: Cllr Peter Lloyd (Mayor), Cllr Jane Rann (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Simon Walker, Cllr Michael Paler

North Ward: Cllr Margaret Webster, Cllr Stephen Hendry, Cllr Karl Love, Cllr Bob Packham



Contributions to this newsletter from the community are welcome. If you are involved with a local group, project or event please email an article and a photo to:
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Town Hall Hire Rates Held!

At the Full Council meeting in January the Town Council decided to keep the hire rates at the current very competitive level.

Make the most of your Town Hall – Why not hire the facilities for your party, event of performance?

For the hall and servery it's just £10 per hour during the week and £14 per hour at weekends.



WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWN HALL?

Programme details on Town Hall noticeboard
REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Short Mat Bowls
- Zumba
- Bingo
- Slimming World
- Welcome Club
- Canine Association
- Badminton
- Exercise Classes
- Careless Solicitors

2019 Projects and Events

There are lots of events to look forward to during the coming year. A civic reception will be held in May celebrating the bi-centenary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Lots of events are also planned for the whole community to take part in. Watch this space!

Castle Copse

Graham Biss from Natural Enterprise attended the January meeting of the Facilities, Projects and Events Committee to talk about Castle Copse. This is an area of ancient woodland found between Sylvan Avenue and St James' Church. He gave a presentation on the future usage and development of Castle Copse, one of 29 sites Natural Enterprise manage. It is a designated green space, which means it cannot be built on and has 6 veteran oaks as well 10/15 other very old oaks. The site has a plethora of wild life including bats, red squirrels, sloe worms and foxes. The maintenance team visit the site twice weekly and undertake scheduled work which includes risk assessments of the trees and early intervention in areas deemed necessary. More benches (in the form of logs) are being installed. The Council agreed to donate £1000 to include the purchase of a second interpretation board for the site.



Parking and traffic news

Councillors have met with a representative of Southern Vectis about the bus services in the town. The good news is that the size of the town is fast approaching the need for 4 buses per hour instead of the current 3.

Councillors are being proactive meeting with Mark Downer, Parking Enforcement Officer from the Isle of Wight Council for a walkabout to bring areas of concern to his attention.

The new Red Funnel carpark is to be opened by the mayor on Friday 22nd February at 12noon.

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