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Undertaking this ambitious project also provided an opportunity for various upgrades to the Town Hall, namely the fire alarm system, CCTV and improving access by widening the connecting door between the Town Hall and side corridor.

The East Side Curve, including the meeting room and the Town Hall, are available to hire outside these times too. Please just get in touch and let us know how we can help whether it's a party, a social group, a new activity or a meeting. We want to see all our facilities in use as much as possible.



Since opening The East Side Curve has been busy with children taking part in the Library Summer Reading Challenge and visitors popping in to see the facilities. Daily papers are available, you can make a drink in the kitchen area and use the free Public Wifi. A laptop is also ready for public use. More than a dozen members of the public are volunteering in the library to help

keep this essential service in the town. Please have a look at page 3 to see the regular activities going on – perhaps you would like to take up a new class or activity.

As we are heading into autumn now the Paddling Pool will be closed from Monday 3rd October.



Following the recent well attended consultation in the Town Hall the Isle of Wight Council is pressing ahead with the Waterfront Regeneration programme. More to follow....

The Town Council has secured a grant from Isle of Wight Council to help with grocery shopping and utility bills. This has been distributed via organisations that are aware of those in need namely the local primary schools and Community Spirited based at the Parkside Pavilion.

*Cllr Tracy Reardon
Mayor of East Cowes*

Thank you to everyone who attended the opening of The East Side Curve on 11th August. It was a wonderful occasion and the culmination of many months of hard work by architects and surveyors, Town Council staff and a multitude of contractors. If you haven't already had chance to see what's on offer, please call in anytime and see for yourself. The opening hours have been extended from mornings only to 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

This fabulous new facility is in the heart of our town, next door to the Town Hall. The new building includes a large bright multi-purpose space that houses the community library, a bright and airy space for groups to use, to meet friends, have a coffee and a chat, or perhaps a game of scrabble or dominos, a ground floor Clerks' Office, a meeting room for 12 people as well as 3 accessible toilets (including 2 public toilets on Osborne Road). Our receptionists will also do their best to provide guidance and advice on any problems you may be experiencing or point you in the right direction to get the help you need.

Representing East Cowes Out and about with Mayor Cllr Tracy Reardon

August was an exceptionally busy month attending many events. Here is a snapshot of what has been happening recently.....



HMS Severn Visit



Indonesian Day Celebration



Royal Visit During Cowes Week



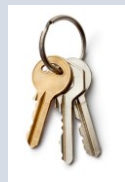
Armed Forces Day

The Mayoral Chain you can see Cllr Reardon wearing in the photos was first presented to the Town Council in 2008. It was made by a local master goldsmith and weighs 502 grams. The enamel medallion has a crest depicting a lifeboat, Osborne House, the Island, and an anchor. The chain features 6 emblems each connected by a ship's wheel. They are the yacht America, the scallop shell for St James' Church, the ORP Blyskawica, the Saunders Roe Princess Flying Boat, a castle turret representing a tower fort built in the time of Henry VIII and is also the badge of East Cowes Sailing Club and finally the Royal Yacht Britannia which used to winter at Marvin's Boat Yard in Clarence Road.

THE TOWN COUNCIL is now taking part in the TERRACYCLE Pringle Tube recycling scheme. Please place any empty tubes in the special collection box in the entrance to the Town Hall.



Do you live in East Cowes? This could be for you WANTED - Key holders



The Town Council is looking for reliable and flexible keyholders to unlock and lock the Town Hall and The East Side Curve outside of opening hours for regular and occasional bookings. Rate of pay £10.50 per hour.

For more information contact the Clerk on 01983 299082 or email clerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

East Cowes Community Library

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm

The Community Library is run by the Library Coordinator and a dedicated group of volunteers. Volunteers have received their training from the Isle of Wight Council Library Service. Joining East Cowes Library means you can borrow books from any library on the island.

Services on offer include:

- ❖ Browsing and borrowing books
- ❖ Daily and Weekly Newspapers
- ❖ Board Games
- ❖ Free Public Access Wi-Fi
- ❖ Public Access Laptop
- ❖ Bus Pass Applications
- ❖ Printing and Photocopying
- ❖ Light airy space for working or studying
- ❖ Tourist and local information
- ❖ Café area



If you would like to join the team of library volunteers or have a special interest or hobby you would like to share with other likeminded people please contact the Library Coordinator Di Palmer.

01983 299082

or

library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

What's on?

Here is a useful reminder of the regular activities and groups taking place. All weekly unless stated otherwise.

TOWN HALL

MONDAY

2.00-3.30pm Line Dancing

TUESDAY

10.00-11.00am Zumba

2.00-4.00pm Alzheimer Café
(Monthly – first Tuesday)

7.00-9.30pm Canine Association

WEDNESDAY

9.45am-12.15pm Short Mat Bowls

4.00-6.30pm Slimming World

7.00-9.00pm Bingo

THURSDAY

11.00am-12.00pm Paracise

FRIDAY

9.45am-12.15pm Short Mat Bowls

SATURDAY

10.00-11.00am Badminton

6.45pm Community Cinema
(Second Saturday – Monthly)

THE EAST SIDE CURVE

MONDAY

10.00am-12.00pm RCS Employment
Service
(Monthly – second Monday)

TUESDAY

11.00am-12.00pm Creative Writing
(Fortnightly)

5.00-6.30pm Reading Group
(Monthly – first Tuesday)

WEDNESDAY

9.30am-12.30pm East Cows Crafters

10.00-11.00am Under 5's Rhyme Time
(Term Time)

7.00-9.00pm East Cows Crafters

THURSDAY

9.00am-3.00pm Adult Community
Learning (Term Time)

10.00am-12.00pm Mountbatten Drop In
(Monthly – second Thursday)

FRIDAY

2.00-5.00pm Careless Solicitors
(Twice a month - 1st and 3rd Friday)

COMING SOON TO A TOWN HALL NEAR YOU!



The dedicated **Community Cinema** volunteers have a wonderful programme for you over the next few months:

10th Sept YESTERDAY (Cert 12A)

8th October BELFAST (Cert 12A)

12th November

THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD (Cert PG)

Held in the Town Hall on the **second Saturday of the month**. Doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets are just £4 each or pay £12 for a group of 4 and get together with friends for a night out! Ticket price includes an interval drink and snack. Purchase in advance from the Town Hall to ensure you get a seat or purchase on the door subject to availability. Card payment now available. New volunteers welcome – just contact the Town Hall.

Opportunity to Support Local Businesses

The monthly market at the Town Hall is a great way to support local businesses. Please call in and see the regular stalls which include plants and produce, cakes and bakes and crafts. At Christmas the market will be taking place in Kings Square outside Waitrose.



Shop for locally-made, independent business's crafts and products.



EAST COWES INDOOR MARKET

EAST COWES TOWN HALL
12:30 NOON TO 4:30 P.M.
14TH MAY // 9TH JULY // 20TH AUGUST // 17TH SEPTEMBER //
15TH OCTOBER // 19TH NOVEMBER



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OUR SOCIAL MEDIAS @MARKETDAYSCIC



**Have you or a loved one been affected by cancer?
Wessex Cancer Trust is here for you.**

One in two of us will be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime, yet it affects us all differently. Wessex Cancer Trust provides free and local support, away from hospital, whatever your age, type or stage of cancer. We're also here for you if you're supporting someone who has cancer or are bereaved.



At our cancer Support Centre in Newport, you can simply drop-in or arrange to chat with us about the support that might best suit you. We can offer you professional counselling, complementary therapies, activities, support groups and courses. We also provide transport on our Daisy Buses to take the stress out of getting to your hospital appointments in Portsmouth and Southampton. Visit www.wessexcancer.org.uk for more information, call Laura on 01983 524186, email isleofwight@wessexcancer.org.uk or call in and see us at 21 Lugley Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5HD.

COMMUNITY PANTRY SCHEME



£5 a week to receive
over £15 worth of food

Community Spirited
Vectis Road
Tues 1.30-3.30pm
Weds/Thurs 10.30am-
12.30pm
Tel: 01983 296592



Town Council Meetings

Dates for the coming 12 months are set at the annual meeting. Full Council meetings usually take place on the 3rd Thursday at 6pm. Facilities Projects and Events Committee meetings take place bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month.

Additional meetings are set as required for the Planning Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

Agendas are available 3 clear days before on the Town Council website, Facebook Page and in the noticeboards at the Town Hall, Parkside Pavilion and Bumble Bee Garden Play Area.

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SEND US YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS!

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: assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

Copies of the newsletter are delivered to every household in East Cowes and available from the Town Hall lobby as well as on the Town Council website and via Facebook.

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