

Statement

SUMMER SAFETY STATION SERVICED

Sandown Mayor Alex Lightfoot, Deputy Mayor Ian Fletcher were on hand to help Lifeguard Manager Todd Miller prepare the Sandown Lifeguard Station for installation on the seafront ahead of the July 1st to August 31st Service, with the Lifeguards having additional amenities, such as Accessible Adult and Junior wheelchairs, to add to the high standard of service provided in recent seasons.

Cllr Lightfoot said 'Regaining the Blue Flag reflects the investment the Town Council makes for visitors and residents, providing safe and supported enjoyment of the beach during the season.'

Cllr Fletcher added 'Sandown's fortunate that groups, such as Green Town Volunteers, work to improve the Public Realm and we wanted to do our bit to ensure the lifeguard station is a visible base from which services are provided.'

The Lifeguard Base also provides a communication base for local concessionaires, for example when trying to locate a missing person, receive first aid or access local information.

Todd Miller concluded 'With Sea-Safe, and Health Promotion projects also planned, the Lifeguard Station is a tremendous Resource and invaluable Base for the Team, and all those that need it'.

Sandown Town Council have also invested in Safety Buoys, beach litter bins, extra cleaning, and new Toilets at Eastern Gardens which will have increased charges for July and August to fund shower provision during July and August, with charges returning to 20p in September.

