

## **Press Release**

## SANDOWN SECURES INFORMATION GRANT

Sandown Community Association, in partnership with Sandown Town Council and other agencies, has secured a £30,000 SWR Customer & Communities Improvement Fund grant to develop accessibility in Sandown, including accessible toilets to be provided by Sandown Town Council, with accessible beach safety service; Providing information screens at Sandown Railway Station and Sandown Library to provide public transport and community information; and linking to the 6,000 guide publications for residents and visitors to Sandown produced by the Association.

Town Mayor Alex Lightfoot said 'The Guide has been well received by local residents and visitors, and includes a range of information from local services to activities, promotes local businesses and has bus and train information.'

Ian Fletcher, from the Community Association added 'We are delighted to receive this grant, and work with the Town Council, who helped pump-prime the Guide, to provide information screens at key locations in the Town'.

The Town Council are also working with partner agencies on a Changing Places Facility at Eastern Gardens, improved amenities at Sandham Grounds, and other accessibility projects in the Town.

Cllr Lightfoot concluded 'The Guide has highlighted the value of partnership work, making a little money go a long way, and this initiative builds on work we have delivered with the library and local railway'.

