



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

# Press Release

## TOWN COUNCIL RECOGNISES BEACH SAFETY TEAM

Sandown's Town Mayor, Cllr Paddy Lightfoot presented members of the Sandown Beach Lifeguard Team with framed certificates recognising their contribution to Beach Safety in Sandown during 2023, as well as their part in securing the coveted Blue Flag Award for the second successive summer.

Paddy said 'This has been a very busy summer for the whole team, providing a 7 day service and supporting the introduction of the accessible wheelchair initiative; and we wanted to say thank you to those for continuing to make Sandown a safe beach to visit and enjoy.' Sandown Town Council has invested in the provision of buoys in the bay, the provision of litter bins on the beach, support to the Independent Lifeboat, opening of Pier Street Toilets for the Summer, and are in the process of replacing the toilets at Eastern Gardens with a purpose-built facility with Showers and an accessible toilet.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Alex Lightfoot, who helped present the certificates, added 'This is very much a service that is being developed in a partnership between the Town Council, and Ryde Waterside Pool, and with the introduction of the Lifeguard Station this year, the service goes from strength to strength.'

Todd Miller, Beach Lifeguards Manager, concluded 'It has been a challenging summer in many ways, but the team have responded to the challenges and the support they have received in Sandown has been heartening and we have plans to develop the service further for 2023 onwards.'

