



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

EASTERN GARDENS CONVENIENCES OPENED

Sandown Town Council's new public toilet and shower amenity has been opened by Town Mayor Paddy Lightfoot, representatives of Sandown Sprint, Lisa Hollyhead Sight for Wight Chief Executive, and local Town Councillors.

The new amenity, costing over £200,000, includes an accessible cubicle with family friendly features, 3 other gender neutral units, and covid safe contactless payment system, with an initial 20p charge for users. Mayor Paddy Lightfoot said 'We have worked to ensure the amenity is open in time for the Sprint and Easter, and have tried to reflect the priorities residents have highlighted in public consultations, including shower facilities in the summer.'

Lisa Hollyhead added 'This state of the art facility will benefit residents and tourists to Sandown, with Sight for Wight donating an interpretation plaque to improve accessibility, and we look forward to working with the Sandown to extend the number of facilities covered, as well as on other projects.' Eastern Gardens Toilets project includes installation of fencing, an eco-friendly roof covering, and the seaside scene on the amenity specially chosen by local residents.

Tim Addison from the Sprint added 'We'd like to thank the Town Council for their ongoing support, and this new amenity benefits events like ours, as well as residents and visitors to the Town.'

Deputy Mayor Alex Lightfoot concluded 'The Town Council are working on other accessibility projects, working with Sight for the Wight, and other partner agencies, will help improve accessibility for all.'

