



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

WARM SPACE PROJECTS EXTENDED

Local Councillors, parishioners and volunteers joined together to support the continuation of Warm Spaces in the Bay, located at Shanklin's Age Concern, co-ordinated by volunteer Heather Whitchurch, and Sandown's Christ Church, with Rev Mark Williams and Sandown Mayor Cllr Alex Lightfoot attending events at both Warm Spaces.

Heather said 'We are very aware of the financial pressures being faced by families at this time of year, with energy and food costs increasing, and we wanted to do something to help respond to the local need'.

Sandown Cllr Lightfoot added 'We are working with partners in Lake and Shanklin to sustain a support network, as well as make sure there is a warm space in each town in the Bay'.

Funding has been secured to help provide Warm Spaces at Christ Church Sandown, and Age Concern Shanklin, alongside Lake Methodist Church, with other funding supporting projects locally.

Rev Mark Williams added 'Churches and voluntary groups have always been at the heart of local communities, and this initiative highlights the value and strength of working together for the benefit of those that need help'.

Cllr Lightfoot concluded 'Councils in the Bay, with local groups and organisations, are building closer working relationships, such as youth and economic regeneration, and these much-needed projects are an example of such a partnership approach'.

