



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

FIRE-FIGHTER'S FORTY YEARS

Sandown Firefighter, and Watch Manager, Keith Cook received a special framed certificate, signed by current Town Mayor Alex Lightfoot and 1984 Mayor Heather Humby, recognising his 41 years of dedicated service to the residents of Sandown and the Isle of Wight, at a special event attended by former Mayors and the Islands High Sheriff, Mrs Dawn Haig-Thomas.

Cllr Lightfoot said 'We wanted to recognise the dedication and commitment that Keith has given to the Community of Sandown, the Bay and the Island, and can only express our thanks for the 40 plus years of service.'

High Sheriff Mrs Dawn Haig-Thomas added 'The Island is fortunate enough to have on-call, also known as retained, fire-fighters to call upon in emergencies, and Keith exemplifies putting service before self. We are also grateful for the support that his family has given him over his years of service'.

Former Sandown Mayors also presented Keith with a bottle of bubbly, and arranged a showing of the visit of Princess Diana to the Sandown Station, as well as film of a rescue at Yaverland when two cars were stranded on the beach trying to rescue a grounded jet-ski.

Alex concluded 'It was good to see former Mayors at the presentation, as well as former Firefighter Bill Wyke, who still contributes so much to the community.'



L-R Sandown Mayor Alex Lightfoot, Sandown Watch Manager Keith Cook, former Firefighter Bill Wyke, and 1984 Sandown Mayor Heather Humby MBE



Current and former Sandown mayors, with IW High Sheriff, and Sandown Firefighters Keith Cook and Bill Wyke