



Working Party Report

Date 10 February 2025
Prepared by Town Clerk

1. EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING – 14 JANUARY 2025 (10:30am)

1.1. Present: Cllr F Baldry, Cllr J Hicks, and Cllr I Ward.

In attendance: Reverend Mark Williams (Christ Church) Clerk, RFO and Administration Assistant

VE Day at 80

- 1.2. Members noted arrangements for VE Day 80 events are 'works in progress' as they are dependent on other organisations.
- 1.3. Rev Williams outlined the Order of Service for the Commemorative Service to be held on Sunday 4 May 2025, starting at 10.50am to allow for 2 minutes silence at 11am;
- 1.4. Cllr Ward and Cllr Baldry will read the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph;
- 1.5. Sandown and Shanklin Military Band will play before, during and after the service, with possibility of specially written piece;
- 1.6. Rt Reverend Jonathan Frost (Bishop of Portsmouth) will be attending;
- 1.7. Isle of Wight Lord Lieutenant will be attending service;
- 1.8. Christ Church volunteers will provide refreshments;
- 1.9. Information Panels (in Broadway Centre), to be developed with Sandown & Shanklin Military Band, Carnival Association, and Sandown and Shanklin In-Shore Lifeboat to be unveiled by Lord Lieutenant;
- 1.10. Information Panel for Christ Church Commonwealth War Graves, to be unveiled by Bishop Jonathan;
- 1.11. Town Council to contact the Royal British Legion regarding possibility of Standards and their involvement;
- 1.12. Invitations to former Mayors and Shanklin & Lake Council, as well as other guests, including MP and Chair of Isle of Wight Council (members noted need for clarity regarding elections planned for Thursday 1 May 2025);
- 1.13. Jenn outlined budget provision to support the small event;
- 1.14. Raine outlined timescales for Mug Design project with local school, with designs to be displayed in the library, and possibility of working with Shanklin/Lake Councillors on similar project;
- 1.15. Initial discussions with Military Vehicle Organisation regarding a small 'parade' in line with that held in Sandown on 8 May 1945 – starting at War Memorial and ending at Shanklin Royal British Legion, with Lord Lieutenant laying wreaths, and bulb planting

by 80 individuals – working with Lake and Shanklin Councils as part of Bay wide project.

1.16. Members also noted other possible events at Bembridge Fort and Shanklin Chine;_

Other Events

1.17. Members also discussed school designing flag for VJ Day in August 2025 and involvement of TWG in planting commemorative bush/shrub in Garden;

1.18. Members discussed future events including Easter shop window display, 2025 Remembrance and Christmas Events with Church and Military Band;

1.19. Members noted email from Ventnor Exchange and more details would be circulated once received;

1.20. Jenn outlined details of current projects, including Los Altos, Sandham Grounds, and other projects;

1.21. Raine updated members on budget provision for Warm Spaces if IWC/Government Funding changed;

1.22. Rev Williams and members feedback on 2024 Remembrance, Armistice Day and Christmas events.

2. ASSETS AND PROJECTS WORKING PARTIES – 4 FEBRUARY 2025

2.1. Morning Colleagues

2.2. Members, present and by email, noted work to secure potential S106 funding and grant for Bay Place Plan Project at Eastern Gardens, including Arts Trail initiative, viewing Platform and could include Yaverland, with site meetings planned, and also noted CCIF grant application.

2.3. Jenn noted recent site meeting with Green Town Volunteers at Yaverland, and outline project to improve the amenity, once current works completed (Appendix A);

Recommendation:

THAT the landscaping at Yaverland be taken forward when the new toilets have been signed off.

2.4. The proposed trail at Los Altos was also discussed, with funding secured, and next steps in hand;

2.5. Members noted Resilience Grant success and need to progress after Budget meeting in February;

2.6. Members noted progress of Football Foundation project at Sandham, and the additional detail required by funders;

2.7. Bay Place projects were also discussed, a grant to match fund a recommendation to council supported.

Recommendation:

THAT the Bay Place Plan Coastal Place Improvement projects be taken forward.

- 2.8. Members noted if there was grant shortfall, there was Bay Place Funding available in the forthcoming Budget, as well as other potential funding streams;
- 2.9. Discussion included the value of signage in and around the Town; and
- 2.10. Members thanked the RFO for securing external funding and ongoing work on grant applications.

Meeting closed at 9:30am

Appendix A

Yaverland - Landscaping

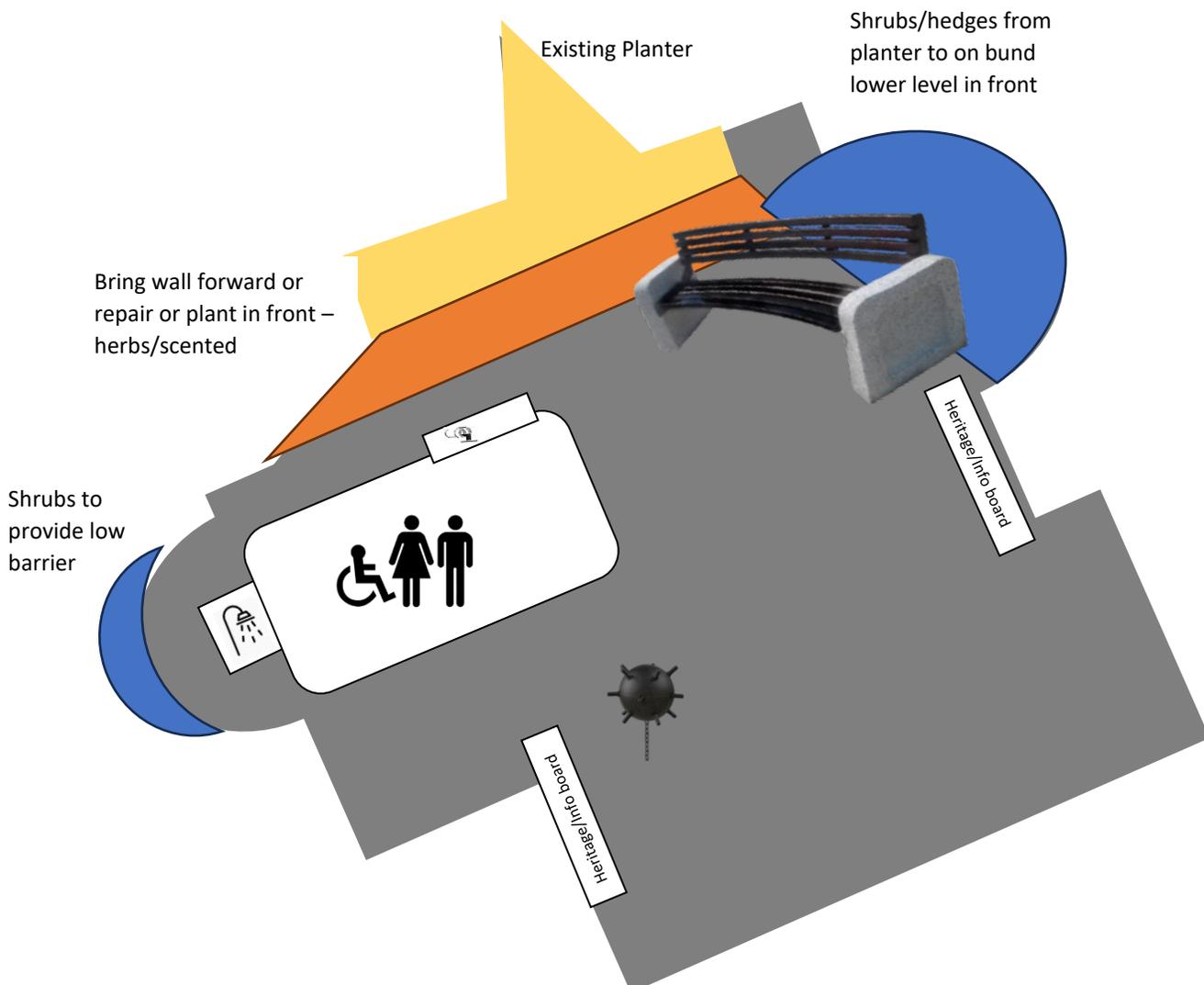
1. Back Ground

Green Towns Volunteers approached officers regarding landscaping of the site. A sit meeting took place to discuss this and a plan was proposed.

The Council's was also approached by a member of the public regarding a memorial bench on the site for Gavin Leng who discovered the Eotyrannus lengi — or Dawn Tyrant. In 1995, Mr Leng brought a claw found at Grange Chine to the old Museum of Isle of Wight Geology, now Dinosaur Isle and following the excavation of site the specimen was carefully researched with scientists from the [University of Portsmouth](#), and the [Natural History Museum](#). Subsequently the Dinosaur was named after him. This led to an information plaque about the dinosaur and fossils on Yaverland with links to the museum.

The Sea Mine will also be moved from the platform at Eastern Gardens and relocated on the site with an information board installed with the history of mines on Yaverland.

3. Sketch



Appendix B

Coastal Place Improvements

1. A number of “Urban Acupuncture” initiatives along the towns coast to promote a sense of community and belonging and encourage regeneration at a local level alongside more significant repair work and active planning enforcement are being proposed.

2. The projects are:

Eastern Gardens

- 2.1. Painting of a **mural of Mary Ellis and an information plaque** on the Changing Places (CP) building next to the beach huts she holidayed in as a child. Links to the Wight Aviation Museum in Lake.
- 2.2. Upgrading the **bench** between the changing places building and the beach
- 2.3. Extending the **wall** to protect the accessible access to the beach from sand drifts.
- 2.4. Repairing the **viewing platform** on the adjacent pumping station and upgrading it to match the works already undertaken on the adjacent building.
- 2.5. A **second mural** regarding with a historical focus on the side on the **pumping station**.
- 2.6. **Murals** on both the **viewing platforms street** side.

Battery Gardens

- 2.7. Murals depicting the history of the site on the **ceilings** of the **Battery Gardens Shelters** with heritage plaque.

Culver Parade

- 2.8. Replace benches and heritage plaque between Sandham Grounds and the Dinosaur Isle on Culver Parade.

Site	Item	Cost	Funded by Grant if successful	By
Eastern Gardens - CP Steps	Mural	£3,750.00	£1,875.00	STC Place Plan
Eastern Gardens - CP Wall	Plaque	£200.00	£100.00	STC Place Plan
Eastern Gardens - Beach Access	Bench	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	s106
Eastern Gardens - Beach Access	Dogleg Wall	£2,160.00	£1,080.00	s106
Eastern Gardens - Pumping Station	Viewing Platform (Difference)	£6,000.00	£3,000.00	STC Place Plan
Eastern Gardens - Pumping Station	Mural	£3,750.00	£1,875.00	STC Place Plan
Eastern Gardens Viewing Platforms	Streetside	£7,500.00	£3,750.00	STC Place Plan
Culver Parade	Benches	£1,600.00	£800.00	STC Place Plan
Yaverland	Sea Mine Plaque/Links	£200.00	£100.00	STC Place Plan
Yaverland	Dinosaur Discovery Plaque/Link	£200.00	£100.00	STC Place Plan
Yaverland	Benches	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	STC Place Plan
Battery Gardens	Ceiling Mural	£3,750.00	£1,875.00	STC Place Plan
		£41,110.00	£20,555.00	