



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

## EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING 13 JANUARY 2026 (11:30 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Joan Soloman, Frank Baldry, Gary Young, Ian Ward.

In attendance: Reverend Mark Williams, Deputy Clerk and Administration Assistant.

### Christmas 2025 Outcome

2.1. The Christmas Window Competition 2025 was a great success. Cllr J. Soloman reported that there were 14 entries, including new shops that do not usually participate in festive activities. Cllr Soloman suggested introducing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, along with a “Highly Commended” category and that they be awarded this at the Carol Service which Rev. Williams noted may fall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

2.2. A teddy bear was purchased from Make It Wight, for this year’s winner. STC have a cup that requires cleaning, engraving, and possibly re-gilding. Deputy Clerks Raine Elliss and Admin Assistant Katrina Kelly will obtain costings for the cup to include engraving the wording “Christmas Window Competition”.

### Remembrance 2025 Outcome

3.1. Members debriefed on Remembrance Day 2025. Rev. Williams suggested including a short poem in this year’s order of service to help manage timing during the ceremony. The poem could be added if additional time is needed or omitted to ensure the two-minute silence occurs precisely at 11:00 a.m.

### Easter 2026 Events

4.1. Members expressed enthusiasm about involving Bay Primary School in an art competition, with the winning entries to be displayed in the library. It was agreed that Deputy Clerk Raine Elliss and Admin Assistant Katrina Kelly will liaise with the school to arrange this.

4.2. The High Street Easter Shop Window Competition remains popular, with many shops decorating for the spring holiday. Last year’s winner, Make it Wight, currently holds the 2025 award – the Heather Humby Glass Drop. Deputy Clerk Raine Elliss will collect the award in March. Members would like a draft competition form ready for approval at February meeting with the theme being Easter Bonnets. Dates for competition to be set in February’s meeting.

### Anzac day

5.1. Members expressed their wish to lay a wreath for ANZAC Day. A wreath has been ordered and is available in the STC office. The service will take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10:50 a.m. at the Sandown Cenotaph, with Rev Williams, Cllr Ward and Cllr Baldry in attendance. Deputy Clerk Raine Elliss will also attend. This will be announced to all council members and published on the STC website.

Meeting closed at 12:30

Next Meeting Tuesday February 3 at 9:30am