

# ROGER'S REPORT

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## BLOOMING NORTHWOOD!



**SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST - VILLAGE SHOW AT W.I. HALL FROM 2PM WITH  
NORTHWOOD IN BLOOM AND SHOW CLASS RESULTS - YOUR SUPPORT IS WELCOMED**





## NEW VENNER AVENUE PLAY-PARK EQUIPMENT

NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – which continues as a separate body from Northwood Parish Council – has obtained GRANT FUNDING FOR A NEW SLIDE, COVERED SHELTER and BASKETBALL HOOP WHICH, SUPERVISED BY THE IW COUNCIL'S PARKS & GARDENS DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INSTALLED. PROVING TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH LOCAL CHILDREN, THIS PLAY-AREA WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED IN THE AUTUMN WITH THE RE-GRASSING OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

THE GOAL POSTS WILL BE TEMPORARILY REMOVED TO ALLOW THE GRASS TIME TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED.

PARENTS' AND CHILDREN'S CO-OPERATION IN AVOIDING USE OF THE PITCH WHILST THE GRASS IS RE-GROWING WILL BE APPRECIATED.



## NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL – EDUCATIONAL RE-ORGANISATION

The proposed changes enabling children to remain at Northwood Primary for an extra Two Years and recently approved by the Governing Body are now the subject of statutory consultation. Please voice your opinion on this and on the subsequent move to High School. You can contact me direct, write to County Hall or log on to the Council's web-site at [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com).

## CORONATION AVENUE

Congratulations to the residents of this un-adopted road for funding the infilling of pot-holes and for carrying out the works themselves.

For residents and visitors alike a much smoother road surface is most welcome.

I must however refer to the unfortunate private sign which has appeared near the top of the road threatening to "crush" parked cars in that vicinity. I suspect that this does not have any legal justification, but it may well result in an un-seemly confrontation with eg a person parking nearby who is visiting a relative.

In my view it would be better if the sign were removed.



# COMPUTER BANKING SCAMS

Several of these have appeared on the Island recently.

They appear to be genuine messages from **Lloyds TSB** and **HBOS** warning of a security breach affecting your accounts. They advise you to click on a link and follow instructions.

**YOU SHOULD TOTALLY IGNORE THIS AND DELETE THE EMAIL.**

There are two consequences if you are deceived by these crooks: (1) You will release a virus into your computer system; and (2) If you provide your account details as requested – you will be robbed.

**PLEASE REMEMBER GENUINE BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO DISCLOSE YOUR ACCOUNT DETAILS.**

Another clever scam purports to be from The Department for Pensions and National Insurance and asks for your National Insurance and bank details to pay an overpayment to you!

Again, totally bogus and you should delete this immediately.

## PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CARAVAN PARK – HILLIS GATE / PALLANCE GATE

This most contentious application was successfully opposed by local residents, myself as IW Councillor and the Parish Council. The residents are to be particularly congratulated for building such a well-founded and well supported case against the application which made my task of summing up the case against granting permission at the Planning Committee so much easier.

Remember I am here to assist residents with planning queries in my capacity as your Isle of Wight Councillor.

## CONCESSIONARY AND SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

The national concessionary bus fares scheme continues to give rise to a significant payment out of the IW Council's reserves due to the huge take up of the scheme on the Island and an acknowledged significant government under-funding of the scheme. As an example of this, for this year we received funding of £1.8m (double that of the previous year which was itself under-estimated) but we are projected to have to pay £5.3m for the current year -ie a direct cost to the Island Council Taxpayer of £3.5m (or a Council Tax equivalent of over 4%). In addition the Council is spending £530,000 over and above govt. grant on subsidised bus services. In the current year Southern Vectis will receive from the IW Council (inc govt. subsidies) almost £8m. Despite this income Southern Vectis still maintain they need to cut certain rural services. This is the subject of on-going negotiations, although I personally doubt whether the IW Council should pump further tax-payers money into the subsidiary of an immensely profitable public company!

## MORE BLOOMS!





## OTHER AWARD-WINNING FRONT GARDENS



MORE NORTHWOOD GARDENS, MILLION BLOOMS AND TROUGHS.  
ALL 20 PRIZE AND CERTIFICATE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT  
NORTHWOOD SHOW ON 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

