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Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 4th February 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Wednesday 4th March 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Wednesday 1st April 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Wednesday 29th April 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange

Chale Pantry: Date, tbc

Shorwell: Friday 16th January 10.30-11.30am, The Crown

Chale Church

I have been contacted by several residents for information about the future of St Andrews Church. I would like to propose a community meeting is organised to discuss the concerns. I have spoken with Revd. Marsh, and he is willing to be available for a meeting.

SWAY

Residents of Spanners Close are keen for the shop to open and for more activities to be available at the hub.

Equipment needs to be purchased, and internet strengthened. The Sway manager has been in touch with Wight fibre about the box being located on Sway land.

Sway will send out an update to residents soon.

Chale Green speeding and parking

I have had concerns of speeding along the Chale Green Road. Parking on the road should help slow drivers down and make them more aware that they are in a residential area. I would like to see a 20mph limit put into this area.

Concerns have also been raised about parking and visibility. It is regular to have parked cars on the road and there are no restrictions for parking in this area. All users should take extra care, and the usage will be monitored. If yellow lines are required, they can be applied for at the next TRO process in 2027.

Sway has ability to park 6 cars at the hub and at least 6 further spaces at the old shop area. This will be monitored to see if that is sufficient once the building is fully operational.

Disposable barbecues, balloons and Sky lanterns consultation

Island residents are being asked for their views on whether the use of disposable barbecues and the release of sky lanterns and balloons should be restricted on council-owned land.

The Isle of Wight Council is consulting on a proposal that could lead to a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covering beaches, seafronts, parks, playgrounds, country parks and other open spaces.

The consultation opens Tuesday, 16 December, and runs until Tuesday, 27 January 2026.

The aim is to find out whether these activities are causing a nuisance and to understand public support for possible restrictions.

The proposed measures are intended to reduce environmental harm, fire risks and injuries to wildlife linked to barbecue waste and debris from lanterns and balloons.

A PSPO is a legal tool available to local authorities under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

It allows councils to restrict certain activities in public spaces if they are considered to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life for people in the area. Breaching a PSPO can result in a fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

[Have your say on possible ban on disposable barbecues and sky lanterns](#)

Winter Energy Saving campaign to encourage people to save money off bills.

The government has recently issued advice to UK households around the simple low-cost actions that can be taken to reduce energy bills by up to £100. Some of the tips include:

Reducing the boiler flow temperature to 60°C. Lowering your combi boiler flow temperature to 60°C makes your boiler run more efficiently and could save you money.

Finding and fixing draughts. Check for gaps around doors, windows, floors and pipes. Look out for light shining through, listen for rattles on windy days, but don't block essential ventilation like extractor fans.

Turning radiators down, not off. In lesser used rooms, turn the radiator down rather than switching it off completely. This helps avoid damp while saving energy.

Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

How-to guides and more simple tips:

<https://cleanenergy.campaign.gov.uk/>