



Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils

**Local Town, Parish &
Community Council
Election Results**

Annex to IWALC Bulletin

May 2021

Introduction

This Annex summarises the results of the recent elections in each of the Island's 33 local parish, town and community councils. It includes both IWALC members (Part 1) and non-members (Part 2). The format of the entries is similar to that of the Annex to the April IWALC Bulletin.

The data

For each council, the following information is provided:

- number of wards;
- number of seats to be filled;
- number of candidates who stood in the election;
- number of contested wards (i.e. wards in which the number of candidates exceeded the number of seats and so a poll was held);
- number of unfilled seats (if any);
- number of new candidates (i.e. candidates who were not already councillors) standing;
- number of candidates new to that council (i.e. candidates who were already councillors but in a different council);
- number of new candidates who were actually elected; and
- number of candidates new to that council who were actually elected.

The names of all the newly elected councillors are also provided.

All the information was obtained from the election data published online by the Isle of Wight Council's Returning Officer – for details, see: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/Elections/Elections-Management/PCC-and-Local-Elections-May-2021>.

IWALC accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies in the transcribing and analysis of the data but not for those in the original data published on the above website. If you find any errors or omissions, please let us know and we will amend the document accordingly.

Overview of the findings

For electoral purposes, the 33 local councils are divided into 66 wards. The number of wards per council varies significantly: 12 councils have only one ward while two (Newport & Carisbrooke and Ryde) have seven. The number of wards depends primarily on population but also on geography; for example, some of the smaller councils cover more than one village, each of which has its own ward.

The total number of seats available (i.e. the total number of councillors in the 33 councils) was 299 and coincidentally 300 candidates stood for election to those seats. This may look like an almost perfect fit, but in fact it was not because the relationship between seats and candidates varied significantly between councils and, within councils, from one ward to another. In 18 (27%) of the 66 wards, there were more than enough candidates, in 27 (41%), there were exactly the right number of candidates to fill the seats, and in 21 wards (32%) there were not enough candidates to fill all the seats. In the 18 wards where there were more than enough seats, a poll was held on 6 April, while in the other 48 wards (73% of the total) all the candidates who stood were elected unopposed.

The councils with the highest levels of competition for seats tended to be in urban areas. The highest were in Bembridge and Sandown, where all wards were contested, and in Ryde, where six of the seven wards were contested. In all three of these councils, there were 1.5 candidates for each seat. However, this level of competition was not found in all urban councils. Thus, in Newport & Carisbrooke, only one ward was contested and there were only 15 candidates contesting the 14 seats. The average turnout in these polls was 37%, with a range from 29% in East Cowes Osborne ward to 54% in Niton ward.

The 21 wards in which there not enough candidates to fill the seats were more evenly distributed between urban and rural councils. Eighteen (55%) of the 33 councils are affected. In total, 35 (12%) of the 299 seats were unfilled. In most councils, the shortfall was only one or two seats, but in one council it was six.

The 18 councils with unfilled seats will have to co-opt members to fill the gaps. In three councils (Nettlestone & Seaview, Rookley and Wroxall) more than a third of the councillors will be co-opted. This means that, although they will be able to operate legally, their powers will be somewhat limited because they will not be able to exercise the 'general power of competence' available to local councils under the 2011 Localism Act. In order to qualify for this power, at least two thirds of the members must be elected (either in a poll or uncontested) and the clerk must have a Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) or equivalent professional qualification.

The substantial number of unfilled seats suggests the need for more people to stand for election to local councils, at least in some council areas. Eighty-five (28%) of the 300 candidates were actually new candidates – that is, people not currently serving as councillors. There were some new candidates in 21 (66%) of the 33 councils. However, the number varied greatly, from one or two in most councils to 13 in one (Ryde). In three councils (Bembridge, Ryde and Sandown) over 50% of candidates were new.

Of the 85 new candidates, 71 (84%) were actually elected and thus become councillors. Thirty-one were elected unopposed and 40 through a poll. In most councils, the number of new councillors is small, but in three it is at least 50%. These are Sandown (50%), Bembridge (58%) and Ryde (63%).

Finally, it should be noted that there were also 13 candidates (4% of the total) who were already councillors but stood for election in a different council. This may happen if a councillor moves house, but more often it is because they are qualified to stand in more than one council area. Candidates can stand for a council if they live within three miles of the council boundary, if they work in the council area and/or if they own a property or business in the council area. These rules also enable someone to be a member of more than one council. Eleven (85%) of these 13 candidates were actually elected.

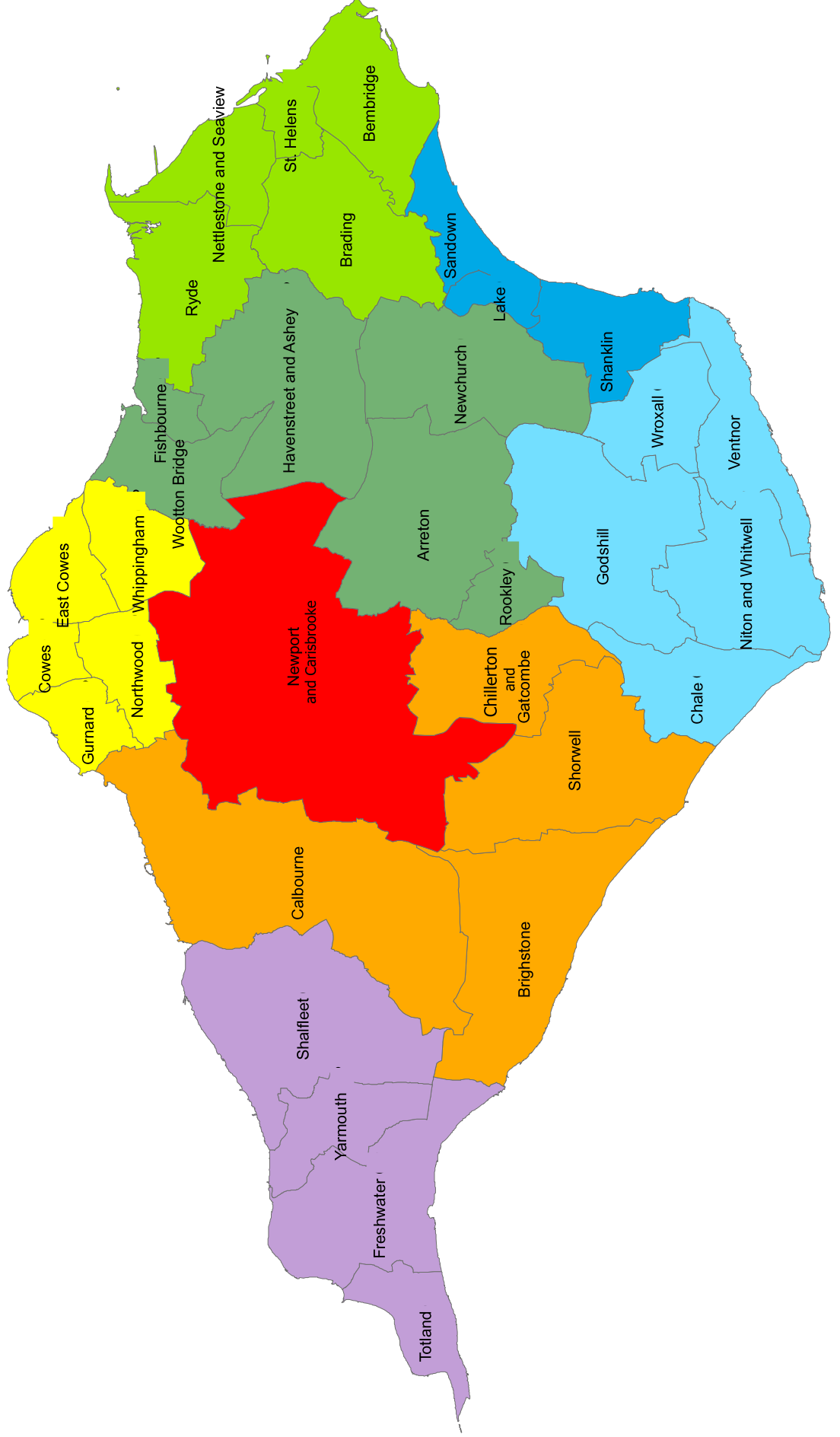
Of the 13 candidates who stood in a different council, ten (77%) were actually elected. Seven were elected unopposed and three through a poll.

Implications of the findings

What do these findings tell us about the quality of local democracy on the Island? The most obvious conclusion is that there are major variations between councils. However, further research is needed to understand the reasons for these variations and thus for their implications. It would be particularly interesting to know why there was so much variation in the amount of competition for seats and what motivated new candidates to stand. IWALC will seek to explore these and other questions over the next four years.

Jill Webster
Editor

Isle of Wight Local Council Boundaries



Part One

Arreton Parish Council

Website: arreton.org.uk
Phone: 07587 008183
Email: arretonpc@outlook.com
No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 7
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: Heather Calloway, John Terence Cooper, David Michael Healy, Martin David Kimber, John Orchard, Vivian Roberts, Venetia Verey



Brading Town Council

Website: www.bradingtowncouncil.org
Phone: 01983 401770
Email: townclerk@brading.gov.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 7
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 0 (But 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: (1)

Councillors: Stephen Michael Bonsey, John Henry Graney, Richard Hudspith, Chris Johnson, Gerry Ramsden, Joost Spit**, Richard Whiting
**new councillor **new to this council*



Brighstone Parish Council

Website: www.brighstoneparish.org
Phone: 01983 741037
Email: clerk@brighstoneparish.org

No. of Wards: 3
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 9
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 3 (plus 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: 3 (plus 1 new to this council)

Councillors: Neil MacLennan, Pearl Adams, Doug Alldred, Colin Bridges, John Cirrone, Steve Hastings**, Nick Stuart

**new councillor **new to this council*



Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



Website: www.chillertonandgatcombe.org
Phone: 01983 609850
Email: clerk@chillertonandgatcombe.org

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 5
No. of Candidates: 5
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 1
No. of New Candidates Elected: 1

Councillors: John Hobart, Sara Eve McWilliam*, Nigel David Alan Phillips, Elizabeth Smith, Peter John Whiteman.

**new councillor **new to this council*

Cowes Town Council



Website: www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk
Phone: 01983 209022
Email: townclerk@cowestowncouncil.org.uk

No. of Wards: 4
No. of Seats: 16
No. of Candidates: 15
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 4

Councillors: Stuart Ellis, Lyn Sharon Hammond, David John Jones, Lora Peacey Wilcox, Jock Rafferty, Vanessa Mary Slade*. John Ulysses Anthony Nicholson, Linda Marion Brown, Annie Adams, Paul Bertie, Paul Fuller, Richard Hollis, David Walters*, Wendy Wardrop

**new councillor **new to this council*

East Cowes Town Council



Website: www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Phone: 01983 299082
Email: clerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 9
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 3
No. of New Candidates Elected: 3

Councillors: Karl Love, Bob Packham, Tracy Reardon, Margaret Eileen Webster*, Stephen Hendry, Sharon Lake*, Michael Paler*, Cameron Palin

**new councillor **new to this council*

Fishbourne Parish Council



Website: www.fishbourneiow.org.uk
Phone: 07815990019
Email: fishbournepc@btinternet.com

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 5
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: Cheryl Marie Fontana, Malcolm Fellender Hector, Ed Hopper, Weronika Klara Nowak, Sarah Talbot.

Freshwater Parish Council



Website: www.freshwater-parish.org.uk
Phone: 01983 752000
Email: clerk@freshwater-parish.org.uk

No. of Wards: 3
No. of Seats: 14
No. of Candidates: 12
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2

Councillors: Terry Dimmick, Michael John Locke*, Brenda Agnes Hobbs, Daniel Howard James, Anne Patricia Bamford, Carol Bray, George Cameron, Brian John Coles Hinton, John Medland, Tom Murphy, Natalie Thomas*, Jonathan Charles Young.

*new councillor **new to this council

Godshill Parish Council



Website: godshill.org.uk
Phone: 01983 865024
Email: clerk@godshillpc.org.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 5
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2

Councillors: Pat Button, Alison Jocelyn Child, Carl Donoclift*, Yasmin Chloe Nigh, Amanda Patricia Taylor*

*new councillor **new to this council

Gurnard Parish Council



Website: www.gurnardpc.co.uk
 Phone: 07305 013718
 Email: gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com

No. of Wards: 1
 No. of Seats: 9
 No. of Candidates: 7
 No. of Wards Contested: 0
 No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
 No. of New Candidates: 0
 No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: Marie Budgen, Mark David Franklin, Paul Andrew Fuller, Alan Jacobs, Terry Frances Nolan, Jan Williams, Nikki Wood.

Havenstreet & Ashe Parish Council



Website: www.havenstreetandasheypc.co.uk
 Phone: 01983 867450
 Email: clerk@havenstreetandasheypc.co.uk

No. of Wards: 1
 No. of Seats: 6
 No. of Candidates: 5
 No. of Wards Contested: 0
 No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
 No. of New Candidates: (1)
 No. of New Candidates Elected: (1)

Councillors: Bob Blezzard**, Veronica Hattersley, Karen Hull, Mick Lyons, Sue Lyons.
 *new councillor **new to this council

Lake Parish Council



Website: www.lakeparishcouncil.org.uk
 Phone: 01983 862810
 Email: miketap@globalnet.co.uk

No. of Wards: 2
 No. of Seats: 10
 No. of Candidates: 13
 No. of Wards Contested: 1
 No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
 No. of New Candidates: 5 (plus 2 new to this council)
 No. of New Candidates Elected: 3 (plus 1 new to this council)

Councillors: Naomi Winifred Goodall, David John Hardy*, Susan Hardy, Susan Elizabeth Mary Horton, Tig Outlaw, Adrian Charles Whittaker, Bette Young, Paul Brading**, Jenny Hicks*, John Marshall*
 *new councillor **new to this council

Nettlestone & Seaview Parish Council



Website: www.nettlestoneandseaview-pc.gov.uk
Phone: 07464 894216
Email: clerk@nettlestoneandseaview-pc.gov.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 10
No. of Candidates: 4
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 6
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: David James Adams, Barry Gordon Elliott, Rebecca Karen Hardie, Michael Ward

Newchurch Parish Council



Website: newchurchparish.co.uk
Phone: 01983 865024
Email: clerk@newchurchparish.co.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 7
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: (2)
No. of New Candidates Elected: (2)

Councillors: Roy Anthony Bevan, Bob Blezzard**, June Elizabeth Davison, John William Earley, Rodney Leonard Harris, Clare Louise Mosdell, Adrian Charles Whittaker**

**new councillor **new to this council*

Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council



Website: www.newportwight.org.uk
Phone: 01983 559119
Email: clerk@newportwight.org.uk

No. of Wards: 7
No. of Seats: 14
No. of Candidates: 15
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 5 (plus 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: 4 (plus 1 new to this council)

Councillors: Bev Hastings*, Terry Martin, Matthew Price, Michael Smith*, Julie Marie Jones-Evans, Vix Lowthion**, Joe Lever, Ray Redrup*, Joanne Louise Ballington, Geoff Brodie, Andrew Charles William Garratt, Cara Lock*, Jaimie Bundell, Shirley Smart

**new councillor **new to this council*

Niton & Whitwell Parish Council



Website: www.nitonwhitwell.org.uk
Phone: TBA
Email: clerk@nitonwhitwell.org.uk

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 10
No. of Candidates: 9
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2

Councillors: *Tim John Addison, Benjamin James Attrill, Jon Boileau Goad, Simon Biles, Claire Critchison*, Wendy Loader*, Alison Logan, Lorraine Sheerin*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Northwood Parish Council



Website: www.northwoodparishcouncil.org
Phone: 01983 290086
Email: clerk@northwoodparishcouncil.org

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 6
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
No. of New Candidates: 1
No. of New Candidates Elected: 1

Councillors: *Steph Burgess*, Mark Coventry, Paul Andrew Fuller, David William Jaggar, John Ulysses Anthony Nicholson, John Douglas Pullen.*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Rookley Parish Council



Website: www.rookley.org/rpc.php
Phone: 01983 862810
Email: miketap@globalnet.co.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 7
No. of Candidates: 4
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 3
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: *Michael Anthony Jones, Ian James Rigaudbarrett, Colin John Willis, Elizabeth Ann Wills*

Ryde Town Council



Website: www.rydetowncouncil.gov.uk
Phone: 01983 811105
Email: reception@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

No. of Wards: 7
No. of Seats: 16
No. of Candidates: 24
No. of Wards Contested: 6
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 13 (plus 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: 10

Councillors: *Jessica Higgins**, *Jo Park**, *Simon Cooke**, *Ian Dore**, *Les Kirkby**, *Malcolm Ross*, *Lisa Carter**, *Michael Lilley*, *Jenna Sabine**, *Georgie Carter**, *Charles Chapman*, *Karen Lucioni*, *Phil Jordan*, *John McLagan**, *Richard May**, *Ian Stephens*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Shalfleet Parish Council



Shalfleet Parish Council

Website: www.shalfleetiow.org.uk
Phone: 01983 531491
Email: clerk@shalfleetiow.org.uk

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 6
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2

Councillors: *Helena Lucja Hewston*, *Shirley Denise Stables*, *Ian Robert Broad*, *Pamela Edna Broadhead**, *Steve Cowley*, *Thomas Stephen James Cowley**
**new councillor **new to this council*

Shorwell Parish Council



Website: www.parish-council.com/Shorwell
Phone: 07957945828
Email: clerk@shorwellparishcouncil.org.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 6
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 2
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2

Councillors: *Giles Christopher Alldred**, *Geoffrey Stephen Butler*, *John Reeves Harrison*, *David Rimmer*, *David John Seymour Russell*, *Peter Edward Turner**
**new councillor **new to this council*

St Helens Parish Council



Website: www.sthelensiw.org.uk
Phone: 01983 867450
Email: clerk@sthelensiw.org.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 8
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 2 (plus 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: 2 (plus 1 new to this council)

Councillors: Jonathan Francis Bacon, John Norman Coleman, Sarah Elliott*, Gilles Henri Gergaud*, Phil Jordan**, Joost Spit, Ian Douglas Thomson, Kevin John Tutton
**new councillor **new to this council*

Wootton Bridge Parish Council



Website: www.woottonbridge.org.uk
Phone: 01983 884555
Email: clerk@woottonbridge.org.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 10
No. of Candidates: 10
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 4
No. of New Candidates Elected: 4

Councillors: Barry Edwin Abraham, Dave Burley, Christopher Cory*, Trish Evans, Barrie Lloyd Hailstone*, Lee Lemon*, Daryll James Pitcher, Linda Pauline Pitcher, Barbara Port, John Adrian Ward*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Wroxall Parish Council



Website: www.wroxallparishcouncil.org.uk
Phone: 01983 862810
Email: miketap@globalnet.co.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 4
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 4
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: Susan Brenda Chilton, Adrian Robert Gallop, Helen Jane Little, Kai Wacker

Yarmouth Town Council



Website: www.yarmouthtowncouncil.co.uk
Phone: 01983 527093/ 07714654331
Email: ytc1135@gmail.com

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 7
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 1
No. of New Candidates Elected: 1

Councillors: *Thomas Stephen James Cowley**, *Gill Head*, *Jamie Allen*, *Rod Corbett*, *Steve Cowley*, *Peter William Cronin*, *Debbie McCleary*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Part Two

Bembridge Parish Council



Website: www.bembridgepc.org.uk
Phone: 01983 874160
Email: clerk@bembridgepc.org.uk

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 12
No. of Candidates: 17
No. of Wards Contested: 2
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 9
No. of New Candidates Elected: 7

Councillors: *Jay Chapman*, *Martin Groom*, *Paul Kenny*, *Rosamond Poncia*, *Richard Weaver*, *Liz White*, *Harriet Brabazon*, *Josh Lake*, *Liz Mitchell*, *Marianne Sullivan*, *Sheila Weedall*, *Ray Widger*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Calbourne, Newtown & Porchfield Parish Council



Website: www.calbourneparishcouncil.org.uk
Phone: 01983 852576
Email: calbourneclerk@outlook.com

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 5
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: *Sally Jane Chaucer*, *Carol Elizabeth Weeks*, *Richard John Mathrick*, *Lynda Alexander Pike*, *Philip John Pike*

Chale Parish Council



Website: chale.org.uk
Phone: 07854 232216
Email: chaleparishcouncil@gmail.com

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 5
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 1
No. of New Candidates: 0
No. of New Candidates Elected: 0

Councillors: Peter Howard Gosling, Liz Groves, Ron Groves, Mary Kershaw, Dian Elizabeth McWilliam

Sandown Town Council



Website: www.sandowntowncouncil.gov.uk
Phone: 01983 408287
Email: clerks@sandowntowncouncil.gov.uk

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 12
No. of Candidates: 18
No. of Wards Contested: 2
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 10 (plus 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: 6 (plus 1 new to this council)

Councillors: Debbie Andre, Sue Betts*, Ian Fletcher*, Heather Humby, Alex Lightfoot, Robert May**, Frank Baldry*, Emily Brothers*, Jenny Hicks*, Paddy Lightfoot, Ian Ward, Toby Wilcock*

*new councillor **new to this council

Shanklin Town Council



Website: www.shanklintowncouncil.co.uk
Phone: 01983 865101
Email: shanklintowncouncil@hotmail.com

No. of Wards: 3
No. of Seats: 15
No. of Candidates: 17
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 7
No. of New Candidates Elected: 6

Councillors: Patrick Barry, David Cable, Stephen Howard Knight, Lyn Fleming, Mike Hailston, Denyse Joy Larner, Robert May, Stephen John Parkes, Chris Quirk, Michael Beston, Sue Godden, Wendy Hilton-How*, Robin Lansdell*, Adrian Whittaker, David Williams*

*new councillor **new to this council

Totland Parish Council



TOTLAND
Parish Council

Website: www.totlandparishcouncil.org.uk
Phone: 01983 756028
Email: clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk

No. of Wards: 1
No. of Seats: 8
No. of Candidates: 8
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 1
No. of New Candidates Elected: 1

Councillors: Hilary Jane Benns, Steven John Blamire, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Frederick Howe, Michael John Locke*, Helen Diana Wood, Gareth David Wyre
**new councillor **new to this council*

Ventnor Town Council



Website: ventnortowncouncil.org.uk
Phone: 01983 857840
Email: townclerk@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk

No. of Wards: 4
No. of Seats: 11
No. of Candidates: 15
No. of Wards Contested: 1
No. of Unfilled Seats: 2
No. of New Candidates: 7
No. of New Candidates Elected: 4

Councillors: Brian Lucas, Colm Watling, Stephen John James Cockett, Ian Bond, Julie Hutchinson*, Mark Jefferies*, James Toogood, Steph Toogood, Phil Warren*
**new councillor **new to this council*

Whippingham Parish Council



Website: www.whippinghamparishcouncil.co.uk
Phone: 01983 852576
Email: whippinghamparishcouncil@gmail.com

No. of Wards: 2
No. of Seats: 6
No. of Candidates: 6
No. of Wards Contested: 0
No. of Unfilled Seats: 0
No. of New Candidates: 0 (But 1 new to this council)
No. of New Candidates Elected: (1)

Councillors: Peter Clark, John Kirwood-Slack, Brian Taylor, David Thomas Thursby-Pelham, David Andrew Walter, Matthew Price**
**new councillor **new to this council*