

Community Insight

In this summer issue, we highlight the work continuing to resurface some of the Island's key routes, the drainage work completed at Lower Adgestone Road and our on-going efforts to keep the Island's grass areas and verges cut to improve visibility for road users.

We've also included an update on our involvement in supporting some of the Island's key festivals and events and how we are making the most of road closures for these events to complete work to help limit the impact on Island residents and businesses.

Plus as the Island's exam season draws to a close, we highlight news of the bursaries being offered to Island students to help them onto their chosen career path and a possible future with Island Roads.

You can also read about our staff making the headlines as they take part in fundraising events and receive accolades for their work both from

the general public and local media.

And finally, we've included some helpful information about the works scheduled to take place in each district over the next few months.

Don't forget for up to the minute information, please visit our website www.islandroads.com for details of current works or follow us on Twitter @IslandRoads

Paul Herbert

*Island Roads
Service Director*



Recent Schemes



Chine Avenue (l), Shanklin High Street (r). More on pg 3

Compliments

Here are a selection of the compliments we have received throughout the last month:

"Thanks for the swift action; myself and many others are now able to safely join the Rookley main road." – Member of the public

"Thank you to the grounds maintenance team for acting so swiftly in cutting the footpath between Makings Close and Jennings Close." – Member of the public

"I would like to thank the gang/ Island Roads for repairing the pot holes near to Afon Apple farm, a good job has been achieved on repairing a bad stretch of road." – Member of the public

"Niton and Whitwell Parish Council has asked me to write to express its appreciation for the way in which street cleansing is now being carried out in the Niton and Whitwell area." – Member of the public

"I would like to email to say thank you for your quick response to our complaint in regards to Campfield Road Green area." – Member of the public

"Just wanted to thank you and your team for getting Lower Road, Adgestone open again so quickly." – Member of the public

Staff involvement in half marathon for charity



Three staff from Island Roads took to the highway in the Needles half marathon to raise money for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust.

Keiron Blamey, Vicky Keefe and Jo Huett completed the 13.1 mile running challenge taking in some of the most striking scenery in the West Wight including the iconic Needles, 19th century Military Battery, Tennyson's Monument and the Yar Estuary.

The trio raised £500 for their chosen charity.

Kieron Blamey, on behalf of the group said, "I only started running in February when I completed the Longleat 10K. I took to running to get

fit after working away for 10 years on the mainland and eating fast food most days I needed to change my lifestyle!

"We chose to run for the Ellen MacArthur Trust as it something that I can relate to as I have had family members suffer from cancer."

Kieron finished with an impressive time of 2 hrs, 17 mins and 21 secs while Joanna and Vicky both finished with a time of: 2 hrs, 47 mins and 28 secs having joined hands to cross the line.

The trio even received a congratulatory letter from Andrew Turner MP which congratulated them on completing the half-marathon run.

Update on Grass/Verge cutting

It has been a testing start to the grass/verge cutting annual programme due to the weather during the growing season which resulted in the grass growing faster than normal, which led to some delay on delivering the service. However, we are now back on programme and are at present nearing the end of the sixth cut on the amenity 2 grass, ninth cut on amenity 1 grass and eight days into the second verge cut which is on a ten week cycle three cuts per year starting April and finishing late November.

Following the completion of the highway tree condition survey last year by our supply chain partners Gristwood and Toms, we compiled a programme of works to be completed over a five year period as per the contract specification and have now started year one of this programme which is due for completion by the end of December this year.

Bursaries

Two university bursaries worth £1,000 a year are being offered to two students from the Island to study business, engineering or environment related degrees at university as part of Island Roads commitment to creating local employment.

Island Roads service director Paul

Herbert, said: "We are delighted to be helping Island young people along this career path. Island Roads are determined to bring as many associated benefits to the local community as possible. We look forward to receiving applications from Island students."

The bursaries are open to students

whose main residence is on the Isle of Wight and currently studying in a state funded school, college or via an apprenticeship provider. They must also have a confirmed offer from a UK university, for an appropriate course.

Applications will close on midday 9th September 2014.

Island Roads makes light work of festival road closure

Island Roads gave Newport residents their own light show during the Isle of Wight Festival weekend.

As road closures were in place for the festival period, we changed our schedules to make use of the closures to replace streetlights in Fairlee Road between Halberry Lane and the Link Road, which otherwise would have required a separate road closure.

Two teams worked from early Monday morning to get the replacement columns in place before the road restriction was lifted later that day.

Paul Herbert, Service Director, said: "We do seek to keep disruption to an absolute minimum and using the festival closure to replace these streetlights on Monday meant that we could avoid closing the road on a separate occasion which would cause additional inconvenience to the travelling public and residents."

As part of the Highways PFI, Island Roads is installing 12,000 LED lights that can be controlled centrally, are energy efficient and reduce light pollution.

Councillor Jon Gilbey, IW Council executive member for finance and the highways PFI said: "I very much welcome this move. The council works hard with Island Roads to ensure that the needs of residents and road users are always at the heart of the contract.

"This is a very good example of Island Roads working flexibly and practically and they should be applauded."

Lower Adgestone Road reopened following major drainage works



Lower Adgestone Road has been re-opened following major work by Island Roads to install new drainage.

Last month, high groundwater levels caused one side of the carriageway to slip considerably. As a result, the road was subject to an emergency closure while Island Roads investigated a solution.

Now, following the introduction of a new system that should be far more effective, the road is once again open.

Dave Wallis, Island Roads environmental services manager,

said: "Highways across the Island have been affected by the high groundwater levels following a particularly wet winter period.

"At Lower Adgestone Road, the problem was severe and we have had to apply a robust solution to ensure we can keep the road open for the foreseeable future.

"We know that residents were concerned that it was initially necessary to close the road but we are glad to be able to complete the work and re-open it once more."

Recent Schemes



Godshell High Street (l), Alum Bay New Road (r).

Inside the festival

Island Roads has been playing a key role in the Island's busy festival programme.

As part of the support given to designated events, we have provided the traffic management arrangements for the recent Old Gaffers Festival as well as the Isle of Wight Festival.

Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival

Island Roads undertook the traffic management for the Gaffers event which took place the last weekend of May (30th/31st May and 1st June). This included implementing and managing road closures using diversions and signage to help drivers, as well as controlling parking restrictions.

Isle of Wight Festival

We also checked the event organisers traffic management plan for this year's Isle of Wight Festival (12-15 June) ensuring this was implemented as approved as well as monitoring the event over the weekend to ensure the network had minimal disruption and the highway was safe for all pedestrians and vehicles.

Our involvement with the IW Festival was the most intense with Iain Thornton and Kevin Burton keeping round the clock shifts at the designated traffic cell at the festival site, working alongside representatives from partners including the police and AA to ensure the event took place with minimal disruption.

Further operatives monitored the conditions around the event site, with staff working evenings to help monitor road closures after the end

of each days show and to ensure the safe dispersal of festival attendees.

Meanwhile staff in the hub kept local media and residents updated with traffic tweets and by feeding the information directly to IW Radio who regularly praised Island Roads' efforts on air.

We also provided and placed VMS signage on trailers few weeks in advance of the festival to inform drivers of forthcoming one way system and road closures, and provided the contingency parking signage, ensuring this was in place during the course of the festival in case we were required to implement alternative parking arrangements.

Upcoming Events:

Cowes Week – 2nd-8th August – we are currently working on the traffic management arrangements with the Council for Cowes Week and particularly the Friday Fireworks night and the Red Arrows aerobatic display.

Bestival – 4th-7th September – we will be monitoring traffic management arrangements and ensuring these are implemented according to the approved plans. Network manager representatives will be on site each day to oversee any Island Roads' activities and to undertake our network management duties. We will also be overseeing contingency parking arrangements being provided for the event and additional operatives will be monitoring the event each evening to observe any problems which may arise and note any deviances from the agreed event traffic management plan.

Kevin Snudden wins Customer Service Award



Kenny (left) and Neil Bennett (Hovertravel) pictured with the winning trophy and hamper

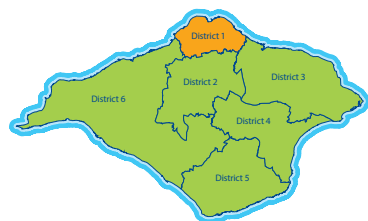
Kenny Snudden, a Cleansing Operative at Island Roads, was awarded the Customer Service Award at the 2014 Isle of Wight Radio Local Heroes Ceremony, which took place on the evening of 26 June at Cowes Yacht Haven.

Kenny received a total of 28 nominations from business owners and members of the public for the award. Comments such as: 'always greeted with a smile and a cheerful word, no matter what the weather' and 'nothing is too much work for him and never a grumble' were included in the nominations. The prize included a trophy and a large hamper of chocolates and sweets.

Paul Herbert, Service Director said: "Congratulations to Kenny on his award. It is great that his hard work and dedication has been recognised. Well done, he is a true local hero!"

The ceremony was hosted by Isle of Wight Radio and Wight Fibre to say thank you to Islanders who inspire others.

CIP – maps of forthcoming work in the next three months



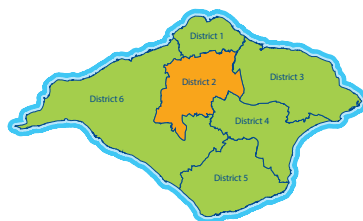
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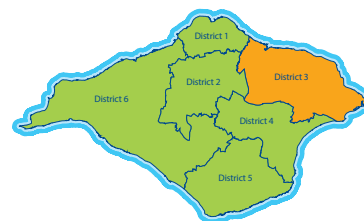
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Carisbrooke

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District 3

St Helens

Upper Green
Road

Binstead

Church Road
Pitts Lane

Seaview

West Street

Bembridge

Woodnutt Close

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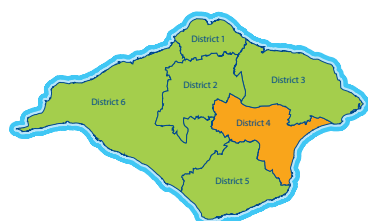
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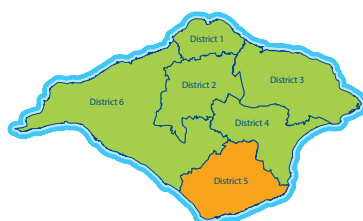
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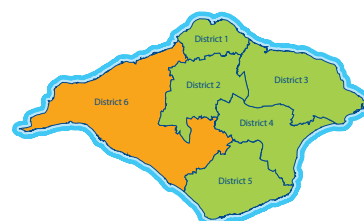
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St Johns Road



District 6

Freshwater

Military Road

Brook

Brighstone Road

Brighstone

Limerstone Road,
Chilton Lane

Yarmouth

Broad Lane
Hill Place Lane

Gatcombe

Gatcombe Village
Road
Doctors Lane

Totland

Hurst Hill,
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Ward Road