



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

VANDALISM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN BAY

Residents in the Bay have been subject to a wave of vandalism and anti-social behaviour since the start of the recent lockdown, with local Councils bearing the brunt of the costs of repair and replacement. Sandown Town Council have seen on-going graffiti and damage at its Sandham Gardens play area and skatepark, as well as its St John's Road Toilets.

Town Mayor Gary Young said 'It is very sad to see equipment vandalised and public property subject to graffiti, impacting on young users of the playground and also putting our contractors at risk'.

Deputy Mayor Paul Brading added 'To see this level of anti-social behaviour at any time is disappointing, during a pandemic when the Island community is facing significant challenges, is unacceptable and we would ask all members of the public to report any incidents they witness'.

The Town Council are considering introducing CCTV to Sandham Gardens and Grounds to protect the amenity which costs several hundreds of thousands of pounds to install.

Cllr Young concluded 'Increased vandalism is impacting on the limited resources of our Council, and those of other councils on the Island, and also adds to the demands on the Police which are already stretched at this time'.



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