

ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY CLUB - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 NOVEMBER 2025 – 8.00PM

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

Secretarial Team

Keiron Kirkpatrick, Club Secretary, has had his working hours increased to reflect a truer picture of the hours he puts in to run the club.

Louise Insley, Assistant Club Secretary has settled in very well and is now working four days a week in the Club. Over the past year, Louise took on the role of applying for a Lottery grant to fully refurbish the kitchen and replace the play area with a fully inclusive play park. Unfortunately, this application was turned down. However, the plan is to reapply for a grant for the play park and, to strengthen this, Louise is intending to set up a Go Fund Me page with encouragement for local companies to become involved in supporting this.

The Secretarial team deserves the Club's highest recognition, for without their knowledge, dedication, and support, its existence would not be possible

Bar Team

Adara Attrill, who was the Bar Manager has moved on to pastures new enabling her to spend more time with her family.

As a result of this, the post for Bar Manager was advertised. Julie Winsor was successful in securing the role and has settled in extremely well.

As well as losing Adara, the Club also lost Gypsy Wadey and Emma Attrill (who has taken on the role of running the kitchen, now known as the Clubhouse Kitchen).

This year has seen two new additions to the Bar team, Simon Hopkins and Tom Augustus. Both have settled into their roles and along with Oakley Macdonald, are a credit to the Club. Thank you to all the team for your hard work and support in providing refreshments to the members of the club.

Catering

As mentioned earlier, Emma has taken over the kitchen and appears to be thriving in her new role, going from strength to strength. She is receiving very positive feedback in every area of providing food for the Club, whether feeding members prior to and during their respective activities or catering for sports events, Sunday lunches or private functions. May her excellent service and success continue.

Finance

Although not here tonight, can thanks be minuted to our Treasurer, Nick Hodder, for looking after everything accounting and financial and ensuring that the accounts were made ready and available for this meeting.

Volunteers

Can I also say a massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Dave Wakeley, Terry Twinberrow, Terry Smy, Allan Phillips and Simon Porter. These men normally arrive at the Club by 8.15 every morning to help open up, move furniture around to accommodate the various activities taking place within the club and then take on all the jobs that need addressing both within the club's premises and maintenance within the grounds. They have also been very involved in refurbishing the kitchen, the changing rooms and the gents' toilets. Thanks for their unstinting support and saving the Club thousands of pounds in unpaid labour. They are invaluable to the Club.

On this note, can I just pause a moment and stress that, as proactive as this team is, they are not getting any younger (sorry chaps) so we are asking no, **pleading**, for some new volunteers to join this team and help them in every way they can to continue maintaining the club. Please give it some thought.

On the topic of volunteers, a big thank must be given to Mary Hodder for taking up the job of framing the football shirts which are gradually filling up the walls in the Sports bar. I'm sure you will agree that they make the look of the bar a lot smarter. Thank you Mary.

Another thank you must be given to Karl Gibbard who has taken on the role of repainting the exterior walls of the indoor Bowls building. Thank you Karl.

Donations

A special thank you is given for all the donations received from the various Sections and Groups within the Club. These donations have enabled the following improvements to be made over the past year:

- Re-covering the chairs and bar stools in the Sports bar
- Installing new windows in the ladies' toilets, changing rooms, workshop and Secretary's office
- Refurbishing the gents' toilets

Plans are afoot in the early part of 2026 to install a large screen and projector in the Sports bar. This will be funded with donations from the Tuesday and Thursday Bridge Clubs.

Last, but not least

I would personally like to thank everyone on the Management Committee (especially Jackie, Keiron and Lou) for the support they have given me during my first year as Chair (a role I have never carried out before). There have been some very challenging situations,

some stressful times but, most importantly, some very positive outcomes. I hope the positives continue into 2026.

Without the support of the Board, the Management Committee, the staff and most importantly you the members, this Club would not, and could not, exist so a big thank you.

Thank you for your attendance.

Madeleine Macklen
Management Committee Chair