



Bembridge Parish Council Summer Newsletter 2025

VE Day Celebrations

This year, the 8th May marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and in recognition of this momentous occasion the village came out in force to celebrate the day that the Second World War ended in Europe, but to also pay their respects to all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



Community Groups Day

Bembridge is blessed with so many fantastic community groups. We hold the annual Community Groups Day in the Village Hall to allow some of these groups to meet with the public and talk about what they do, and maybe, if they are lucky, end the day with a few more volunteers/members signed up.



🌸 Bembridge in Bloom

The annual Bembridge in Bloom 2025 competition goes from strength to strength (we saw a 100% increase in entries this year). Winners were announced at the Horticultural Society Summer Show on August 16th. Thank you again to all at Warner Bembridge Coast Hotel who very kindly sponsored the event this year.



Judges from South and Southeast in Bloom and Wight in Bloom also visited the village in June and praised the village's floral displays, especially at Lane End Cemetery, Pop's Wood, and the War Memorial Gardens - which received a 'Highly Commended' award at Wight in Bloom.

WIGHT IN BLOOM 2025

HIGHLY COMMENDED

VISIT
ISLE OF WIGHT

Awards & Achievements



The Bembridge Parish Council were incredibly proud to regain our Silver Quality Council accreditation from the National Association of Local Councils.

Chair of NALC, Cllr Kieth Stevens, stated;

‘Receiving the Silver Award is an excellent achievement showing that your local parish council achieves good practices in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Furthermore, this award shows that your council has gone above and beyond the legal obligations; you lead your community and continuously seek opportunities to improve and develop even further. Therefore, the council is to be congratulated immensely.’

Now we push on for GOLD!

Bembridge Parish Council are also proud to have worked with Plastic Free Bembridge to obtain Plastic Free Accreditation from Surfers Against Sewage. This accreditation recognises our efforts to eradicate the use of single use plastics in the village. Bembridge is the first community on the Island to achieve this accreditation so we should all be proud. But of course, the fight against single use plastic continues!



Safety & Resilience Initiatives

- Bike Marking Events: Held in August by PCSO Steve Hull and Hampshire & IOW Police.

**Bembridge
Parish
Council**

**FREE BIKE
CODING**



Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding a bike coding event this month.

WHERE: Steyne Park, PO35 5SL
WHEN: Tuesday August 5th 12-2pm

Any bikes marked will be registered with the national Bike Register database. Every police force in the UK uses the Bike Register database to search for stolen and recovered bikes, making it a very worthwhile event to come along to and get your bike marked for free.



- CPR & Defibrillator Training: Delivered by the Parish Council Resilience Group.



Resilience Group



**Want to know how to deliver good CPR
and use a Defibrillator, safely ?**

**Bembridge Parish Council Resilience Group
are running practical training sessions at
Bembridge Fire Station, Walls Road PO35 5RH
From 7pm
Tuesday 26th August 2025**

Space is limited so book your place via the
Parish Clerk by emailing
clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk
or by visiting the Parish Office.

Be prepared to get down and hands on

Come along and **BE EXTRAORDINARY**

Beach Cleans – Keep Bembridge Beautiful

Join us for monthly beach cleaning events.



Bembridge Parish Council's Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Beach Cleans & Village Litter Picks

Meet at Lane End (RNL) or The Point at 10am

All welcome & equipment provided

Dates for 2025

18 th January
22 nd February
22 nd March
19 th April
17 th May
14 th June
26 th July
16 th August
13 th September
11 th October
29 th November
13 th December

For more information contact the Parish Office 01983 874160

Or email clerk@bembridgepc.org.uk

Have Your Say – Parish Survey

Help shape the future of Bembridge by completing the Annual Parish Survey. Your feedback informs our 3-Year Business Plan.

Take the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPCHYSS2025>

Use your camera phone to scan the QR code below and follow the link



Or pick up a hard copy from the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to organise the above events. It's been a busy and fun Summer.

Look out next for our Annual Report, dropping through your doors in 2026!



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