

# Seaton Town Council Priorities


## Municipal Year 2023-24 (Q.1, Q.2 & Q.3)

(completed priorities are denoted by 😊 and coloured orange)

The priorities will be reconsidered for the second half of the year after the 2023 Community Consultation has been completed.

Project	Timescale	
<b>Marshlands Refurbishment</b> – to build on the work done in 2022-23 and complete the refurbishment of Marshlands and maximise its potential for community use and income generation.	Delivery and project management of construction works.	Anticipated start date August 2023 with completion by December 2023
	Ongoing discussions with potential public sector stakeholders and preparation of a joint business plan to maximise the community uses in the building and increase income generation.	Series of meetings held and next one with a third partner to take place in July 2023. Business plan completion by Autumn 2023
<b>Water Safety Initiative</b> – in partnership with EDDC and the RNLI to deliver the water safety campaign	Launched in May 2023	
<b>Tourist Information Centre</b> – to increase the opening hours of the TIC, via the recruitment and training of volunteers by councillors	Open and run at weekends throughout the Summer season. Anticipated launch 1 July 2023	
<b>Youth Genesis Project</b> - to build on the 'Seaton Streetbase' youth project and assess how it might be improved/progressed. Contract terminated as YG were unable to deliver and a refund of most of their fee secured.	Youth Consultation launched in May 2023 with a view to collecting data and preparing a report to Council in September 2023 as to options that could be delivered within existing budgets.	

<p><b>Summer beach school programme</b> – to work with the approved supplier to build on the success of the pilot beach school in 2022 and to deliver more sessions for local children in 2023-24.</p>	<p>School holidays throughout 2023-34</p>	
<p><b>Income generation</b> – to research available grant funding for different projects and increase all opportunities for income generation from assets.</p>	<p>Grant opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growing Communities (DCC)    £ 3,000</li> <li>• Restore                                    £ 2,000</li> <li>• Locality Fund (DCC)                £ 800</li> <li>• SW Water                                 £ 600</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing, as opportunities arise.</p>
	<p>Hire of assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marshlands                            £ 4,587 (Q1)</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Events:</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas Lights</b> – to refurbish the newly acquired Christmas lights and work with community groups to deliver another successful event</li> </ul>	<p>December 2023</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outdoor Cinema</b> – to deliver an outdoor cinema event for 2023. To deliver an Outdoor Cinema event as part of Jurassic-themed weekend in August 2023 to celebrate 30 years since ‘Jurassic Park’ was released.</li> </ul>	<p>August 2023</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seaton Summer Celebration</b> – to work with voluntary groups in the town to deliver a community celebration in Cliff Field Gardens, using the model established for the Platinum Jubilee Celebration</li> </ul>	 Delivered June 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children’s Festival</b> – working with community groups to deliver the inaugural Seaton Children’s Festival – an event for children of all ages with lots of activities</li> </ul>	August 2023	
<b>Community Grants</b> – to encourage engagement with the scheme to ensure maximum benefit to local eligible groups. The level of community grants awarded during 2022/23 was £6,299.	Throughout 2023/24	
<b>Community Engagement</b> – to hold regular councillor surgeries to improve engagement with the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgeries currently scheduled for the first Saturday in July, August and September and publicised on social media and the Council’s website.</li> <li>• To carry out a further Community Consultation in 2023 (August 2023)</li> </ul>	
<b>Volunteer programme</b> – to increase volunteer involvement in the town and increase community cohesion	Recruitment by councillors on specific projects	This will be ongoing throughout the year. Initial project to secure sufficient volunteers to open the tourist information centre at weekends during the Summer
<b>Disability access to beach</b> – to work with EDDC to fund extend beach accessibility by increasing beach matting in 2023 (pilot in 2022) and improve beach access for wheelchairs. To publicise this as widely as possible.	The extended matting was laid in April 2023 and work is ongoing with a national news outlet who will be feature this project on their daily show during the Summer.	
<b>Town Hall</b> – to work with the tenant to arrange essential	Central heating	Anticipated

repairs to the Town Hall including replacement of the central heating system and repairs to the clocktower.		completion – early June 2023
	Clocktower repairs	Anticipated completion – August 2023
<b>Rewilding/trees</b> – to identify further open spaces for rewilding and planting of trees.	Ongoing, as and when appropriate sites arise.	
<b>Climate change review &amp; improvements</b> – to carry out a review of what action the Council could realistically take to counter the effects of climate change and how it could assist in achieving 'Plastic Free Seaton'.	By December 2023	
<b>Floral displays</b> – to increase floral displays and funding thereof by business sponsorship in 2023.	Further planters installed in the town and target for planter sponsorship exceeded by 100% in June 2023.	
<b>SW in Bloom</b> – to establish what action and improvements are necessary in readiness to submit an application in 2024	By October 2023	
<b>Seafront enhancements</b> – Members will continue to lobby EDDC regarding the redevelopment of the Moridunum and wider redevelopment of the seafront and to make such smaller improvements to the seafront as are feasible within available budgets	Ongoing by Members. Levelling Up bid submitted by EDDC but unsuccessful.	
<b>Asset management schedules</b> – preparation and forward planning of asset maintenance schedules and related budgets for the next 2 years	Schedules to be completed by October 2023 in time for the beginning of budget discussions.	