



# VTC LAND & BUILDINGS UPDATE

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

31 DECEMBER 2015

TERM OF LEASE	30 years
START DATE	Lease signature date
RENT	£1

- When the loWC announced its decision in 2014 to cease grounds maintenance works from 1 April 2015 VTC decided to take on the responsibility for it.
- Twenty areas were covered by the loWC contract for grass cutting and planting:

Bonchurch Triangle	Havensbrush	Shore Road Car Park
Bonchurch Pond	Judds Walk	Smugglers Haven
Cascade Gardens	Kings Bay Road Car Park	Steephill Down Road
Hambrough Road/Shore Road	Lowtherville Estate	St Boniface Gardens
Donkey Bank	North Street Playground	Victoria Gardens
Eastern Gardens	Ocean View Road	Westcliffs
Flowers Brook	Salisbury Gardens	
- The list excluded Ventnor Park as one of the Island's Principal Parks for which the loWC stated they would retain responsibility.
- VTC conducted a tendering process overseen by its Public Buildings Working Group and its recommendation to appoint John O'Connor (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd as its contractor for the works until 31 December 2017 was unanimously adopted by the Town Council.
- VTC had not expected to then be asked by loWC to take on leases for all the areas of land involved but agreed to do so in line with its policy of maximising control over assets important to the town's future.
- The actual lease(s) are still in process but Heads of Terms for them have been agreed by both Councils.