

Summer Programme 2026 Detailed List

5 May 2026 – The Donkey Sanctuary

Address: Lower Winstone Farm, Wroxall, Isle of Wight, PO38 3AA

What Three Words: clay.monday.brink

What's there - There are a lot of donkeys! Also, there are views of the surrounding countryside.

- **Parking** – There is a large car park on site and parking is free.
- **Coffee** – There is a café on site.
- **Loos** – There are toilets.

How to get there - The sanctuary is off Saint John's Road (the B3327) on the way to Wroxall / Ventnor. The number 3 bus stops directly outside at the top of the drive and just across the road, or there is a Red Squirrel trail footpath that leads from Shanklin and runs directly through the sanctuary.

12 May 2026 – Island Harbour

Address: Mill Lane, Newport PO30 2LA

What Three Words: handyman.moved.rare

This is a great location for sketching and painting the boats moored there.

- **Parking** – There is free parking
- **Coffee** – There is a café / bar called The Cockle. They serve coffee and lots of other things too
- **Loos** – There are toilets in The Cockle

How to Get There – Island Harbour is located off Fairlee Road, on the outskirts of Newport. From Newport turn left around half a mile from the 40mph sign, or turn right, if coming from Ryde. Look for the brown tourist sign on Fairlee Road.

Follow the road to the end and park in the gravel car park opposite The Cockle.

19 May 2026 – Western Gardens - Ryde Esplanade

Address: Western Gardens, Esplanade, Ryde PO33 2HE

What Three Words: avoid.skill.fact

From the gardens there are views along the coast and of the pier as well as the esplanade and Union Street. There are a number of public benches where you can sit and sketch. If you prefer, Ryde Marina is a short walk along the esplanade.

- **Parking** – The nearest car park is St Thomas' Street Long Stay Car Park. Usual Council rates apply.
- **Coffee** – The nearest café is PO41, though there are plenty of others within walking distance
- **Loos** – There are toilets at the train station.

How to get there – Western Gardens are situated on the esplanade at the end of Union Street in Ryde, near the pier and bus station, which makes it easy to get to by train or bus.

26 May 2026 – Mottistone House and Gardens

Address: Mottistone, near Brighstone, PO30 4ED

What Three Words: viewer.shirtless.shady

Please bring your Isle of Wight Art Club membership card with you and arrive in good time for a 10:30am start as we will need to enter the gardens together.

We will have access to the gardens. Subjects include mature trees and formal flower gardens plus the exterior of the house.

- **Parking** – There is free parking
- **Coffee** – There is a tearoom
- **Loos** – There are toilets

How to Get There - Mottistone House and Gardens is situated in Mottistone between Brook and Brighstone on the B3399.

2 June 2026 – Cowes Parade / Town

Address: The Parade, Cowes, PO31 7QS

What Three Words: node.lawns.drift

Meet on the Parade near the RNLI, which is at the far end from the Royal Yacht Squadron.

From the Parade, there are views across the harbour, or it is a short walk into town for some urban sketching.

- **Parking** – There is parking on the Parade. Usual Council rates apply.
- **Coffee** – There are several cafes in within easy walking distance

- [Loos](#) – There are public toilets on the Parade

[How to Get There](#) – From Newport, take the A3020 Newport Road to Cowes. When you get to Northwood traffic lights turn left onto Nodes Road B3325 (there is a Leslie's car showroom on the junction). Follow the road along, bearing right, as it turns into Place Road. Drive past The Range on your left and at the roundabout either turn left and then immediate right into Baring Road or turn right and follow Place Road into town.

If you turned left, then follow Baring Road along for some distance (you'll go through a couple of traffic calming measures) until you see Castle Hill on your left. This will take you to The Parade.

If you turned right, follow the road along and then turn left onto Ward Avenue, just before the large public car park for Northwood House. Drive to the end of Ward Avenue and turn right into Baring Road and then left into Castle Hill.

9 June 2026 – Harvey Brown's

[Address](#): Hale Manor Farm, Hale Common, Arreton, PO30 3AR

[What Three Words](#): posed.feasting.couple

Harvey Brown's is a farm shop and café on the outskirts of Arreton. At the back of the café there is a large pond, woodland walks and views across the countryside. We are free to walk all the way round the pond and there is some external seating but obviously we'll need to make sure we don't get in the way of customers.

You can get to the back of the café by walking round the side of the building – you don't have to walk through the shop!

- [Parking](#) – There is free parking
- [Coffee](#) – There is a café and farm shop
- [Loos](#) – There are toilets in the café and shop

[How to Get There](#) - Harvey Brown's is situated on the outskirts of Arreton off the main A3046 Newport to Sandown Road. If approaching from Arreton it is on the right, just before the 50mph sign

16 June 2026 – IOW Pearl

[Address](#): Isle of Wight Pearl, Military Road, Brighstone PO30 4DD

[What Three Words](#): regarding.journey.poorly

Isle of Wight Pearl is a large shop and café on Military Road. We'll be meeting in the garden behind the cafe. You can get there by walking through the shop, or round the outside.

There are views of the sea and the coast, or if you prefer, there are views of the countryside from the front of the premises. As the building is on the cliff top, it's likely to be windy.

- **Parking** – There is free parking
- **Coffee** – There is a café
- **Loos** – There are toilets in the café and shop

How to Get There – Isle of Wight Pearl is situated on the Military Road near Brighstone.

23 June 2026 – Brighstone Village Art Group Paint Out, Brighstone

Address: Wilberforce Hall, Main Road, Brighstone, PO30 4AX

What Three Words: lamenting.towels.tomorrow

This is a joint meeting with Brighstone Village Art Group and we'll meet them at Wilberforce Hall. One of the best locations for sketching in the village is St Mary's Church, which is nearby.

- **Parking** – There is a free parking in Warnes Lane car park but it is limited to two hours.
- **Coffee** – We have very kindly been offered coffee in Wilberforce Hall by Brighstone Village Art Group. There is also a pub in the village.
- **Loos** – There are public toilets in the car park.

How to Get There – From Carisbrooke turn left at the roundabout onto Clatterford Road B3323 and follow it until you get to Shorwell. Turn right at the mini roundabout onto Walkers Lane B3399. Stay on this road until you get to Brighstone.

Alternatively, instead of turning left, go straight over the roundabout onto the Middle Road and carry on until you get to the Sun Inn. Turn left and follow the road along until you get to Brighstone.

When you get to the village, take the turning to the public carpark (Warnes Lane), near the Three Bishops pub. Wilberforce Hall is opposite the entrance to Warnes Lane.

30 June 2026 – Yaverland Car Park

Address: Yaverland Long Stay Carpark, Yaverland Road, Sandown PO36 8QB

What Three Words: saunas.adjuster.firms

There are views of the beach and Culver Cliff as well as the rest of Sandown Bay. If you prefer, Browns Golf and Lake and Sandham Gardens are a short walk away, providing a good variety of subject matters.

- **Parking** – Normal IOW Council charges apply (£3.60 for two hours and £6.20 for four). If you are a member of the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary you can park there for free.
- **Coffee** – There is a small café and shop near the entrance to the car park. The café in the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary is on the opposite side of the road.
- **Loos** – There are public toilets in the car park.

[How to Get There](#) – Yaverland Beach is at the Culver Cliff end of Sandown Bay, near the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary. The entrance to the car park is off Yaverland Road B3395

7 July 2026 – IOWAC Summer Picnic

[Address:](#) Sheat Corner Cottage, Chillerton, PO30 3EN

[What Three Words:](#) NA

Carol is very kindly hosting the summer picnic at her home. Please bring your own picnic

- [Parking](#) – On a grass verge
- [Coffee](#) – Yes
- [Loos](#) – Yes

[How to Get There](#) – From Newport head towards Carisbrooke. Go over the first roundabout and at the second turn left up Cedar Hill. At the roundabout at the top of the hill bear right onto Whitcombe Road (this is the turning for Carisbrooke Priory – not the castle). Drive past Carisbrooke Priory and follow the road for two miles. Just before a sharp right turn into Chillerton village park on the grass verge on the left. Sheat Cottage is opposite.

14 July 2026 – Newtown National Nature Reserve and Old Town Hall

[Address:](#) Town Lane, Newtown, PO30 4PA

[What Three Words:](#) vitamins.harmlessly.drooling

There are a range of painting locations, including the old town hall, riverside and bridge and salt marshes.

- [Parking](#) – There is a small National Trust car park as well as some very limited parking along the road. Parking will be free for National Trust members and standard Isle of Wight Council charges apply for non NT members. There is a parking machine and you can use the usual council parking app.
- [Coffee](#) – There should be a kiosk in season
- [Loos](#) – There are toilets by the National Trust car park

[How to Get There](#) – From Newport head along the A3054 towards Yarmouth. When you get to Shalfleet, the road will curve round towards to the left just before you enter the village. Take the right hand turn (Corf Road), on the bend. (There is a garage on your right, just before the bend). Follow the road along for around half a mile and then turn left into Town Lane. After a short while you'll drive over a bridge and will see the old town hall on your right and the entrance to the car park is almost immediately on your left.

21 July 2026 – Godshill

[Address:](#) High Street, Godshill, PO38 3HZ

What Three Words: jiffy.technical.preparing

Meet in the Old Smithy car park. There are a few different locations for painting. All Saints Church is a relatively short walk away from the car park, though it's up a hill. There is a path behind The Griffin Pub (opposite the entrance to the car park) that leads to woodlands. There are paths from far end of the car park that lead into fields.

- **Parking** – There is free parking in the Old Smithy car park
- **Coffee** – There is a café in the Old Smithy (and plenty of other locations in the village too).
- **Loos** – There are toilets for customers in the Old Smithy

How to Get There – Godshill is on the A3020 between Shanklin and Newport.

28 July 2026 – Golden Hill County Park

Address: Colwell Road, Freshwater, PO40 9SJ

What Three Words: disposing.socialite.detail

Meet in the car park

Golden Hill Country Park covers 20 hectares of mixed habitat public open space and it surrounds one of the Palmerston Follies (now flats) that were built to protect the Solent from invasion.

There are countryside views. It's probably worth going for a walk round the park without your art materials first as there are a number of views / subjects to choose from. The ground may be muddy if it has been raining.

- **Parking** – There is free parking
- **Coffee** – There is no coffee but the park is near Freshwater and Colwell Bay
- **Loos** – There are no public toilets at the park but there are some at Colwell Bay, which is a short drive away.

How to Get There - The site is signed from Hill Lane / Colwell Road. Turn off to Golden Hill Park industrial estate then immediately right, following signs.

4 August 2026 – Mornington Woods, Queens Road Car Park

Address: Mornington Road Long Stay Car Park, Mornington Road, Cowes, PO31 8AU

What Three Words: simply.kings.linguists

Meet in the car park.

There are trees! The woods are a short walk away from the seafront. It'll be Cowes week when we visit so there may be quite a lot of activity on the water that we can sketch.

- **Parking** – There is paid parking. Usual Council rates apply. You may be able to find free parking on one of the side roads

- [Coffee](#) – There is a kiosk on the seafront, near the car park.
- [Loos](#) – There are public toilets

[How to Get There](#) – Mornington Road is off Queens Road in Cowes, which runs along the waterside.

11 August 2026 – Bembridge Coast Hotel

[Address](#): Bembridge Coast Hotel, Fisherman's Walk, Bembridge, PO35 5TB

[What Three Words](#): buns.spun.claim

Bembridge Coast Hotel is a large hotel complex on the coast and there are views of the sea and grounds as well as a landscaped Spanish garden. We will be shown the best locations to go to on the day. Avoid the archery range!

- [Parking](#) – There is free parking
- [Coffee](#) – There is a large café on site
- [Loos](#) – There are toilets

[How to Get There](#) – Bembridge Coast Hotel is on the seafront near Bembridge RNLI Lifeboat Station. From the centre of Bembridge, take Lane End Road (near the Birdham Hotel and Restaurant) and follow it down to the lifeboat station. Turn right, go past the car park for the lifeboat station to the hotel and follow the signs for the car park.

18 August 2026 – Freshwater Bay

[Address](#): Gate Lane, Freshwater, PO40 9TT

[What Three Words](#): troll.rocked.chickens

There are two options. Either meet by the RNLI station in the bay, or paint on the clifftop, overlooking the bay.

The bay is usually more sheltered and has access to a café and toilets but has paid parking. The clifftop has free parking and great coastal views but is likely to be windy and the bay and facilities are a short walk away down the hill / steps.

[Parking](#) – There is paid parking in the bay (usual Council charges apply) or alternatively, there is free parking in Freshwater Bay Clifftop Car Park, off Military Road.

- [Coffee](#) – There are a few places in the bay that you can buy coffee, including the Freshwater Gate cafe.
- [Loos](#) – There are public toilets a short walk away from the seafront.

[How to Get There](#) – From Newport take the B3399 Middle Road to Afton. Turn left onto Afton Road and follow it to the seafront. At the end of the road turn right for the paid carpark and the bay. Alternatively, turn right onto the Military Road and you'll see Freshwater Bay Clifftop Car Park on your left after a little while.

25 August 2026 – Appley Tower, Ryde

Address: Appley Tower, Garden Walk, Ryde PO33 1NS

What Three Words: plenty.divisions.rust

Meet by the tower. There are sea views to paint and sketch, as well as the tower itself and the surrounding gardens.

- **Parking** – The nearest public car park is Appley Park Long Stay Car Park. Normal Council charges apply
- **Coffee** – Appley Beach Café is a short walk from the tower
- **Loos** – Appley Park public toilets are nearby

How to Get There – Head east along The Esplanade in Ryde and then turn left into North Walk (this is the road that runs by the sea and skirts around the Canoe Lake at the end of the Esplanade). After the Canoe Lake, bear left and continue along North Walk until it becomes Appley Lane. The car park will be on your left. From the car park you'll be able to walk along the seafront to the tower. The toilets are close to the carpark (by the beach huts we hired in 2025).

1 September 2026 – St Thomas's Square, Newport

Address: Newport Minster, St Thomas's Square, Newport PO30 1SL

What Three Words: motivator.trout.example

This is a great location for urban sketching.

Meet by the main entrance to the Minster. There are various public benches in the square to sit and sketch.

- **Parking** – The nearest parking is in the Pyle Street Multi-story car park but there are a number of different parking options in Newport.
- **Coffee** – There are cafes in St Thomas's Square as well as a café in the Minster itself.
- **Loos** – There are toilets in Newport Minster as well as in the cafes in the square (for customers).

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[How to Get There](#) - Mottistone House and Gardens is situated in Mottistone between Brook and Brighstone on the B3399.

15 September 2025 – Bembridge Harbourside

[Address](#): Embankment Road, Bembridge, PO35 5NZ

[What Three Words](#): engraving.trend.chats

There are good views of Bembridge Harbour and of the Solent (if you walk further round the harbour).

- [Parking](#) – There is free parking on The Embankment
- [Coffee](#) – The Harbourside Café is nearby and The Pilot Inn is on the opposite side of the road.
- [Loos](#) – There are public toilets near the Pilot Boat Inn (as well as in the pub, for customers)

[How to Get There](#) – From St Helens drive along The Embankment. Go past Bembridge Sailing Club and The Harbour View Cafe on the left and you'll see the entrance to a lane on the bend, near a large, ornate drinking fountain. There is limited parking but if it's full (as is likely) you should be able to park on The Embankment.

22 September 2026 – Tapnell Farm

[Address](#): Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth PO41 0YJ

[What Three Words](#): riverbank.steaming.standards

Meet in the main carpark.

We will be shown the best places that we can go for sketching / painting on the day. There are fantastic views across to Yarmouth as well as ornamental cows!

- [Parking](#) – There is free parking.
- [Coffee](#) – The Cow restaurant will be closed but we will be able to access their cafe
- [Loos](#) – There are toilets on site

[How to Get There](#) – From Newport take the B3323 following signs for Carisbrooke, then head straight across at the 3 successive mini roundabouts to reach the B3399 'The Middle

Road'. Continue along The Middle Road for just over 7 miles until you see signs on the right for Tapnell Farm.

From Yarmouth take the A3054 following signs for Newport then take the first right turn onto B3401, signposted to Ventnor. Continue on this road until it joins Wilmingham Lane, then carry on until the T-junction with the B3399 'The Middle Road'. Turn left here (signposted Brighstone and Newport) and follow road for just over 1.5 miles until you see signs for Tapnell Farm on the left. Ignore the first turning signposted "Tapnell" as it is a residents-only entrance.

Bus Service: From Saturday 28 March to Saturday 26 September 2026 Southern Vectis are operating a bus service between Newport and Yarmouth, stopping at Tapnell Farm. The route number 27 has been renamed 'Summer Links'.

29 September 2026 – Seaview Village and Waterside

Address: Esplanade, Seaview PO34 5HB

What Three Words: flooding.outwards.blessing

Meet outside the Old Fort on the Esplanade. From here there is a choice of sea views, as well as urban sketching opportunities.

- **Parking** – There is paid parking at Pier Road Long Stay Car Park. Usual Council charges apply. You may also be able to find free parking in side roads.
- **Coffee** – There are various places in the village where you can get a drink
- **Toilets** – There are toilets at the back of the Seaview Hotel as well as in the various cafes etc in the village (for customers)

How to Get There – From St Helens, take Eddington Road B3330 and follow the signs to Seaview. The Old Fort is on the Esplanade