



Ventnor: 'Sunshine –on-sea'!

A very warm, and hopefully sunny, welcome to Ventnor!

Ventnor is located on the south coast of the Isle of Wight and has earned itself a bit of a reputation over the years as rather a healthy and Mediterranean-like resort. Come here on a stormy day in the middle of February and you might have to use a lot of imagination to see why this might be, but on a warm summer's day... well, there just might be something to that claim.



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About Ventnor

Ventnor has grown from its humble roots as a small fishing hamlet. In the mid-19th Century, the warm climate and fresh channel air was considered beneficial to health and several sanatoriums were established, taking patients from all over the country. By the middle of the 20th century, Ventnor was thriving as a seaside resort, and is still popular today with holiday-makers.

The mixed sand and shingle beach and the town face directly south and are sheltered from the north by the steep St Boniface Down, rising to almost 800 feet above the town. Its physical geography has created a unique Mediterranean microclimate, with more hours of sunshine and fewer frosts than much of the British Isles.

In Ventnor, you will find species of plants and animals that usually aren't found outside of the Mediterranean. Look carefully along the walls and you may well see a wall lizard; these little critters are usually found in southern Europe!



Ventnor Quiz!

To help you to get to know the beach and sea front area a little better, the following quiz will get you exploring and hunting around..!

Round one: To what do I belong?...

The following images show a small part of one of the human features on/around the esplanade...



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Round two: Spot the difference

What are the main differences that can be seen in the following pictures?

The picture on the left was taken between 1890 & 1900, and the one on the right was taken in June 2015...



Round three: Bandstand brain teasers...

On the upper level of the bandstand you can a) get a great view of the beach and seafront and, b) find the answers to the following:

How far away is...



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Here is a quote by a famous visitor to Ventnor www.edudest.uk

they rather liked it!). There are some clues as to who said it – can you guess who it is?

“The prettiest place I ever saw in my life, at home or abroad...”

Your own quote...

Having explored Ventnor, what would you say about it?

This person was born in 1812, and died in 1870.

This person stayed at Winterbourne, in Bonchurch, in 1849.

Whilst here, this person wrote two drafts of his 8th novel, which is said to be the most autobiographical of all of his books.

The story of this book traces the life of a boy from childhood to maturity, and the book is named after him.

Who is it?