

BEMBRIDGE WAVE MURAL

Bembridge Village Partnership has been successful in being awarded nearly £4,000 towards the Bembridge Wave Sculpture project from Down to Coast.

As part of the project a competition took place for local artists to paint a mural on currently unattractive walls facing out to sea, beside the Lifeboat station, that encapsulates the wave theme to celebrate coastal arts.

John Keyworth Operations Manager and Guy Willing Coxswain Bembridge RNLI judged the entries and it was a difficult decision from some very inspirational entries.

Verena Sparrow, a local Bembridge artist, won the competition and throughout the summer has brought the design to life. During the challenge many passers-by were interested in the mural taking shape with local children contributing by painting the eyes of the fish and some of the shells; a memory we hope they remember. The competition will take place bi-annually so if you missed it this year be sure to enter next time.

Many thanks to Cllr Sheila Weedall for co-ordinating the project and Brewers for providing the paint at trade price.



The next phase of the project is the installation of the wave sculpture that will be installed at Fisherman's Walk to celebrate the natural and cultural heritage of the local landscape.



A time capsule, buried by Bembridge Primary School, will include contents from Bembridge Heritage Centre and Bembridge Parish Council with a photo catalogue 'A moment in time'. The Sculptor, Kenneth Prust has taught a class of Bembridge school children all about the art of sculpture with sessions on the beach to make their own creations.

Introduction of a new interpretive sign board. Associated planting from the Coastal Gardener with the assistance of the local Beavers.

Grand unveiling of the sculpture and burying of the time capsule to be arranged in the autumn.

