



FirstCity
CARE GROUP

*A helpful guide
to life on
The Isle of Wight*



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'Located on the south coast, the Isle of Wight has a warmer than average climate. There are over 20 beaches to choose from around the Island, from family favourites to secluded spots.'

Interesting Facts about the Isle of Wight

Red Funnel have put together a list of 15 fun facts about the Island, we wanted to share our favourites with you below!

[For a full list please visit here.](#)



The Island is one of the sunniest places in the UK

The Island is just 26.5 miles East to West, taking only 1 hour to drive from one end to the other

Britain's oldest phone box can be found (still working) in Bembridge!

Over 20 species of dinosaur have been discovered on the Island to date.

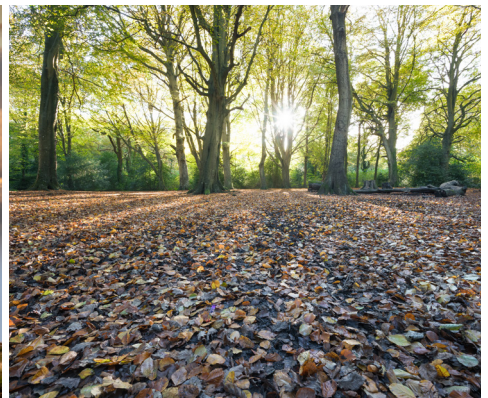
Popular locations & attractions



The Isle of Wight is a stunning location, surrounded by beaches and luscious views.

[The National Trust have a helpful guide to some of the Island's wonderful places to visit here, \(including gardens, forts and a windmill\).](#)

[Take a look at some of the Island's Landmarks here, \(including light houses such as the Needles\).](#)



Events

[Click here to see a huge selection of upcoming events on the Isle of Wight!](#)

Isle of Wight Festival

'One of the most anticipated events of the year', enjoy a music festival full of favourites!

Garden Fairs

The Wight Proms

Comedy, music, opera and proms festival

Cowes Week

Annual competitive sailing & social activities

Walking Festivals

Round the Island Race

An annual, one-day yacht race around the Island

Isle of Wight Classic Car Extravaganza

An annual display of over 900 classic and vintage vehicles display

AND MORE!



Ferries

Ferries to the Isle of Wight sail from
Portsmouth, Lymington and Southampton



Red Funnel

[https://www.redfunnel.co.uk/en/
Timetable](https://www.redfunnel.co.uk/en/Timetable)

Wightlink

[https://www.wightlink.co.uk/
Timetable](https://www.wightlink.co.uk/Timetable)



*While Red Funnel and Wightlink are popular choices
when travelling to the Isle of Wight, however you can
also compare prices on websites such as:*

Direct Ferries Comparison

<https://www.directferries.co.uk/>

Useful Contacts & Information

IOW Council <https://www.iow.gov.uk/>

For information including schools and admissions, libraries, leisure and heritage, transport and parking, children and family support, and more.

Guide to Private Renting <https://www.gov.uk/private-renting>

For information including rights and responsibilities, document checks, your landlord's safety responsibilities and more.

Facebook Community Group [Click here to go to group](#)

There are groups across Facebook, including this where you can seek support and advice from others across the Island.

Websites to look at when looking for properties to rent

[Zoopla](#)

[Rightmove](#)

[On The Market](#)

You can also try a google search or even look across Facebook groups for help and advice from people living on the Island.

[About Island Schools](#)

There are currently 48 local authority maintained schools or academies on the Island

[Places of Worship](#)

Follow the link above for information of places of worship currently in use on the Island.

[Library information](#)

[Travel](#)

By Car - there are no motorways and few major roads on the Island. You can cross to and from the mainland with a car via the vehicle-carrying ferry services.

Rail - there is one train line between Shanklin and Ryde Pier Head.

To fly - you would need to travel to Southampton Airport.

Hovercraft - you can find a scheduled passenger service between Ryde and Portsmouth.

First City on the Island

Mill Court Business Centre, Furrongs, Newport PO30 2AA

Areas we currently support:

East Cowes | Ryde | Bembridge



Here at First City Care Group, we are passionate about providing high quality support to the community across the Island, we have a local team based on the Island who are also supported by our head office on the mainland, in Swindon. Together our team of industry experts are committed to providing person centred support to enable people to live independently in the comfort of their own home.

