

FALSE VIEWS ABOUT THE ISLE OF WIGHT

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Some people have said that the people of the Isle of Wight are primitive, inter-bred and are unsophisticated and have a strange and unacceptable mentality; that they are weirdos. David Icke has said that almost every Islander is a drug supplier or a drug addict; that most Islanders are paedophiles, that Ted Heath came to the Island to kill children as he was a cottager. Icke has also said that we are ruled by aliens who are lizards from the constellation of Draco and the opening ceremony of the London Olympics was a satanic ritual, that the moon is hollow and that he is Jesus Christ, or was, at one time. He has also said that the Queen feeds on the blood of children.

Some say that city life is more sophisticated and I have heard some say the Islanders still swing from trees.

I was at Godshill a few years ago when a coach party from Yorkshire disembarked and one man spoke to his wife and said, "Ere Elsie, do yuh know that they 'ave a Marks and Spencer's over e 'ere! Fancy that!"

The population of London is 8,174,100 and the population of the Isle of Wight is 140,500.

In the London borough of Newham in a year there were 32,725 crimes including 6678 for violence and 439 rape and sexual attacks. In a year on the Isle of Wight there were a total of 8,382 crimes, mostly petty offences. This means that there were 24,343 more crimes in only one of thirty two London Boroughs than the whole of the Isle of Wight.

Crime figures

WORST	BEST
London	Aberdeen
Glasgow	Lancaster
Portsmouth	Canterbury
Manchester	Bath
Birmingham	Bangor (North Wales)

The increase in mugging in our cities has reached epidemic proportions although deaths in road accidents are surprising low. 562 in London in a year but only 6 on the Isle of Wight in the same period.

There are 16 large sex shops in London and not one on the Isle of Wight.

What does that tell you?

Rape in London has increased by 53%. In 2008-2009 there were 2177 reported cases. In the same period there were only three cases on the Isle of Wight.

Mental health and retarded adults units in London number 504

On the Isle of Wight there are 17 such units and they are smaller units

Overall passes for A levels in London range from 40% to 65%

On the Island the figures are vastly better with 95.7 % success rate.

The Island has produced many famous and well-loved personalities and many came to the Island to live.

To quote a few examples, Queen Victoria, Tennyson, Keats, Swinburne, Kebley. The Island has attracted intelligent people to its shores.

The population of Portsmouth is 207,100 and the largest number of residents is those between the ages of 20 and 30 and this age range total 47,400 people. Portsmouth has a very small population of people over 55. Such people do not want to stay in this city. It has the most violent streets in the south of England. It has a staggering crime rate. 43,000 crimes in the last year, that is 20.76%

The crime rate for the Isle of Wight is only 5.62%

Gosport has a population of 82,700 and a year's crimes total 6307 which is 7.62%

Only 5% of the Isle of Wight are farmers. In addition, the Island produces vegetables and fruit for London markets and London's posh restaurants and hotels. The main Island employment is in tourism and industry.

There are more people who come to the Island to live, and they are not all pensioners as some assert, than there are those who leave the island to live elsewhere.

The Island is a beautiful place but is being over run by mainland contractors who are only interested in money and not beauty. Islanders have rightly said that the Island is becoming more like the mainland every day! There are some people from the mainland living here who are trying to influence the Island to become like the mainland with its mad rush and bustle.

In all of this, the Isle of Wight is more sophisticated, educated and has one of the lowest crime rate percentages in the UK.

The Isle of Wight County Council is made up from people from the mainland who gladly came to the Island because of its qualities. Sadly, they have a mainland mentality. At this time, they are planning to build 900 new houses, shops and doctors surgery on the main road to the most popular seaside resorts. This appalling redevelopment will cause dreadful problems, congestion and make the Island less attractive for holiday makers and the tourist industry on which the island economy largely depends, will suffer.

In Crediton in Devon, the last population count was 7,455 and crimes in a year totalled 1012 that calculates at 13.57 %

If we look at Gillingham in Kent the last population count was 99,773 and the total crimes in a year was 10,405 that is 10.42 %

The condemnation of the Isle of Wight and its people is immoral and grossly unfair.

Many years ago, it was said that good girls go to Heaven and bad girls go to London.

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