Graham Frank Westmore

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OBITUARIES

A FORMER policeman and co-founder of a youth crime prevention project, died on January 28, aged 60.

Graham Frank Westmore, of Queen's Road, Shanklin, was born in Newport, on October 6, 1947.

An only child, he moved with parents, Olive and Frank, to Farnham, Surrey, where he was educated.

Mr. Westmore joined the police in the mid 1960s and spent 32 years with the force in Gloucestershire, Surrey and finally with the Hampshire and I.W. Constabulary.

Following the break-up of his marriage to first wife, Wendy, whom he married aged 19, Mr. Westmore married his second wife, Mary, in 1982. The couple moved back to the Island in 1984 and raised three children in Wroxall.

In 1992 Mr Westmore co-founded Challenge and Adventure, a project aimed at preventing youth crime by using outdoor activities and schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

After retiring from the police in 1996, Mr. Westmore became a paid project leader with Challenge and Adventure, helping youngsters at Shorwell Youth Centre, before he gave up the role in 2005.

He married third wife, Christine, in the same year and the couple lived in Shanklin.

Christine Westmore said: "His work was his life but after he retired in 2005 he finally spent some time looking after himself."

Mr. Westmore is survived by his 85-year-old mother, Olive, wife, Christine, ex-wife, Mary, three children, Peter, Paul and Fern, and two grandchildren.

His funeral will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Shanklin, on Tuesday, at 2pm, followed by burial at Carisbrooke Cemetery and a celebration at The Shanklin Hotel, from 3pm onwards.

Family flowers only and no black ties are requested.

Donations can be made to the Parkinson's Disease or Huntington's Disease Societies via funeral directors, William Hall.

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