

TOTLAND MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER - MAY
BY JOHN HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

I am pleased to announce that Totland Parish Council have been awarded Quality Status which will give Totland the opportunity to apply for extra funding for projects within the Parish. I would like to thank the Parish Support Team at the Isle of Wight Council for their help and guidance and also thanks to our Clerk, Val Gallard, for the hard work put in to obtain this award.

The Parish Plan has been completed and accepted and handed over to the Parish Council for implementation. A copy has been delivered to every home in Totland and further copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. The next stage is to start looking at the 'High Priority' areas such as Totland Recreation Ground and toilets and to then progress on to other projects. Each Parish Councillor has agreed to be responsible for one area of the plan.

Although Totland was not due to have a Town Manager, I managed to persuade County Hall to let us share the Freshwater Town Manager. We have therefore been fortunate to have Bob Nelson assisting with problems in the Totland area and our thanks go to him for all his hard work. He does work closely with the Parish Council, Police and Totland Residents' Association. He is also involved with youth in the area. We would also like to thank the Probation Service and the Youth Offending Team for the hard work they have put in to clearing footpaths, painting the bridge on the Turf Walk, clearing steps and numerous litter "pick-ups". They work really hard with a good community team spirit under their respective supervisors.

We are also fortunate to have a good team of local police and police community support officers under the leadership of Sergeant Mark Lyth. They also work closely with the Parish Council and Town Centre Manager.

The Parish Council were very concerned about the possible closure of Weston School which has been part of the community for 127 years. It is hoped that the premises will be retained for community use if it is closed however, your Parish Council will continue to fight to try and keep it.

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The Council meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August). Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.