



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council December 2015

Firstly, The Councillors and the Clerk would like to wish all residents in Totland a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. They would also like to thank the volunteers for their time this year, once again you have done an amazing job by keeping Totland flowering.

Christmas Opening Times – The Parish Office will close on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 4th January 2015 at 9.00am.

Rubbish Collections

From 1st November Amey now provide the Waste Collection on the Isle of Wight. Collection days will remain the same and will continue with food waste collected weekly and recyclable and non-recyclable waste will be collected alternate weeks. Calendars up to April 2016 are available from the Parish Office.

Green Garden Bags; Changes have been made to the collection of your green garden bags. The bags are still available from the Parish Office at £1.30 each, but a dedicated lorry will now be used to collect the green waste for composting at Lynnbottom. They will be collected on your scheduled recycling day, rather than your black bag day as before. To pre-book this collection please telephone 823777 and give at least three working days' notice to help guide the route. If you have any problems with this service please let the Clerk know.

The 'Household Waste Recycling Centre' at Afton Marsh has also extended opening times, they will open for 3 days Saturday, Sunday and Monday and opening times at the moment are 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collections for Totland:

<i>Waste normally collected on:</i>	<i>Will now be collected on:</i>
Monday 21 st December	Saturday 19 th December
Monday 28 th December	Normal
Monday 4 th January 2015	Normal



Remembrance Sunday: This year the Royal British Legion West Wight Branch Annual Service of Remembrance was held at St James Square, Yarmouth on Sunday 8th November. The Chairman, Councillor Vince Fennell laid a wreath and the Vice Chairman Councillor David Filby laid a wreath at Totland War Memorial.

Skate Park: A new piece of equipment was designed by a local architecture student and completed a 72 hour challenge. The park was saw equipment updated and culminated with a skate jam which was attended by existing and new users.

Dogs on Leads: This has been better lately, however, please keep your dogs on leads where required to do so and don't forget to pick up after them. The Recreation Ground especially is used by children and if you do not pick up after your dog their excrement can cause serious health issues. This is a play area for children and consideration is needed. **BE RESPONSIBLE.** Spot checks are being held regularly and we urge you to report any witnessed dog fouling in our area. To report any incidents of dog fouling please contact 01983 821000.

Open Spaces: One Horse Field was discussed at the November parish meeting and we are pleased to be partnership working with Natural Enterprise. Work on the blackthorn will be carried out before Christmas and further works will continue during 2016/2017.

Colwell Common: The top area has now been cut and there is still a mixed response to this area and how it should look. Please let the Councillors know what you think by either writing a letter or emailing the Clerk. The decision will not be made until July 2016.

Police Beat Surgeries: Beat Surgeries continue and you are urged to drop in and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team if you have any concerns between 11.00am and midday on Monday 14th December.

West Wight Arts Association - tickets can be purchased or reserved from the Parish Office for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall.

Parish Office Services

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service and the Computer Suite is available for all Totland residents to use.

Garden Waste Bags are available at £1.30 each

****NEW**** The Parish Office now stock good quality dog mess bags 50p for 10.

Recycling Bags Collection Point – The Parish Office is a designated Collection Point for Recycling Bags on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council. To use this service you will need to telephone the Isle of Wight Council 'Contact Centre' (823777) to be given a unique reference number before you can collect them.

CONTACT DETAILS: Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028
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The parish office is open Monday - Thursday 9am–12 noon.

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or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk)

We have just started a Facebook page which will keep you updated on what is going on in Totland.

Ward Councillor John Howe Telephone 753414 or email: john.howe@iow.gov.uk

The Parish Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August, and all residents are welcome.