



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council August 2016

Welcome to the August newsletter for Totland Parish Council. Summer has arrived, well it did the day this article was written and fingers crossed it still is.

Councillors and residents had raised concerns with the area by the Pier, firstly the large bins that were overflowing with rubbish and secondly the dangerous appearance of the Pier. At this point Biffa should have removed these bins and the Building Control Surveyor of the Isle of Wight Council has also visited the site. They carried out a site inspection to check the condition of the pier and it now appears that work is underway to stabilise the pier and repair the decking area. It was not considered dangerous but noted that materials had been loosely stacked on the pier. The contractors were asked to leave the site in a safe and secure manner and to ensure the public are aware of the danger on and around the pier with additional signage. The owner has responded and will be attending site and dealing with issues raised.

The last couple of years have seen the planting troughs looking lovely around Totland and this happens because of our lovely volunteers giving up their time. Sadly, we have lost a few volunteers this year and Councillors would like to ask residents to consider adopting a planter. If you are interested please speak to the Clerk who will be able to give you further information.

We are also looking for an artist who could design and make some Archways for the Council out of natural resources. The Archways would be placed on the Recreation Ground to lead through to One Horse Field. If you can help us with this please speak to the Clerk.

The Isle of Wight Council have agreed to issue a temporary licence for the Parish Council to maintain the school field and car park at the Weston School site. Councillors felt it was important to keep this area tidy and for the Community to continue using this asset.

Art & Craft on Turf Walk will take place on Saturday 27th August 2016. If you would like a place at this event, please contact the Clerk. Turf Walk is a beautiful venue for this event and is always an enjoyable day.

For the Isle of Wight Day on Saturday 24th September the Parish Council and the 1st Freshwater/Totland Scouts will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Colwell Common. This will be the first time for this event and we hope it will be well supported.

If you are still having problems with your bins and their collections please speak to the Clerk.

Dairy Dates:

Saturday 27 th August	Art & Craft on Turf Walk will be back this year. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a stall.
Saturday 27 th August	Messy Church will be hosting an event on Colwell Common.
Saturday 24 th September	Car Boot Sale, Colwell Common

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