



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council October 2017**

Welcome to the October update on information for Totland Parish Council. We welcome a new Councillor who was co-opted last month, Councillor Gareth Wyre. Gareth moved to the Island in 2015 after visiting since 1995 with his wife, daughter and grand-daughter.

It has been two years since the new path from Totland Bay to Colwell Bay re-opened and we all continue to enjoy this. Throughout the year the contractor has visited the path and further drainage was added earlier this year to help.

Art & Craft on Colwell Common took place on Isle of Wight Day in September and a further report will appear next month on this.

Car Boot Sales on Colwell Common have been very popular this year and we are coming to the end on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Parish Council will continue with these events starting in April next year. This time we are hoping the West Wight Nursery will be helping for much needed funds. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater/Totland Scout Group for all they did this year.

### Mosaic Project

The Parish Council and Volunteers have been working very hard with local artist Helen Goodman who has been helping with this project. You can keep up with the progress we are making through our website or Facebook page and of course you are welcome to drop into the Parish Office to have a look as well. We hope to install the first panel during this month.

### Men in Sheds

The Parish Council have financially helped with the new roof on the shed and they continue to meet every Thursday from 2pm on Turf Walk, all are welcome for a cup of tea.

### West Wight Skate Park, Moa Place

Repair works took place during August to this facility and the annual competition was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, this was very well attended by all ages and a great afternoon. However, we still need to finish the repairs and are in need of a couple of volunteers who can spare a weekend to make this happen.

### Vandalism

Some mindless vandalism has occurred again during September this time it was smashed glass bottles on the play equipment on Totland Recreation Ground. The area was cleared and washed down immediately. The sign that had been damaged has been repaired and we are still waiting for Island Roads to adjust the dog poo bin. This area is for all to enjoy, please keep your eyes open and report any vandalism to the Parish Council in order that we can catch these vandals.

### Summers Lane

The Parish Council have been working with the Isle of Wight Council with regards to the 20 mph along Summers Lane and an instruction has been issued to Island Roads regarding this. The Parish Council had hoped this instruction would be activated sooner. The statutory consultation period will start soon and all representation will be considered. After the consultation period a report will be produced. This is a long process and further information will become available on the website and Facebook site shortly.

Messy Church hosted their annual event on Colwell Common early September and this was also well attended.

**Events:****Car Boot Sales on Colwell Common**

The next and last date for this year is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, refreshments will be available and Councillors ask you to spread the word about this event. Thank you in advance for supporting we would like to continue this next year.

**Dairy Dates for Colwell Common**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Car Boot Sale
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**Foodbank**

The Parish Office is a Collection Point for the Foodbank and we welcome donations for this very good cause. Please support if you can.

**Garden Bags;** Garden waste bags are in stock at the parish office at £1.30 each. 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.

**Reminder: Summer Timetable from 26<sup>th</sup> March will end on 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- Winter 7.00am to 6.00pm. (1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017)
- Summer 7.00am to 8.00pm. (26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017)

**Other 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.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028

Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.

The parish office is open Monday & Tuesday 9am – 12noon and Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am–12.30pm.

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or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated daily.

**Ward Councillor John Howe** Telephone 753414 or email: [john.howe@iow.gov.uk](mailto:john.howe@iow.gov.uk)

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