



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council September 2017

Colwell Common

The grass cutting to the top section of the Common commenced early August and the forward plan will be to continue cutting the whole area regularly. The areas where the wild and rare orchids are will be left and the contractors will cut around. Thank you all for your comments which have really split the community with half liking the long grass and wild meadow look with the other half not. The Parish Council has Turvills Field and One Horse Field for those of you who would like to enjoy the meadows and quieter areas.

Weston School Field

The grass cutting stopped once the school closed and this has caused a thatch problem. The Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee will be working with our Contractors to sort this out as soon as possible.

Volunteers

A small team started work on clearing the roundabout at the bottom of The Broadway during August and Councillors would like to thank the volunteers for their help. They want to start a rota for twice a year to tidy this area and the next date will be March/April 2018.

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 28th August, more details will follow next month on this. A new sign has also been erected in August for the users of the park to adhere to. We work in partnership with Freshwater Parish Council to provide this facility.

Vandalism

Some mindless vandalism has occurred to a sign and dog bin on the Recreation Ground during August. The dog bin can be adjusted, however, the sign may need replacing.

Events:

Car Boot Sales on Colwell Common

The next date is Saturday 9th September, 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.

Mosaic Project

Sessions are being well attended and we would like to have the first panel installed as soon as possible. If you are interested in being part of this project please telephone the Parish Office for full information.

Arts & Crafts on Colwell Common – Isle of Wight Day

It is still possible to have a stall at the new Arts & Crafts on Colwell Common. This event will take place on Saturday 23rd September alongside Isle of Wight Day, between 10am and 4pm.

A Fun Day alongside this event to raise awareness and funds for the future Carnivals will also take place.

Dairy Dates for Colwell Common

Saturday 2 nd September	Messy Church will be hosting their annual event
Saturday 9 th September	Car Boot Sale

Saturday 23 rd September	Art & Crafts on Colwell Common If you would like a stall please contact the Parish Office. Carnival Fun Day on Colwell Common
Saturday 14 th October	Car Boot Sale

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 26th March

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. (1st November 2016 to 25th March 2017)
- Summer 7.00am to 8.00pm. (26th March 2017 to 30th 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

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

Email: totlandparishco@googlemail.com

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

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