



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council January 2016**

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have a number of exciting projects planned again for this year and will continue to keep you updated monthly.

### **Parish Open Day**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 10.00am to 8.00pm in the Parish Office.**

Devolution to Town & Parish Councils continue and Totland residents are invited to the Parish Open Day to discuss this further and let your Councillors know what is important to you in Totland. Unfortunately there will be more cuts for 2016/2017 as the Isle of Wight Council does not have to maintain Public Conveniences or Open Spaces and these are savings they will make. Totland Parish Council took the responsibility to maintain Colwell Common last year and now cut the grass and empty the bins. They also contributed towards the West Wight Sports and Community Centre after the Isle of Wight Council could no longer subsidise them, do you want this to continue? If we are to keep these services your local Precept will increase. The Parish Office will be open for you to drop in and have your say on these matters;

1. Do you think the Parish Council should take on the responsibility of Totland Beach and Colwell Bay toilets?
2. Should the Parish Council continue to support the West Wight Sports and Community Centre?
3. How would you like Colwell Common to look ½ meadow or all cut?
4. To help local businesses by making The Broadway Car Park work for them.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The West Wight Neighbourhood Watch meeting will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the Church Hall at 2.00pm, everybody is welcome to this meeting.

### **Rubbish Collections**

From 1<sup>st</sup> November Amey have been providing the Waste Collection on the Isle of Wight. Collection days have remained the same and 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.

**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](mailto:john.howe@iow.gov.uk)

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