



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council February 2016

The colder weather is here and the Parish Office has a FREE guide to keeping warm and well this winter from Age UK which includes a free thermometer. Please come and pick up a copy for yourself or a neighbour.

The Parish Council's new website is up and running this should make it easier for you to find out information please have look and let us know what you think.

Parish Open Day

The Open Day was very successful and we are pleased to report that all residents that attended were happy living in Totland and wanted the Parish Council to keep the Public Toilets on Totland Beach and Colwell Bay open. The Clerk has started to make enquiries and will keep you updated.

Residents also wanted the Parish Council to support the West Wight Sports and Community Centre as it had in previous years. This is a great asset for the West Wight and the Parish Office has displayed a board in their window with all the up-to-date classes, meetings and courses that are on offer.

Colwell Common is still receiving a mixed response and Councillors have agreed this should be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

Thank you to everybody who came along and spoke to Councillors and the Clerk, it is important to hear your views.

Neighbourhood Watch: The West Wight Neighbourhood Watch meeting was also well attended and these will be happening regularly, next meeting will be in March, keep a look out for the date.

Skate Park

Both Freshwater and Totland Parish Council supported a local boy during the summer to add a piece of equipment that he had designed and worked with a professional company to upgrade what was already there. However, the coloured back boards will be removed in the next week as unfortunately rude drawings have appeared this is disappointing and not acceptable behaviour.

Rubbish Collections – Just a reminder

From 1st 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 and you will need 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.

Extra Day Opening for Afton Marsh: 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.

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