



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council April 2023

Kings Coronation: We are planning a number of wildflower seed packets for Totland residents to pick up from the office and other outlets for the Kings Coronation. Please use them either in your gardens or suitable areas, and if you are unsure who owns the land please speak with the Clerk. These will be available from May.

Open Spaces: We are still looking for volunteers to look after the planters around Totland. You don't have to look after all of them, if you can help with just one please contact the Clerk. We also have an area on Cokes Green behind the War Memorial that needs regularly maintaining. One of our volunteers has done an amazing job for many years looking after this area, however, it is just too big a job for her now. This particular area may need to be removed and grassed if we cannot find a solution.

The grass cutting contract will be carried out by Brighstone Landscaping over the next 3 years, and we look forward to working with them. Turvills Field will be managed by Gift to Nature alongside One Horse Field.

Safety Concerns: Councillors have asked the Isle of Wight Council to consider removing 4 parking spaces in the Colwell Chine Road car park. This is a busy car park and as cars enter the only way out, if there are no spaces, is to reverse back out onto the road where pedestrians are making their way to and from the beach.

Vandalism: The Parish Council has worked hard to keep the local precept to a 0% increase this year, however, the cost of vandalism impacts on our expenditure. Help us to keep our community safe by reporting crime on 101 or online. Two problems we are regularly dealing with at the moment are One Horse Field and Public Toilets.

- We continue to have youth hanging about in One Horse Field. They have been taking outdoor furniture and bins from local gardens and making dens in the field and having fires, they have also been damaging trees. Does your child come home smelling of a bonfire? Last month there was a case of somebody offering a couple of bicycles for free, these ended up thrown over the cliff from One Horse Field and cost money to recover and deal with. If you are offering items for free, please do not leave them outside with a sign for anybody to take.
- We have had several fires started in the Public Toilets which has caused some damage. These toilets are very important to us all year round and especially for the local tourism.

Litter Bins

Over the last few years we have added signs to many litter bins along the seafront and outside of the toilets, asking people to take their litter home. During the summer holidays the Parish Council also pay for large Biffa bins to be emptied twice a week to help combat the problem. Sadly, this has not worked, rubbish piles high in all the bins with people still leaving rubbish bags on top or by the side of the bins. To note it is likely a lot of these loose bags of rubbish end up in the sea. The truth is no matter how many bins are provided we can not keep up with removing all the rubbish and keeping our community clean and tidy. Several local people carry out regular litter picks around Totland and Colwell and Councillors are very appreciative of all their hard work.

****** NEW Emailing List ******

Councillors are building an emailing list for Totland residents in order that we can communicate with you quicker. Information will only ever come from Totland Parish Council

and no junk email will be involved. If this is something you would be interested in joining, please email totlandmail@gmail.com with your name, address and postcode.

Defibrillator Locations: The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall, Colwell Public toilet block and Totland Parish Office. All are easily accessible 24/7.

Recycling: Afton Marsh Recycling Centre – This is open and you can now take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away.

CONTACT DETAILS: Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 01983 756028
Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.
The parish office opening days and times are: Monday – Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Email: clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk).
The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk

Telephone 0790 500 2834

Ward Councillor Surgeries are held in the office on a Thursday between 9am and 10am.

Please check in advance to ensure this is going ahead should you wish to talk with Councillor Jarman.

Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, Steve Blamire, Helen Wood, Gareth Wyre, Hilary Benns and Chris Jarman.