



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council August 2025

Car Boots – Colwell Common

Car Boot Sales at Colwell Common will continue throughout 2025, weather permitting. We aim to run these events every week, and will only cancel if conditions are too wet to proceed safely.

By attending, you'll also be supporting five local groups doing great work in our community:

- **West Wight Men in Sheds** – based at the Recreation Ground (Mon, Wed & Fri mornings)
- **West Wight Nursery** – located on Summers Lane
- **West Wight Youth Football**
- **West Wight Heritage Group** – with a shop on Avenue Road
- **1st Freshwater/Totland Scout Group** – also at the Recreation Ground

Thank you for your support – and fingers crossed for dry weather!

Tree Care at the Common

You may notice watering bags have been added to some of the trees around Colwell Common. These trees need extra hydration, especially during the warmer months, and the bags help ensure they receive a slow and steady supply of water. Thank you for helping us look after our green spaces!

Memorial Seats – Maintenance Update

Repair and maintenance work on the benches around the village, including memorial seats, will begin this month. We appreciate your understanding while this work is carried out to keep our public spaces safe, comfortable, and well-maintained.

Recreation Ground – Play Area Repairs

Repair work on part of the play area at the Recreation Ground will begin shortly. We appreciate your patience and understanding while these improvements are carried out to keep the area safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Village Hall

Work on the Village Hall is progressing well, and we're still on track to open in September. We're currently in discussions with a number of local groups interested in regularly hiring the hall, and we're excited about the variety of activities that will be on offer.

We're also pleased to announce that the Supermarket Surplus 'Pay As You Feel' Project, currently based at the Freshwater Parish Hall, will be relocating to the Village Hall from September. More details will be available soon via the Parish Office window and our social media pages – stay tuned!

New Councillor

Totland Parish Council is pleased to welcome Marcus Pipe, who was co-opted at our July meeting. We look forward to working with Councillor Pipe and benefiting from his contributions to the Council and the wider community.

Island Roads

As of the time of writing, the footpath between Colmar Way and Court Road remains closed due to dangerous trees.

⚠ For your safety, please do not move the barriers or attempt to pass through until the area has been made safe. The necessary work is being carried out by dedicated volunteers, coordinated by our Ward Councillor. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

We have also chased the relevant authorities regarding the damaged or missing lids on the dog waste bins along Colwell Chine Road and the sea wall. We're hopeful that this issue will be resolved shortly.

Defibrillator Locations: The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall, Colwell Public toilet block, Christ Church, St Saviours Church/School car park and Totland Parish Office. All are easily accessible 24/7.

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

Help with recycling centre bookings: Contact information - Contact Waste and Environment 01983 823777

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Email: clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk. 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.

Parish Council meetings commence at 6.00pm and remain the second Monday of the month subject to change, with no meetings held in August, October or December. Meeting location is now the Village Hall on The Broadway unless otherwise notified.

Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Gareth Wyre, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, Steve Blamire, Chris Jarman, Elaine Smith and Marcus Pipe.