



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council December 2023

Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Christmas Opening: The Parish Office will close on Thursday 21st December at 12.30pm and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 9.30am.

We have again supplied the school children of St Saviours Christmas baubles for them to decorate for our Christmas tree on Cokes Green. Year 5 and 6 decorate these big baubles and they are all beautiful, a big thank you to the teachers who help to make this happen, we all enjoy this moment. Once completed we will ask them to display on the tree before the lights are switched on.

Public Toilets - Colwell public toilets: Councillors are updating these facilities over the winter which as you can imagine is very costly and therefore it is important when making decisions we get this right the first time. Works should start this month in order for them to be ready in the Spring 2024. The disabled toilet will be available for all to use whilst these works are in progress.

Recreation Ground

The new swings on the Recreation ground have been finished and ready to use. There was no waste as we reused everything. This year we have repaired/replaced most of the play builder area, repainted all the play equipment and replaced the swings.

Remembrance Sunday: Thank you to the West Wight Men in Sheds for putting up the lamp post poppies this year along The Broadway. This year the Royal British Legion West Wight Branch Annual Service of Remembrance was held at the Freshwater War Memorial, next year, 2024, it will be in Totland and then 2025 Yarmouth.

2024/2025 Budget preparation has started and discussions to support the West Wight Sports and Community Centre, West Wight Nursery and Community Connector have remained popular. The Parish Council has also been supporting the Post Office, however, this may not be viable for this year as the service changes and the ever increasing costs to run.

****** 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 take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away. From mid October 2023 you can now 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 9.30am 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 Gareth Wyre, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, Steve Blamire, Hilary Bennis and Chris Jarman.