



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council May 2023

Totland Beach Toilets: The final four mosaics have now been installed on the back windows of the toilet block. This project has been a huge success and Councillors want to thank all the volunteers who were involved and committed to this project. It has been an amazing few years with everyone learning a new skill and making friends on a Tuesday afternoon, whilst producing some great artwork that will be around for a long time. The project started during 2017 and most of our volunteers have continued with Helen Goodman, the artist, in our community who designed these boards. You can completely walk around the toilet block to see them all.

We have also removed one of the ladies toilets at Totland Beach due to repeated water leaks and replaced with a baby changing bench.

Kings Coronation: Wildflower seed packets are available for Totland residents to pick up from the office and other outlets. Please use them either in your gardens or suitable areas, and if you are unsure please speak with the Clerk.

Open Spaces: Thank you to those volunteers who have already come forward to help look after the planters around Totland, we still need more please. You don't have to look after all of them, if you can help with just one please contact the Clerk. The area on Cokes Green behind the War Memorial will be cut back and tidied, after this we are looking for a team of helpers to regularly maintain.

Totland Recreation Ground play area works have started and will last approximately 2-3 weeks. Signs have been erected asking all to keep off whilst this work is ongoing, please help with this to keep everyone safe.

Colwell Common trees that have been damaged or died have now been replaced.

New boards have been installed on One Horse Field with details of what you can find in this area.

Safety Concerns: We are still waiting to hear back from the Isle of Wight Council for the consideration of removing 4 parking spaces in the Colwell Chine Road car park.

Litter Bins

This was reported last month and worth reading again. Over the past few years the Parish Council have added signs to the litter bins along the seafront and outside of the toilets, asking people to take their litter home. Furthermore during the summer holidays the Parish Council have brought in large Biffa bins to help alleviate the amount of rubbish from the beaches. Sadly, this has not worked, as rubbish piles high in all the bins with people still leaving rubbish bags on top or by the side of them. It should be noted 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. Litter bins provided are not for household rubbish or general rubbish such as broken garden seating or old BBQ's. Several local people carry out regular litter picks around Totland and Colwell and Councillors are very appreciative of all their hard work. Please help by disposing of your rubbish responsibly leaving the area clean and tidy.

****** 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. **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 Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, Steve Blamire, Helen Wood, Gareth Wyre, Hilary Benns and Chris Jarman.