



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council October 2025

Car Boots 2025 – Colwell Common

Overall the Car Boots were very successful again this year with very few cancellations. Thank you to all who supported this event, they are incredibly important for fundraising by our local groups and the Community enjoy coming along on a Saturday morning.

Alum Bay/Headon Rise Telecommunications base station upgrade.

Ward Councillor Jarman has been informed by Hutchison 3G Ltd that, under the Electronic Communications Code (Regulations 2003), they will be upgrading an existing base station using permitted development rights. While Totland Parish Council does not have the authority to prevent this upgrade, Councillors are keen to ensure that **Totland residents** are fully informed about what is happening.

At this stage, we have not received full details, but we understand that five additional base stations are planned for the Totland and Freshwater areas.

Further information will be made available on the Totland Parish Council website as we receive updates.

To support community engagement, Councillors are planning to host an online public event where residents can learn more and ask questions. Residents who wish to submit a question must also attend the event for their question to be considered. Questions should be forwarded to the Parish Clerk in advance and include your name and full address including postcode.

Please note: Totland Parish Council is only facilitating this event and will not be answering questions regarding the upgrades themselves. All questions will be directed to the appropriate representatives during the event.

Details, including dates and how to join the online platform, will be published on our website shortly.

Totland Recreation Ground

The Playbuilder (wooden equipment) has been repaired again, however, this equipment is not expected to last too much longer, Councillors estimate about 3 years and they will be looking to replace.

Remembrance Sunday

The West Wight Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 9th November at Yarmouth. Totland Memorial will hold a small service whilst the Parish Council lays a wreath. A wreath will also be placed at the Summers Lane Commonwealth War Graves this year.

Budget 2026/2027

Councillors have started looking at the budget for 2026/2027 and are currently gathering information. The Post Office which is run by Action IW are preparing figures for the Parish Council who currently contribute £7500.00 towards this. We could be looking at a large increase and this will be shared with Totland residents as soon as possible.

Village Hall

Work on the Village Hall is progressing well, and we are still on track to open shortly. We are 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.

More details will be available soon via the Parish Office window and our social media pages – stay tuned!

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.