



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council February 2026**

The weather has certainly changed and become much colder. Totland Parish Council, working in partnership with The Real Junk Food Project, is offering a warm space at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, every Friday between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Residents are welcome to come along for a coffee and a biscuit and to take the opportunity to pick up items of food from the Supermarket Surplus "pay as you feel" project. There is no need to book — just turn up.

### **Totland Post Office**

The Parish Council agreed at their January meeting to continue supporting Totland Bay Post Office on reduced day, further details will follow shortly.

### **Budget 2026/2027**

Councillors agreed to continue supporting the following organisations through various grants: the West Wight Community & Sports Centre, West Wight Nursery, West Wight Community Connector, Isle of Wight Defibrillators, and the Royal British Legion. All increases, utility costs etc, have been absorbed within the current budget, ensuring no additional impact on the precept.

### **Village Hall**

The Village Hall refurbishment has progressed well, and the main hall is now ready for hire. The foyer has also been refreshed, and the kitchen area is available for tea and coffee service.

The toilets will be upgraded as part of Phase 2 of the works; however, toilet facilities are currently available. We have applied for a grant to provide new toilets within the Hall extension and are pleased to announce that this application has been successful. Plans are nearing completion, and we hope to submit the planning application in February. During December, the heating system stopped working and it was discovered that the pump had failed. This has since been replaced, and the building is now fully heated again. If you would like to hire the Village Hall, please contact the Parish Office for further details at [totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk).

We are also in the process of setting up an online booking system via the website, which will make bookings easier for everyone.

### **Open Spaces**

One of the newly planted trees on Colwell Common will be replaced this month as due to the winds this has blown over. In addition, a Christmas tree has been planted, which we hope to grow on in the coming years.

### **New Councillor**

At the January meeting we also co-opted Carol Johnson. Cllr Johnson comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to working with her.

**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.

**Photocopier Service:** We also offer photocopying in the Parish Office and with notice we can also laminate.

### **Freshwater and Totland Heritage Centre:**

The West Wight Heritage Centre needs the support of the community. They are appealing for financial help to secure their future and to preserve and share our local history for future generations.

**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.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: [chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk](mailto: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': Chairman Gareth Wyre, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, Steve Blamire, Chris Jarman, Elaine Smith, Marcus Pipe and Carol Johnson.