



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council July 2026

Car Boots – Colwell Common

2026 Car Boots are up and running and to date the weather has been a mixture. They will continue to run every Saturday through to the end of September, weather permitting. As long as it is not raining the Car boots will go ahead and these are supported by 5 local groups; West Wight Men in Sheds who operate from the Recreation Ground Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, West Wight Nursery who are based on Summers Lane, West Wight Youth Football, West Wight Heritage Group who have moved into the Totland Parish Office and Yarmouth Guide and Scout Group in Yarmouth.

Litter & Litter Bins

The litter bins on Colwell Common and the Recreation Ground are now being emptied by Biffa Waste Services and the bins along the sea wall now all have cigarette stubbers on the top. If you are a smoker please ensure your cigarette is extinguished and put into the bin.

FACT: Did you know that cigarette butts are plastic and do not biodegrade.

Litter levels around Totland are generally very good, and we thank the West Wight Litter Group for continuing their regular litter picks throughout the village. However, during the warm weather this increases, mainly food packaging, cigarette butts and drink containers. Please take your rubbish home with you to dispose of, please do not leave it for others to pick up after you. Enjoy the beaches and peaceful surroundings but, dispose of rubbish responsibly. Wildlife can easily access food waste left beside or partially inside bins, creating unnecessary mess.

Recreation Ground Car Park

This car park is provided for users of the Recreation Ground facilities, including Men in Sheds, the Bowling Club, the Scouts, and visitors to the play area and outdoor gym.

The Parish Council is currently exploring solutions to manage parking at this location, we cannot make this any larger. A height barrier is not considered suitable, and as the car park is intended for facility users, it is important that they are not required to pay for parking.

Please note that overnight parking is not permitted. Residents are respectfully asked to park their vehicles elsewhere to ensure spaces remain available for those using the facilities at all times.

Totland Bay Post Office Opening Hours reminder.

Please note the new opening hours from 1st April 2026.

- **Monday, Tuesday and Friday**
- **8.00am – 12.30pm**

Totland Village Hall

Planning permission will be registered this month for an extension to the side of the hall which will include the Parish Office, better toilet facilities and a small hall/room. The main hall remains available for both regular and occasional bookings. The kitchenette can be used for tea and coffee service, and tables and chairs are available.

To hire Totland Village Hall, please contact the Parish Office at: **totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk**

The Totland Craft Market takes place on the last Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm. The organisers work extremely hard to run this popular event, and everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and cake are also available. Please come along and support the group and the talented local stallholders.

The front exterior of the hall will be repainted this month as it is beginning to look a little tired.

Beach Buoys: The safe swim buoys have been deployed to Widdick Chine for the summer, please enjoy.

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 continues to call for support from the community. They are appealing for financial help to secure their future and to preserve and share our local history for future generations. If you can help in anyway please drop into their shop on Avenue Road and speak with them. They are currently moving premises and will be located in the Totland Parish Office old meeting room on The Broadway.

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. 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': Chairman Gareth Wyre, Elaine Smith, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, Steve Blamire, Chris Jarman, Marcus Pipe and Carol Johnson.