



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

At the Annual Meeting held on 11 May, Councillor Gareth Wyre was nominated and re-elected as Chairman of Totland Parish Council by fellow councillors. Councillor Elaine Smith was also nominated and elected as Vice Chair.

During the meeting, councillors, led by the Chairman, congratulated Councillor Chris Jarman on the local election result last month with his role as representative for Totland and Colwell.

### **Totland Bay Post Office Opening Hours reminder.**

Please note the new opening hours from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

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

### **Totland Village Hall**

The Real Junk Food Project, which has been operating from the hall since September 2025, has paused for the time being. The project relied on surplus food donations that would otherwise have been discarded and redistributed to local groups. Unfortunately, the amount of food available has reduced significantly, leaving little or nothing to collect.

We hope the situation may improve in the future and would like to thank all the volunteers who helped organise and support the project for Totland.

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.

Plans for the extension to the hall are progressing well, with a planning application expected to be submitted in June or July. In addition, the 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

**Grants:** Councillors have agreed to continue annual grants to:

- West Wight Sports and Community Centre
- West Wight Nursery
- Isle of Wight Defibrillator Service

The Isle of Wight Defibrillator Service maintains all Totland Parish Council defibrillators, ensuring they are always ready for use.

### **Litter**

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, an increased amount of rubbish, mainly food packaging, has recently been noticed around Cokes Green by the War Memorial. Please enjoy the benches and peaceful surroundings, but dispose of rubbish responsibly. Wildlife can easily access food waste left beside or partially inside bins, creating unnecessary mess.

**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.

**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.