



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council October 2026

Car Boots – Colwell Common - 2026 Car Boots – 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.

Remembrance Sunday - The West Wight Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 8th November at All Saints Church, Freshwater. 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.

Recreation Ground Car Park - Thank you to everyone who has removed their vehicles from the car park. Your cooperation has already made a significant difference and is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, some residents have reverted to parking their vehicles in the car park. The Parish Council does not wish to introduce a pay-to-park scheme in this area, however, this option may need to be considered if the current situation continues.

These parking spaces are provided for users of the facilities only. Please do not use them for residential parking, particularly overnight. We ask for everyone's cooperation, as the actions of a small number of people could result in restrictions that affect the whole community.

Memorial Hall - Totland Parish Council remain a 1/3rd owner of the Memorial Hall and have recently had the fire doors replaced and the porch area repaired and repainted. Repointing to the outside walls will also be carried out before the end of the year.

Totland Village Hall - The main hall is available for both regular and one-off bookings. A kitchenette is provided for the preparation and serving of refreshments, and tables and chairs can be made available to suit your event requirements. To hire Totland Village Hall, please contact the Parish Office at: totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk

The planning application for the proposed extension has now been submitted, and we look forward to receiving feedback from residents. You can view this application [HERE](#).

The front of the hall has recently been repainted, giving the building a fresher and more welcoming appearance. In addition, the words Totland Village Hall have been hand-painted on the front wall, making the venue easier to identify and locate.

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. It has been confirmed that this event will continue into 2027 as well.

Beach Buoys: The safe swim buoys continue to work well at Widdick Chine and Councillors will make some changes for next year which should improve this.

Totland Christmas Fair: Friday 27th November 2026 1.45pm – 6pm.

Budget 2027/2028 - Councillors have begun the budget-setting process for the 2027/2028 financial year and are currently gathering the information required to make informed decisions. Despite increasing utility costs and the additional expenditure associated with the Village Hall project, Councillors will make every effort to avoid increasing the current precept.

The Parish Council is also in discussions with the Isle of Wight Council regarding the potential liability for Business Rates. This could result in a significant charge, including amounts that may be owed for previous years. Residents will be kept informed of any developments, and if necessary, an open meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter and answer any questions from the community.

Totland Bay Post Office Opening Hours reminder.

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

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: - Councillors welcomed the Freshwater and Totland Heritage Group to Totland during the summer. This group 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 new home next door to the Parish Office 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](mailto:Waste and Environment) [01983 823777](tel:01983823777)
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.