

What Godshill Matters are Important to You?

At the September Godshill Matters meeting we discussed what are the really important issues that we, as a responsive community association, should be trying to address.



After much discussion everyone had to state the most important issue to them. Speeding led the way by far, followed by Road Safety, More parking in residential areas and Greening / Environment.

But we need to get a wider understanding. So, please take two minutes and complete this simple survey. <https://godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk/community/godshill-parish-community-20899/godshill-matters>

Close on 50 of us met Island Roads Network Management at last Wednesday's Godshill Matters Meeting – the main discussion topic – SPEEDING – read more on page FIVE

The results of the survey, and a discussion about what actions we can take, will be addressed at the meeting on 12th November, 6:30 at the School. Please come along.

Warmer Homes in Godshill

Could you be one of the Godshill Home Survey Team or would you like to have your home surveyed – it's FREE!



Through our involvement in the Greening Campaign, we have access to a thermal imaging camera. In order that we get the maximum benefit, our volunteers will be trained not only in how to use the camera, but also in how to carry out surveys and interpret the results.

A member of the team can then discuss the findings with the householder. It's amazing what savings can be made with some simple and modest solutions.

Would you like to be one of our team carrying out surveys?

Would you like to have your home surveyed to see if you can have a warmer home and save a bit of money?

According to Citizen's Advice, homes lose on average £350 a year from draughts and poor insulation and for the least efficient houses that figure almost trebles!

To find out more about either joining the survey team or getting your home surveyed, email greening@godshillmatters.uk or phone the Parish Council on **07763 665812**.

Godshill Gems

It was all about Godshill for the Gems in September

Our monthly meeting at the Scout Hall was buzzing, bubbly and busy, welcoming 4 guests and 2 new members to our already, well attended soiree. Had news got out that our 2025-2026 programmes were available? Or was it the allure of our star speaker? The handmade booklets showed our members just what a fun and varied time is planned every month at meetings, events and outings.



Then, enter stage right, current owner of the Model Village, Stuart Dyer, who gave a light-hearted glimpse into past and present of this delightful attraction. His highly entertaining talk covered: the multi-stage creation of the mini people; on-going buildings maintenance programme (including using traditional thatching techniques); RHS partnership received in recognition of its outstanding gardens; to the celebrity status/visitors and loyal, hardworking staff.

The Book Group held its discussion in the Old Smithy Tearooms. 84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff was an enjoyable, lighthearted, short read for most of the group.

Our President and Vice President represented the Gems at the Godshill Community Christmas Cracker meeting held in The School. Although in early stages of initial planning, the WI are keen to be involved.



Enthusied by the talk at our meeting, 12 Gems took advantage of one of the rare dry, sunny days and wandered around the Model Village. Many ooohs and aghs could be heard, with lots of laughing and pointing. Afterwards the group retired to The Olive Tree for further chat and sustenance.

On the 16th, the WI became 110 years old. The Gems Secretary/Treasurer attended the IOW Federation Head Office in Newport, to host members from across the Island offering a glass of bubbly, a slice of cake and the chance to look at the IOW WI archives.



And then once more to The Griffin. The committee spent an enjoyable and productive afternoon debating the instigation of the new Crafting sub group, and our next Halloween themed meeting. Yes, more dressing up!

Finally, 17 Gems partaked of delicious light lunches and home baked afternoon teas in the classic English tea rooms of The Quirky Teapot – an idyllic destination, surrounded by beautiful rolling countryside.

For more information, contact Sandy - sandy2471@gmail.com

Let's get Godshill's Chimes Back

Many of you will be aware that our church clock has been silent for some considerable time now. Whilst the hands still go round, the strike side of our clock is currently non-operational.



We have had a specialist examination conducted and it is fair to say that the clock and its mountings need extensive repairs before it can ring out over the village again. There are also roof repairs being conducted in the near future. We suspect that damage was caused due to falling masonry from the Clock Tower. Repairs will cost in the region of £33,000. Money we don't have as a parish church.

Maintaining the fabric of the church to keep it as an open 365 day-a-year facility, is an ongoing task.

Pay a visit and see your historic asset. We have a card reader by the door, or use the QR barcode below to make a donation to Godshill PCC. Any donations would be most welcome, no matter how small.



7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

Saturday 4th October was an important date in the Army Cadet Force's local calendar as 9 Recruits from across the Island completed their Basic training to become a full Cadet.



Although a Recruit is allowed to wear the Army Cadet Force uniform they cannot wear the insignia shown above – a Cap Badge on their beret and the Cadet flash on the front of their uniform until they have completed their day of training.

The day comprised a series of training and testing in subjects such as First Aid, Shooting, Drill (marching up and down!), Fieldcraft, Communications and Navigation.

The event, which was held at Newport Drill Hall, culminated in a Pass Out Parade in front of friends and family - a proud, but nervous moment for all.

Although 7 (Godshill) Troop did not have anyone ready to Pass Out at this event, our 5 Recruits should be ready for the next one scheduled for just before Christmas - fingers crossed!

For further information visit [www.https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/](https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/) and enter PO38 1BA

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

Our Beavers enjoyed an excellent interactive session with PC 29996 Rickeard and PCSO 13341 Keefe.

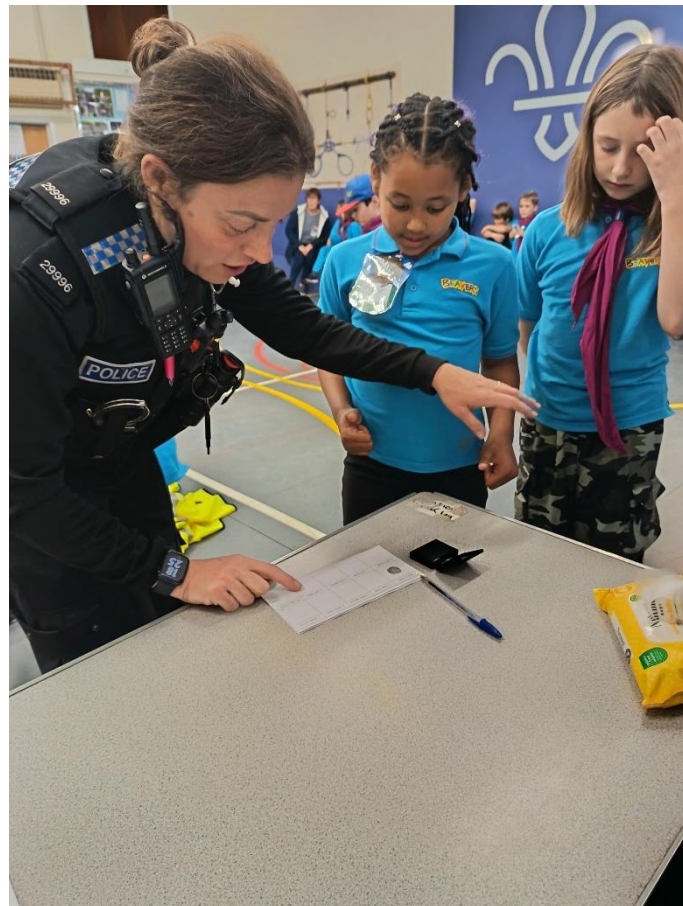


They learnt all about life in policing as a local Police Community Support Officer and Police Officer.

They started the session by sharing what a day in the life of a PCSO and PC is really like—from responding to 999 calls and how PCSO's provide the reassurance needed for local communities to help them feel safer in the places they live.



The Beavers then had lots of fun trying on police kit, discovering how all of the equipment works, everything from a hands-on look at the tools the police use to help keep all of us safe to taking their fingerprints!



If you are able to help the Scout Group in any way, whether as a leader, trustee, behind the scenes or by using the hall for events, please contact Mary Kershaw on 07407 370331 for further information.



30th November 10-12
30th November **SOLD OUT!**
30th November 6-8



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Godshill Scout Hall

Godshill Matters says SLOW DOWN

Representatives from ISLAND ROADS attended the October Godshill Matters meeting to hear, and respond to, the many concerns that villagers have regarding the highways and byways in Godshill.



The main issue raised was the constant danger created by cars and vans speeding in the approaches to, and through, the village.

After hearing many people raise their individual concerns, Jimmy Wells, Network Manager at Island Roads offered some clear advice as to actions we can all take to help reduce the speeding problem.

Godshill Matters will be publishing suggested draft emails that everyone can send to specific people and organisation - like the Police and Crime Commissioner - to raise institutional awareness of the problem.

One action that we can take ourselves is to re-start the SpeedWatch team.

But we need

AT LEAST ANOTHER 8 VOLUNTEERS.

Find out more here:

<https://hampshirepolicejobs.co.uk/volunteering/community-speedwatch/> and if you are prepared to be part of the new team please contact alison@godshillmatters.uk asap.



Other issues raised included the disgraceful mess outside the post office and the fact that the footpath from Church Hollow has not been reinstated. Again, Jimmy suggested actions people can take to raise awareness of the problems and hopefully get them resolved.



A number of people at the meeting volunteered to be part of a village working group to take these matters forward and to develop, and then share, a list of tasks we can all take. We need to have a concerted campaign in Godshill and the strength of that campaign is us all working together.

Godshill Matters!

Godshill's Christmas Cracker celebrations will be on

Saturday 6th December throughout the day.



The idea behind the 'Cracker' is different organisations in the village add a simple event sometime during the whole day - so its not one group doing everything, but lots of groups doing something



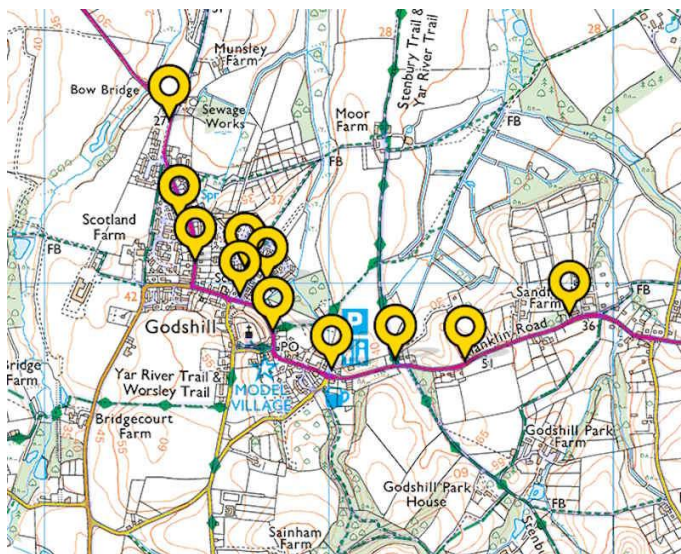
The planning group met at The Taveners yesterday and we are delighted to share that plans are afoot for

Christmas doggie walk
Family craft workshops
Santa's grotto
Art & craft market
'Starry Wanderland'
Festive Church Bazaar
Bell ringing
Community singing
Lantern parade
and
Seasonal finale 🤗

Additional ideas are bubbling under, so watch out for more next month.

FixMyStreet – Godshill

Island Roads use FixMyStreet to enable every one of us to report issues. It is important that residents report issues.



You can report issues yourselves by going to:
<https://fms.islandroads.com/>

Breast Cancer Now
WEAR IT PINK BREAST CANCER NOW
The strength & support charity

Coffee Morning

Join us from 10am-12.30pm for coffee, tea and cake
and help raise money for Breast Cancer

Friday 31st October 2025
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Godshill Walking Group

Our last walk took place on 19th September, and an amazing number of walkers joined us.



We had 39 walkers and one dog for a very scenic route from Ventnor Golf Course and along part of the Stenbury Trail back to Godshill.

Fantastic weather added to the day.



The next walk is on Friday 17th October, meeting at 11am at the car park opposite The Griffin PH.

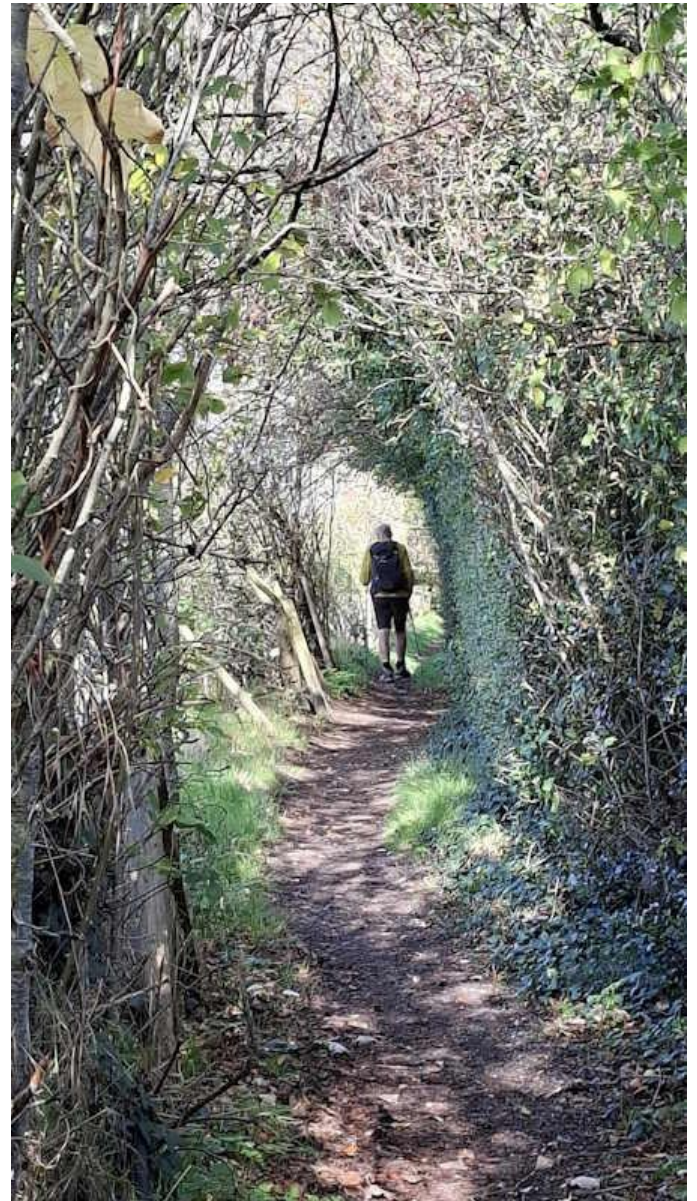


It's a 5 mile easy and flat-ish circuit.

The route goes along some familiar tracks as well as some lesser-known footpaths.



Plus, as usual, the opportunity to join us at The Griffin at the end of the walk for refreshments.



All welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads. Free to join, no need to book.

Contact Alison on alison@godhillmatters.uk for further details.

The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes

The first relocated, rebooted and renamed Godshill Community Charity Quiz took place at The Griffin on 1st October, the proceeds being donated to Godshill and Rookley Scouts.



There were a total of 13 teams taking part, many regular participants of Andy's previous quiz, and a few new faces were warmly welcomed.

"The Numpties" and "The Godzillians" tied for first place, "The Numpties" emerging as winners after a tie break question - which nearly had to go to another tie break as it was so close!

The raffle was as popular as ever, with prizes including a bottle of Mermaid gin, a box of 240 tea bags (specially for Dave) and a hand made "Scout Gonk". The total raised was £252.

The next Godshill Community Charity Quiz, (or "GCCQ" if you prefer) will be raising funds for Friends of the Animals and will be held on Wednesday 15th October at the Griffin, starting at 7pm. Book your table now to avoid disappointment!

FRIENDS
of the
Animals

GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of
FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS

Wednesday 15th October 2025
Starts at 7pm
Teams of up to 8
£2 per person to enter
Raffle
Accumulator Prize of at least £100.00

Kitchen open till 8pm
Bar open till 9pm
Book a table at
www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill

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Newport,
Isle of Wight,
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01983 522 511
contact@friendsoftheanimals.co.uk

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GCCQ – Coming Soon!

Here is the list of charities we will be supporting up until the end of this year.

15th October - Friends of the Animals
5th November – Mountbatten
19th November - Ability Dogs 4 Young People
3rd December - IOW Radio Xmas Toy Appeal
17th December - Godshill Matters

Next year's list will be revealed soon!

A big thank you to all who have supported Godshill Community Charity Quiz so far!

Godshill Gems New Outfits

A sunny day at the Model Village.



The President and the Secretary trying out a potential new uniform for the Gems. We take our roles very seriously!

Old Smithy – Kitchen Fire

Saturday 11 September 9 o'clock in the evening.



Fire engines descended on Godshill in the dark and swiftly and most efficiently deal with a fire in the kitchen area.

The damage has been enough to put the tea rooms out of action for several weeks.

Earlier this week we had the good news that they are at last open again for drinks and cold food. Hopefully, the kitchen will be back fully operational in the very near future.



Mountbatten Isle of Wight

GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of

Mountbatten Isle of Wight

Wednesday 5th November 2025

**Starts at 7pm
Teams of up to 8
£2 per person to enter
Raffle**

Accumulator Prize of at least £100.00

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Over 2,300
Islanders cared for on any one day

One third
have conditions other than cancer

£10.5million
it costs every year to run our services

New Bench in the Garden

Two of the trio responsible for obtaining and placing this 'new' bench in the Memorial Garden.



Whilst this solid oak bench is new to Godshill, it has seen out half of the last century and has travelled in the south of England and in Europe. We'll tell you more next month.

If you haven't visited the Memorial Garden recently, you really should.

Branches from neighbouring trees have been trimmed back and you'll struggle to find a weed in the gravel! Sadly, the old lavender and rosemary bushes were found to be far from healthy. These will be replaced by fresh plants. There will be additional planting to add aroma and colour.

The Remembrance Day Service in the Memorial Garden takes place on Sunday 9th November.



Ward Councillor's Report

Caroline Gladwin was unable to attend our monthly Parish Council meeting but provided a report. Here is a summary.

As a Reform UK Councillor, I have joined Independent Councillor Adams in forming the ABC Group in order to access valuable Committee seats beneficial to Central Rural.

I am now a Member of the Children's Services, Education and Skills Committee and I attended the meeting on 2nd October when 'school place planning' was discussed. I registered my objection to any school closures at all on the Island. I am committed to securing more funding for schools and education, particularly rural schools.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council, in the vote on whether to accept Devolution and the Mayoral Combined County Authority, I voted in favour and the result was 26 for and 9 against. At this meeting it was announced that as ABC Group Leader I would have a say in the process.

I also met with Parish Councillors Donoclift and Mansell at Lily Cross and committed to looking into the hold-up that is taking place in the Isle of Wight legal department that is preventing work from starting on the new footpaths and road crossing in West Street and Newport Road.

You can contact Caroline at:

Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk

Guess Who Owns the Hedge

The IoW Council have notified us that the Parish Council owns the large overgrown hedge that sits between the main road and the free car park.

It was included along with the public conveniences and the large grass bank which the Parish Council took over seven years ago. The car park itself is still owned by the IoW Council.

The hedge will now be cut down to a manageable size, hopefully in the next few weeks.

It's a Boules Up!

Sam at The Griffin PH is looking at the possibility of developing a petanque piste for the 2026 pub season.



But But But

It can only happen if there is enough interest in getting a regular pub team together to play in the local league. So who'd be up for a weekly night on 'the piste'?

Contact Chris or Frankie at hello@chrisandfrankie.co.uk if you'd like to find out more.

The Goal has been Achieved

Central Mead – the goal has now been moved to the satisfaction of all those using this part of the park.



Godshill Working Groups

The Parish Council is inviting YOU to play a part in our Godshill Community by joining one of our working groups.



Are Working Groups a new idea?

Working Groups have been operating in Parish Councils for quite some time. They are a way for residents to have a real impact on what goes on in their community.

Working Groups enable more people to have a direct say in what goes on in the parish and how the money raised through local council tax is spent.

The Parish Council benefits enormously from having much more input from those it is meant to serve. The Parish Council can then make much better decisions, decisions which benefit more of the community.

What does a Working Group do?

The main responsibilities are:

- Make recommendations to the Parish Council
- Propose and manage budgets supporting the group's needs
- Provide appropriate training for its Councillors and volunteers
- Organise and resource the working groups projects/activities
- Keep residents informed of its activities by publishing in the Godshill Gazette
- Provide updates at meetings of the Parish Council

What Working Group are there?

There are six:

- Amenities & Environment
- Communications & Community Engagement
- Emergency & Resilience
- Finance and General Purposes

- Planning, Roads & Byways
- Strategy & Parish Plan

You can find out more about each at

<https://godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk/community/godshill-parish-community-20899/working-groups/>

If I join a Working Group, what will I have to do?

A working group has one or more Councillors assigned to it. You would be part of the group as a volunteer. This means that you commit whatever time and effort you are able, to the group. This could be bringing your knowledge to the group in a meeting once a month through to spending several days on some specific task. If you join a group to help make something happen, afterwards, you are then free to leave the group if you wish.

So, what should I do?

If you think you might be interested in joining one of the working groups, either chat to one of the parish councillors or email the clerk at clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk. We will then listen to what you have to say. It is as much you interviewing us as the other way around. We will do what we can to enable you to become involved.

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Be a Godshill Parish Councillor

Godshill Parish Council has a vacant position and will therefore be co-opting somebody to fill the role and serve on the Council.

Would you or do you know anyone who might be interested in joining the team of Colin, Carl, Leigh, Keith and Russell.

We are looking for someone who will bring an additional dimension to the team, someone who wants to actively improve our community.

The person needs to live or work in Godshill or within 3 miles of the parish boundaries.

There's no reason you shouldn't start by first chatting to one of the Councillors.

Anyone interested should then contact the Parish Council by email: clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or phone 07763 665812

The Latest from your PC

This month, the Parish Council has started to organize its activities into the six working groups and report progress under those six headings. Some Councillor activities will not fall within these six headings and those will be reported separately.

Here is a summary of the main activity that has been going on in each of the Working Groups.

Amenities & Environment

Arrangements have been made to tackle the hedge between the free car park and the main road.

Goal posts moved in Central Mead.

Much work done in the Memorial Garden.

Public Conveniences – looking at several ways of cutting the costs.

A number of meetings related to the Greening Campaign.

Warmer Homes – several have already volunteered for training to do surveys.

Communications & Community Engagement

The main focus here is getting the website running efficiently and including all of the information it should.

A certain amount of time has been spent collecting information for the Gazette and then, in the week before publication, assembling and editing that information.

There is scope for a few volunteers to assist on the website, the Gazette and social media.

Emergency & Resilience

Flooding – The Parish Council is looking into having a supply of sandbags in the village. We need residents to report, as soon as possible, any and all drains that are currently blocked. This should be done on FixMyStreet <https://fms.islandroads.com/>

Finance and General Purposes

The position of Parish Clerk has been advertised, and we are dealing with a significant number of applicants. Applications close on 17 October.

The process of building a budget for 2026-27 is about to start.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Replacement of solar 30mph warning at eastern end of village – ongoing.

A number of TROs have been submitted.

IoW Council legal department are the hold up in getting the new paths, access road and crossing on West Street and Newport Road.

Legal and ownership issues are preventing IoW Council giving the go ahead on any action related to the Church path alongside the Bats Wing.

All parties are in agreement that there should be double yellow lines along the first part of Yarborough Close where it joins Newport Road.

Speedwatch – need another 8 volunteers in order to re-start the programme in Godshill.

Strategy & Parish Plan

No activity here. Whilst the Parish Council does not officially have to have a 5 year Parish Plan, it makes sense for us to have at least some stated long term objectives set out in the form of a plan.

Why no Bus Shelters?

The two busiest bus stops in the village, the two in the High Street, have never had bus shelters.

Pat, one of those in the public gallery at the Parish Council meeting earlier this week, highlighted the fact that despite her best efforts in the past, it has never been possible to persuade the powers that be, to install bus shelters on the High Street.

The Parish Council agreed to take another look at it.

Have Your Say!

Simply email what you want to say, ideally including an appropriate photo and we will do our best to include it. It can be anonymous if you wish.

Godshill Gazette is for everyone in our community.

If there's something that matters to you, it probably matters to others. Let us share that for you.

If technology scares the living daylights out of you (it does for very many of us!) get in touch by phoning the Parish Clerk (07763 665812) – you may need to leave a message - and we'll come and have a chat about what you'd like to say.

Email your submissions to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Sharing Your Gazette

If you're reading an electronic copy, why not forward a copy to friends and family, even to those over on north island.

Also:

Print a copy for your neighbours

We hope, with the help of volunteers, to be able to distribute a number of copies free to those who do not use the internet or prefer a printed version.

To print or not to print

Yes, that is the question. In order to have the Godshill Gazette available in print on a large scale requires funds.

A number of businesses have already told us that they are willing to advertise with us.

At October's Parish Council meeting, it was decided to approach businesses to see if they would be willing to advertise in the Gazette, thereby starting an income stream for us.

At the same meeting the council resolved to make a small contribution of £25 per month towards printing costs. This will enable us to distribute some printed copies to those who don't have access to the internet.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY OF THE GODSHILL GAZETTE?

If so, please let us have their name and address. Please email comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or use the contact form on the website - <https://godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk/community/godshill-parish-community-20899/contact/>

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on November 15th.

DON'T FORGET – we also have latest news items on the website. So, if you have anything you'd like to share straight away, email it to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

If you know of a group that has not yet appeared in the Gazette, please let us know and we will do what we can to get them in the next issue.

PLEASE don't wait to be asked, get writing or ringing and let us know what you want to share with the rest of the village.

Email us at:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE

Contacting the Parish Council.

You can now contact the Parish Council at:

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Phone: **07763 665812**

This number will probably be answered by the clerk or one of the Parish Councillors during our office hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
10am to 1pm

At other times the phone will be monitored but calls are likely to go to answer phone.

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