

Parish Council Cuts Precept



Godshill Parish Council has done something that we think no other council on the island has managed to do this

year. We have held the household precept at last year's figures meaning an effective decrease in the amount paid by every household.

At its monthly meeting on February 2nd, Councillors unanimously supported no increase in the monies which will be contributed by each household in the village.

However, the council will be spending more this year as besides some savings that are being made, funds will be taken from existing reserves. 2026-27 reserves will still be well in excess of that recommended for a parish such as Godshill.

You can find a copy of the budget at the end of this newsletter

The total precept that the council receives will increase by a few thousand pounds, with the inclusion of the new houses now occupied in Lily Cross.

The Taverners is Back



Doors reopened last Saturday. Many compliments on the food. Why not try their homemade Sunday Roast.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

A month ago, as part of our involvement in the Greening Campaign, members from the Trust, together with Godshill residents and a few others, undertook a Space for Nature Mapping Walk through the village.



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

The purpose of the walk was to identify spaces where there is potential to improve or create space for nature in addition to existing areas of focus and activities being undertaken to support local wildlife.

Godshill does not have any designated spaces apart from Munsley Bog which is a SINC (site of importance for nature conservation).

The walk took in the grass bank between the car park and the public conveniences, the memorial garden, All Saints churchyard, the primary school grounds, the Scout Hall and May Close playground and a green area in Yarborough Close opposite the surgery.

From the nine page report a five page community action list and resources list has been created. This gives specific suggestions related to each of the areas.

These documents provide the village with extremely useful information that will help us to improve our green spaces for everyone to enjoy, including our local wildlife. The documents will be made available on the website.

Anyone interested will be able to get involved in improving these spaces.

The next local mapping walk will cover Rookley and Chillerton & Gatcombe.

Godshill Gems W.I.

"Bystanders can be lifesavers" - the W.I.'s national campaign for 2025/2026 and Godshill Gems W.I. rallied to the call.



At the National Federation of Women's Institute Annual Meeting in July 2025, it was revealed that 97.7% of W.I. delegates voted for the W.I. to adopt and support this resolution – **BYSTANDERS CAN BE LIFESAVERS**. The call then went out to every W.I. member to work to increase public awareness, confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and the use of defibrillators.



- There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK.
- Less than 1 in 10 people survive
- Women have a lower chance of surviving than men
- Early CPR and defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival

At our January meeting, Steve Reed from IOW Defibrillators joined us to deliver a powerful presentation and to share his own personal moving and frightening experience of having, and surviving, a heart attack.

Questions posed -

'If someone collapsed in front of you right now, would you know what to do?

Do you know where your defibrillators are in Godshill?'

Steve introduced us to Sonny and Sally his resuscitation dummies before giving us step-by-step instructions on how to deliver CPR and use a defibrillator. Then it was over to us to have a go under Steve's expert guidance.

They say Knowledge Is Power. Now we can say Knowledge Saves Lives



IN OTHER NEWS:

The Book Club met and discussed *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Set in the Caribbean and America, its primary focus is on a long past hidden secret and a murder. Family identity, loss, secrets, heritage and the prejudices that the characters are subjected to, are interwoven throughout the story, affecting all their lives.





Our monthly outing saw 22 members enjoying, not only a beautiful sunny day, but each other's company in Carisbrooke Priory's private library room with homemade lunches.



The Craft Group officially launched and held its first monthly session, where concentration was high and some beautiful pieces of Barjello Needlepoint Embroidery bookmarks and keyring fobs appeared.

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



Fully replete, we headed to Carisbrooke Castle Museum where we were captivated with an insightful talk on the inhabitants of the Castle who had called it "home". Having sole access to the wonderful artefacts and building, we were able to fully appreciate and immerse ourselves in this atmospheric visitor attraction.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

One of the subjects in the Army Cadet Syllabus is AT – Adventurous Training. This can range from paddleboarding, mountain biking and canyoning at our Summer Annual Camp but this month Cadets from across the Island had a Saturday at Sandown Rocks, the Island's purpose-built outdoor climbing centre.



The Isle of Wight Army Cadet Force is lucky enough to have 3 qualified climbing instructors, so our Cadets get numerous opportunities during the year to climb for free – and to have fun and pass their AT subject in the process!

If you have a 12 to 13 year old in your life who might benefit from Army Cadets please visit <https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment> or visit the Scout Hall in May Close on a Thursday at 7pm. We are also looking for Adult Volunteers across our 5 Troops on the Island.



All Saints Church

For all information, contact Father Tony Lawrence or Dennis Owen.



Midweek Morning Communion

Every Thursday at 10 a.m. for 30 mins

In the Lilly Cross Side Chapel. Just come in the church as normal and walk towards the Altar. It is on the right hand side, in front of our Lilly Cross Wall Painting. All welcome, including well behaved dogs. Then join us for light refreshments in Godshill Smithy.

Use this QR code to make a donation.



You can find the most up to date information regarding All Saint at:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16778/>



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of
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Thank you for your generosity!

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts is where young people make new friends, have amazing adventures and learn new skills - all of which is supported by our incredible team of volunteers who guide, support and deliver a great programme to our young people every week.



What you might not know is that 1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts is a registered charity and good governance behind the scenes is what enables our fantastic Leadership Team to deliver Scouting to over 70 young people in Godshill every week at our HQ in May Close.

We are forming a new Trustee Board to provide that governance and are looking for new Trustees to join the board. Trustees play a key part in Scouts. They make sure our young people have the best experience at Scouts, and check things are being done safely and legally. They also provide oversight in the maintenance of the scout hall, grounds and equipment.

No previous experience at Scouts or as a Trustee is necessary. We need people who can see things from different viewpoints, who are passionate about supporting their community, and who want to help our leadership team deliver a programme that gives young people skills for life. We encourage every volunteer to bring their own skills, knowledge and experience to the role.

I know that life is busy but Trustees do lots of things out of the spotlight, and there's lots you can do from home. Whilst the time commitment can vary depending on the type of Trustee role, it's usual for Trustees to meet 3-6 times per year and only requires you to volunteer for a few hours per month.

You will be supporting our young people and our leadership team whilst having a laugh, making new friends, and learning new skills. To find out more email, call or message:

Robin Kent, Group Lead Volunteer:
robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk ,
07770 588698



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A photograph of a small, green and red farm shop building with a sign that says 'FRESH CHERRIES'. There are some tree stumps in the foreground. Green asterisk-like symbols are placed on the right side of the advertisement.

Parish Councillors in Wellies

Parish Clerk Stephen took a call for help from a Moor View resident – water everywhere! Godshill’s answer to International Rescue were soon on the case!



Not only was there flooding in Moor View, it was also hitting the High Street with water pouring down Hollow Lane from the high ground beyond.

Councillors Crane, Donoclift and Dyke donned their wellies and waterproofs and were out on the streets in no time.

It may well have been tipping it down and pretty dark, but residents were re-assured and a number of drains were unblocked in the High Street, Hollow Lane, School Road, School Crescent and Moor View.

A big thanks to the drivers who noticed the team clearing drains and slowed down going through the water 🐼

The team then did some follow-up clearing of soil and debris left next day before calling in Island Road to do final sweep-up.

Councillor Crane is now working with our Island Roads Local Steward to help them to understand the nature of the drainage problem in the Moor View area.

Worsley Wombles

We are creating the Worsley Wombles and it would be great if the core of that group could be young families in Godshill especially those with connections to our primary school. We need a small team of volunteers, supported by the Parish Council and Godshill Matters



The Parish Council and Godshill Matters can identify target locations and it could be an occasional weekend event. It could be made more interesting with a fancy dressed theme based on the Wombles. Maybe even an award each time for the young Womble who has had the most fun!

The Parish Council will provide the Hi-Viz and all the paraphernalia for litter picking, including, with youngsters involved, litter pickers to suit them. Additional adults will ensure a safe environment at all times for the litter pickers.

Irrespective of the litter picked up, it surely must have a good social impact.

Another Council Employee?

We are looking to offer a part time position to someone interested in maintaining our public loos, tackling minor odd jobs indoors and out, and keeping the village clean and tidy with assistance from the new “Worsley Wombles”.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Stephen, our clerk, for more information and an application form.

The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

Quiz No 8 was held at the Griffin on Wednesday 21st January and was supporting the RSPCA IOW Branch. Most people don't realise that the local branch of the RSPCA only gets about 10% of their funding from central funds, so the rest has to be raised locally.



10 teams joined us at the Griffin, including Rebecca and some of her colleagues from the RSPCA. The four rounds of questions included a round on "Animal Initials" and one on "Royalty". "Doctor's Orders" emerged victorious with a score of 43, narrowly beating "The Jubilees" and "The Godzillians" who both scored 42 points. The raffle was as popular as ever & the total raised was £307.

Quiz 9 was held on 4th February and was just after all the torrential rains and flooding, so the turnout was not good, with only 7 teams venturing out on the night. The charity was The Alzheimer's Cafe, a local charity we have supported a couple of times before.

It was obviously a case of quality not quantity because all the teams scored over 50% and the winning team, "Minus Ross" scored 45, which is 75%. In second place were the "Godzillians" with a score of 44 and 3 teams ("The Jubilees", "Doctor's Orders" and "Tornadoes") all scored 43. The team selected to attempt the accumulator question, worth a handy £240, was "Minus Ross" which includes Mrs Quizmaster amongst it's members, so the inevitable accusations of cheating were emphatically denied by the Quizmaster! Pam failed to answer the question correctly (In which

decade did Birds Eye first introduced frozen peas?) so the accumulator fund continues to grow, standing at £260 for the next quiz.

Despite the low turnout we still raised £177.10 for the Alzheimer's Cafe, so thanks to all who contributed.

Thanks also to all of you who have kindly donated raffle prizes. The raffle contributes a large proportion of the funds raised, so it's important to have worthwhile prizes to encourage people to buy as many tickets as possible, so keep the prizes coming!

Andy "The Quizmaster"

The next Godshill Community Charity Quiz @ The Griffin is on Wed 18th February at 7pm and is in aid of the IOW Donkey Sanctuary.

Book your table on 01983 211115 or at www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill

Coming next:

4th March - IOW Youth Trust

18th March - Wessex Cancer Support

1st April - Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

15th April - The Firefighters Charity

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Caroline Gladwin attended the Parish Council meeting on 2nd February.

Cllr Gladwin spoke about the tragic RTA, 3rd Jan. She reported that following information. Following a request for help from residents last Summer, she had warned the IoW Council of the dangers at this location, but no action was taken by the council.

Reportedly Island Roads claimed that signage would not have helped. Cllr Gladwin wanted a fuller investigation and would like the speed limit reduction on the entire stretch of road; she will focus on that now.

Also, she would like to see a campaign to raise the profile of safety within the ward, would like fuller investigations, and is not satisfied with the annual review system (takes place in November) she is awaiting results from queries made last November, and wants to see outcomes of the reports.

You can contact Caroline at:

Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk

Godshill Walking Group

Friday 16th January saw the Godshill Walking Group striding out again.



31 walkers and 3 dogs enjoying a reasonably mud free route from Shanklin back to Godshill.



The 4.5 mile walk followed the cycle track towards Wroxall, skirted near Appuldurcombe House, and returned via Freemantle Gate — all helped along by sunshine and blue skies.



Next Walk – Friday 20th February



Join us for an Away Day, scenic seaside walk from Shanklin to Sandown and back via the cliff path — approximately 4.3 miles, mostly flat with a few short climbs. A great route whatever the weather brings.



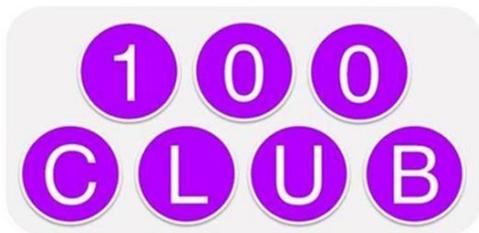
Meet: Godshill car park, opposite The Griffin PH, at 10.45am. We'll catch the No. 3 bus to Shanklin (Daish's) at 10.54am from the Godshill Hollies bus stop, so please bring your bus pass or £3 fare.



Or join us at the start of the walk at Vernon Meadows Car Park, Chine Avenue, Shanklin PO37 6AA (parking charges apply) at 11.15am.

For more details:
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

Godshill Matters



February winners:
1st Prize: £40 No. 61 James Morgan
2nd Prize: £10 No 22 Abi Breach
3rd Prize: £5 No 97 Julia Phillips

Godshill Matters

A slightly different month in that with Chris and Frankie and also Alison and Ken off on their holidays, there is little to report.



Instead of the usual meeting in the school hall, those of us left in a wet, wet Godshill decided to cheer ourselves up by meeting for a "Social with a Purpose" at 7pm last Wednesday, in the Griffin.

The purpose? Twofold – Firstly, to get people's preferences for the projects on which our community should focus in 2026. Secondly, to enjoy each other's company and chat about everything Godshill.

Preferences – way out front, **Central Mead Community Hub** followed by **Getting May Close up to Scratch, Road Safety** and **Village Shop**.

NEXT 100CLUB STARTS IN APRIL

Everyone who has a number in the current 100CLUB has been emailed to find out if they wish to retain their existing number(s) for the coming year which starts in April.

We've heard back from over half with most numbers being kept and many already paid for.

Anyone wishing to retain their numbers for 2026 needs to let us know by the end of February. At our March meeting the numbers that have been released will be available to those on the waiting list.

If you haven't got a number and would like to be added to the waiting list, please email colin@godshillmatters.org.uk

Clerk's Corner



It was good to have met a further few new faces at the budget open forum. So refreshing to have an open meeting outside the legal restraints imposed on the parish council meetings.

I thought this month I'd give you a little look into the myriad of things into which the Clerk has to delve. I knew what I was in for before I started, but your Parish Council are certainly getting on with things. Do come and have a chat with me on how you can lend a hand as part of the Godshill Community.

So, here are just some of the main things I've been up to in the past month.

- Much work setting up online accounting.
- Developing the new budget, including attending the open meeting.
- Managing funds into fixed rate accounts.
- Registering as official planning consultee & completion of declarations of interest admin.
- Received three burials request and processing paperwork accordingly.
- Researched the opening up of Bridgecourt cemetery entrance – hedge cutting permit.
- Deposited records to archive, collected additional records for sorting.
- Produce draft minutes and next agenda
- Plus many other little jobs!

So far, main one-off tasks planned:

- Ensure that internments go smoothly.
- Develop arrangements for grounds maintenance contracts.
- Develop Bridgecourt signage and scheme.
- Work with Cllrs to develop May Close plans.
- Chase up S106 documents from IWC.
- Follow up land holding matter – Staples.
- Manage repairs needed to chapel.
- Meet Cllr Hammond RE: LCross bin position.
- Playground Charity matters.
- Sort out new electricity contracts.

I must also say that it is great to work with such a wonderful bunch of councillors – they don't get paid! They jump to it when things need doing urgently, they work hard at persuading Island Roads and IoW Council to

get things done. They do their very best to be in touch with the rest of the parish. Chat to them and encourage them, it'll make my job easier and more enjoyable!

If you have questions about the council's work then I am always happy to chat, either by email or on the phone.

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or **07763 665812**

Stephen Cockett – Clerk

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Have Your Say!

Simply email what you want to say, ideally including an appropriate photo and we will do our best to include it.

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.

You can also phone the Parish Clerk (07763 665812) – you may need to leave a message – but we'll get back to you.

Email your submissions to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Godshill Working Groups

Your community needs YOU!



It's great to see a trickle of new faces at both Parish Council and Godshill Matters events. We have now identified 16 projects which will really enable all members of our community to have an opportunity to contribute and enjoy. Find out more on page XXXXXXXX.

Amenities & Environment

Investigations into electricity consumption in the public conveniences has led to a significant decrease in consumption.

Councillor Dyke is now managing the public conveniences and we now buy supplies locally.

Specifications for the work needed to bring May Close back to effective use have been drawn up and there has been a site visit with one contractor ahead of a request for tenders going out. Weather has put paid to being able to do any work in the next month.

Our Village Christmas Tree that was on the grass bank adjacent to the public conveniences has been removed.

Visual designs for the front external elevation of the Cricket pavilion have been created.

Play equipment in Central Mead is still in good order although safety maintenance needs to take place on the zip wire which may be taken out of service in the next few days.

The first Warmer Homes Household Imaging involving Lily Cross, Yarborough Close, West Street, Jubilee Close and School Road may be delayed as weather is far from ideal.

At a meeting with Community Action to discuss the Village Shop and Post Office it was confirmed that the parish contribution for 2026-27 is set to be £8,000. It was agreed that hours could be extended but only if volunteers can be found in the next month. Having volunteers assisting would also help

improve communication between the shop and the community.

Comms & Community Engagement

Godshill Gazette January Issue was published. It included a draft copy of the 2026-27 Budget. Draft minutes of the January Parish Council meeting were made available at the same time.

We are still hoping to be able to have copies of past Gazettes available in the village shop soon. A few businesses have expressed an interest in advertising in the Gazette.

We hosted our first village open forum. The topic was the new budget.

Finance and General Purposes

Final draft budget put to a Budget Open Forum.

Draft job description created for an Environmental Hygiene Technician.

Public conveniences receipts for January were only £84.70. Receipts for the whole year are expected to be less than £2,400.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Further update from PFI at IOW Council regarding the Church footpath as well as the village green wall.

Following an emergency call to the clerk regarding flooding in Moor View, Councillors Crane, Donoclift and Dyke carried out emergency drain clearances in the High St and School Road to alleviate the problems.

Church Path Drags On



PFI at the IoW Council finally made a decision. Not the decision we wanted. They have simply extended the closure for another 6 months. There now seems little likelihood that the path will re-open before the Summer.



From the November 2025 survey we learnt a lot about the preferences of residents and where they are prepared to offer help.

In its budget, the Parish Council has made available funds to support new initiatives that will help us to continue to grow **OUR GODSHILL COMMUNITY**.

These funds need to be matched by the willingness of residents to get involved by contributing time, effort or moral support to get things done. The more of us who are willing to get involved, the more of the suggested projects we can achieve.

Both the existing six volunteer Parish Councillors and the similar number of regular Godshill Matter volunteers are already fully engaged in some of these and in existing planned activities and events. So, we need to look to our community to get involved. Your community needs a little of your time, effort, expertise and moral support.

Why not get involved and give it a try, you'll love the community spirit

But if you then find it's not for you, we thank you and hope that we can continue to have your moral support

To find out about getting involved, leave your contact details with Stephen, our parish clerk.

Here is a brief summary of the projects being considered.

1. Central Mead Community Hub

The survey told us that a real, easily accessible indoor space was a vital and urgent need in the village. By urgent we are talking being available for use this year.

The best and most cost effective option is the upgrade and conversion of the old cricket pavilion in Central Mead. Potentially, it can give us 10 years of useful life whilst the village explores its successor.

The existing building is basically sound but needs a complete makeover and some additions to turn it into a multi-purpose modern space.

It could be available every day to support the community – café, social club, exercise classes, youth group, meetings, warm space, etc. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

2. May Close – Getting it up to Scratch

Too long neglected and forgotten, May Close is a wonderful space, totally under utilised and in need of urgent investment. May Close has the potential to become both a fun and a relaxing space for the village. The Parish Council is investing a significant sum to get this underway and will be looking for external funding to build on this groundwork that will start in the early months of 2026. The existing play equipment will also be upgraded. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

3. The Village Shop

We have the opportunity to extend the hours it is open and to look at what other products it might stock that would be popular in the village. But we urgently need a small team of volunteers willing to each put in a few hours a week serving in the shop. Volunteers will work in teams of 2 or 3 allowing us to initially open on Sundays, then extend hours to cover Saturday afternoons and then, given a demand and enough volunteers, stay open on weekday afternoons, through into the

evenings. This project can save money in the Parish Council budget which can then be spent on other community projects. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

4. Speedwatch

Speed and inconsiderate driving throughout the village will always be an issue. Whilst Speedwatch is not a solution, it contributes significantly to driver awareness and education and in some cases a severe wrap on the knuckles from the constabulary and your name in their little black book. Speedwatch will be up and running again in March. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

5. Godshill Village Fair

Back in the days of the Horticultural Society, there used to be a huge Village Fair. The Public Liability Insurance is in place for us to run such an event, but it needs a dedicated team of volunteers to start work on the organisation as soon as possible. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

6. Worsley Wombles

We already have a small invisible group operating in the village. Led by their four-legged friends they can often be seen picking up after far less responsible others. We thank them for what they do. But they need help and the whole village needs our attention. We need a group willing to venture out on a regular basis, making sure all parts of our village are kept clean and tidy. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

7. Road Safety, Speeding, 20mph for Whole Village

Demos, meetings, etc. to highlight the problems in Godshill to authorities, residents and drivers. Campaign to get the whole village declared a 20 mph zone. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

8. Communication

The Godshill Gazette has been very well received but it needs to grow. It needs a small team of volunteers who can, not only put it together monthly, but also find additional financial support allowing us to go into print and reach those who are not internet savvy. Copies could also be sold to

visitors. Beyond the Gazette we are looking at open forums, small and large meetings for discussing anything about Godshill. The recent budget open forum was the very first. Open Forums could be run by any resident on behalf of the community. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

9. The Godshill History Trail

Help visitors to the village (and residents too!) get the most out of our village by sharing historical information – both fact and fiction. The trail will be focussed on the centre of the village and will see a number of small information lecterns popping up here and there. Each will tell a story about that location and also have a QR code linking to further online information which we can keep up to date and make topical. If history is your thing, this is one in which you can get involved. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

10. Godshill Green Spaces

Following a Mapping morning lead by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, a number of locations have been identified for possible enhancement, to make them green and pleasant spaces. The locations are: Car park grass bank, All Saints Churchyard, Godshill Primary School grounds, Scout Hall area, May Close and the space on Yarborough Close – opposite surgery. A team is needed to make this happen and keep the spaces looking their best.

11. May Close – Greening Project

New planting of bushes, small trees, some fruit bearing. Multi-use dry pathway meandering around the edges of the park passing through bushes and small trees, some bearing edible berries etc. Also, a covered area for when it rains. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

12. May Close – Playground for all Ages

Multi-use skateboard/amphitheatre. Outdoor exercise equipment (incorporated on the meandering footpath). Pond and spring to be developed. [NEEDS VOLUNTEERS]

**IF VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD
– SOME WILL HAPPEN**

Village Green News

Yes, we do have one, it's probably the smallest on the island. It's the space around the noticeboard, on the opposite side of the High Street to the Model Village.



We have been promised that the low wall that sits between the road and those enjoying the green will be repaired within the next THREE months.

Vandalism in Central Mead

Two nights of senseless bike riding has churned up the centre of the field including newly laid turf.



This has been reported to the police. The volunteers who have spent a lot of time and effort working on this area of the Mead are understandably very upset, as are many residents who use the park regularly.

Social media suggests that those responsible are known in the village.

As with any such vandalism, there is a financial cost to everyone living in the village.

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.

Printed Copies Available

We currently have a small budget available to enable us to print some black and white copies of the Gazette for those without the internet.

If you would like a printed copy or you know of someone who needs a printed copy delivered, contact Stephen, the Parish Clerk and give him name and address.



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
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Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on Saturday March 14th along with draft minutes from the March Parish Council meeting.

DON'T FORGET – we also have latest news items on the website and our Facebook page. We also have less frequent updates on X (Twitter) and Instagram. So, if you have anything you'd like to share, 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 get them in the next issue.

Same goes for events that are not currently included in the Village Calendar on the home page of the website.

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comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE

Contacting the Parish Council.

You can contact the Parish Council at:
clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Phone: **07763 665812**

This number will be answered by Stephen Cockett, our parish clerk, during our office hours:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:30am to noon**

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

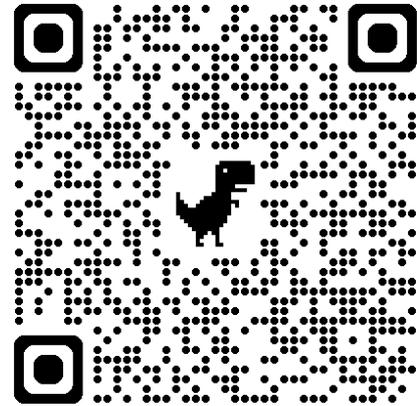
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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/2027						
	02 ADMIN	2024/25 budget	2025/26 budget	Actual to end Jan	Forecast	Budget 2026/27
1	Clerk (inc PAYE & pen)	£8,700.00	£8,900.00	£6,031.00	£7,578.00	£9,579.00
2	Admin	£900.00	£500.00	£2,561.00	£2,660.00	£500.00
3	Training	£0.00	£0.00	£125.00	£240.00	£480.00
4	Insurance	£700.00	£600.00	£938.00	£938.00	£968.00
5	Subscriptions	£400.00	£400.00	£214.00	£692.00	£1,000.00
6	Website & mail	£200.00	£200.00	£224.88	£342.82	£455.76
7	Audit fees	£600.00	£400.00	£445.00	£445.00	£450.00
8	Room hire	£400.00	£300.00	£200.00	£240.00	£300.00
9	Communication	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£175.00	£300.00
10	VAT	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,399.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
11	Sub Total	£13,500.00	£12,900.00	£12,237.88	£14,810.82	£15,532.76
	03 Public WC					
12	Electricity	£1,600.00	£0.00	£1,419.00	£2,000.00	£2,700.00
13	Water	£700.00	£700.00	£619.00	£700.00	£700.00
14	Cleaning	£5,600.00	£5,800.00	£4,914.00	£4,914.00	£6,000.00
15	Maintenance	£700.00	£700.00	£10,404.00	£10,625.00	£3,500.00
16	PWLB	£3,900.00	£3,900.00	£3,883.00	£3,883.00	£3,900.00
17	Sub Total	£12,500.00	£11,100.00	£21,239.00	£22,122.00	£16,800.00
	04 C Mead and May Close					
18	Admin	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00
19	Playground Equip	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,000.00
20	Grass	£5,400.00	£5,600.00	£4,592.00	£5,300.00	£5,300.00
21	Treework	£500.00	£500.00	£700.00	£700.00	£700.00
22	Maintenance	£500.00	£500.00	£285.00	£285.00	£2,000.00
23	Bins	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
24	Insurance	£600.00	£900.00	£1,282.79	£1,282.79	£1,324.00
25	Signage	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00
26	Infrastructure	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
27	Utilities	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,036.00	£300.00
28	Sub Total	£10,200.00	£10,700.00	£6,859.79	£8,603.79	£18,724.00
	05 Grounds Maintenance					
29	Grass	£400.00	£300.00	£1,246.00	£1,246.00	£1,000.00
30	Maintenance	£100.00	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
31	Sub Total	£500.00	£500.00	£1,246.00	£1,246.00	£1,200.00
	06 Burial Ground					
32	Wages	£800.00	£800.00	£920.00	£920.00	£950.00
33	Rates	£1,200.00	£800.00	£773.00	£773.00	£825.00
34	Maintenance	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
35	Sub Total	£3,000.00	£1,600.00	£1,693.00	£2,193.00	£1,775.00

	07 Other					
36	S137	£100.00	£100.00	£350.00	£350.00	£0.00
37	All Saints	£900.00	£0.00	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00
38	Youth Trust	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
39	Invasive Species	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
40	Post Office	£7,000.00	£7,000.00	£7,000.00	£7,000.00	£8,000.00
41	Christmas Tree	£800.00	£200.00	£0.00	£60.00	£200.00
42	Bins	£400.00	£500.00	£308.00	£308.00	£300.00
43	Bench area grass	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
44	Speedwatch	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00
45	Cemetery signage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
46	Contributions	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
47	Community grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
48	Sub Total	£9,900.00	£8,800.00	£8,558.00	£8,618.00	£13,600.00
	TOTALS	£49,600.00	£45,100.00	£51,833.67	£57,593.61	£68,206.76
	01 Income	2024/25 budget	2025/26 budget	Actual to date	Forecast	Budget 2026/2027
1	Precept	£45,072.00	£47,640.00	£47,640.00	£47,640.00	£51,265.00
2	Burial Fees	£1,000.00	£500.00	£618.00	£800.00	£500.00
3	Land Rental	£500.00	£1,000.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
4	Public WC fees	£3,500.00	£2,500.00	£1,846.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
5	Interest	£400.00	£1,400.00	£1,590.00	£1,590.00	£1,400.00
6	VAT	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£2,515.00	£2,515.00	£1,500.00
	Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£365.00	£365.00	£0.00
7	Total Income	£51,972.00	£54,540.00	£55,074.00	£55,410.00	£57,165.00
8	Income Vs Expenditure			£3,240.33	£-2,183.61	£-11,041.76
9	Opening reserves	£75,506.00	£83,870.00	NA	NA	£81,686.39
10	Originally forecast closing reserves		£91,606.00			
11	2027 forecast closing reserves					£70,644.63

	Precept 25/26	Precept 26/27
Tax Base	616.3	663.2
Per household	£77.30	£77.30
Total	£47,640.00	£51,265.00