

Godshill Village Survey

Godshill Parish Council is preparing its 2026/27 budget and needs your views on priorities for the village. Your feedback will directly shape decisions on where we focus spending, what services we protect, and where we can invest.



Survey forms are being hand delivered around the village by volunteers. Copies are also available in the Post Office, to where completed forms can be returned.

The survey is also online. Go to www.godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk – Second item on the menu is the Village Survey. You can also get to the online survey by scanning the QR code on the printed version.

Don't forget, it is YOUR MONEY that is being spent. The Parish Council is determined to make your money work for you, but that only happens if you step up and tell them what matters.

The survey is only 19 questions and will take you 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

All surveys must be in by midnight on Monday 24th November.

Warmer Homes in Godshill

Get ready for winter and book a set of thermal images of your home, together with an explanation of what they tell you! – it's FREE!



Greening Godshill volunteers will be braving the cold from [December to March] and offering Godshill residents this free service.

No sales pitch and no obligation.

***YOU – Yes, YOU could become one of the team helping our residents.
Training course – Thursday 20th
November 6pm – email
greening@godshillmatters.org.uk
to find out more – NOW! Anyone over 18 can join the team.***

The thermal images can help you

- Learn where heat (and money) is leaking from your home
- Find the drafts
- Find faults in your wall and loft insulation

We'll tell you more once the team has undergone training and has had time to practice with their thermal camera.

Godshill Christmas Cracker

Godshill will be alive with activity everywhere, indoors and out on **Saturday 6th December**. Things will be happening from 9:30pm through until the evening – something for everyone.



Godshill Christmas Cracker - a seasonal celebration like no other on the Island. Many village individuals and organisations are currently working hard to offer a wide variety of events and activities to ensure Saturday 6th December is a cracker of a day with something for everyone. Highlights include: -

Start the day with a hearty breakfast at The Griffin where Santa will be offering seasonal fun for all the family from 9am – 10:30am.

Go for a woodland walk accompanied by your dog or dogs who should be dressed for the occasion. Meet at the Old Smithy car park at 9:30. Prizes for the best dressed dog!

Tabletop sale in the Methodist Church Hall from 10am to 2pm - range of soft and woolly gifts to buy. Hot seasonal refreshments too!!

Ring the bells at All Saints Church where there will be a bustling Christmas Bazaar from 10am. Trips up the tower too!!

Art and Craft market (18 stalls) in Godshill School Hall from 11am to 4pm

SANTA in the Taverners from 2pm to 5pm sitting in his decorated grotto. He will be looking forward to visits from lots of youngsters. Nina will be there with him offering **face painting** for everyone and anyone from 2pm to 4pm.

Fun, Festive Creative Workshops In the Scout Hall from 1pm to 3pm.

Godshill Guisers - traditional street mummers play out and around the village at various locations during the afternoon for your entertainment.

A lantern parade through the village with Godshill School choir ending up in The Griffin Garden where we can all take part in a festive singalong.

Plus, many of our shops will be open for the day e.g. Island Gems, Westmead Teddies, Daisy Daisy, Cider Barn & the Old Smithy. Extensive FREE parking until 5pm.

To keep up to date with all that's going on for Godshill Christmas Cracker go to the Godshill Matters facebook page. Hohoho.



Community Lantern Making Workshop

Friday 28 November at 6pm (allow 2 hrs)

Scout Hall, May Close, Godshill PO38 3HB

Make your own Lantern out of willow and tissue paper and join in the

GODSHILL LANTERN PARADE on Saturday 6 December

All adults and accompanied children welcome

FREE to attend and no booking necessary!

For further info email alison@godshillmatters.org.uk



Godshill Gems

GHOULS, GHOSTS & GIGGLES GALORE FOR GODSHILL GEMS

With a themed and decorated hall acknowledging the approaching spooktacular date, we were all set to welcome our costumed members.



The October meeting hosted Marc Tuckey of IOW Ghost Walks & Tours. Macabre and chilling tales were told, enthralling the cavern of witches that had made it to the meeting by broomsticks, cars and pure manifestation! Gasps and screeches accompanied the telling of local, unexplained goings on.

Our first competition table groaned under the entries – varied, eclectic, stunning and hilarious. Lots of time, skill and thought had been given by the entrants and the decision

on best item was extremely difficult. A decorated mini black tree, all its adornments meticulously hand crafted by Penny Staley, was voted outright winner.



A lively and enjoyable game of Room 101 followed the demolition of cakey edibles. Every member voiced their number one pet hate. These were voted to be banished forever:-

Keir Starmer

Dog poo bags left on tree branches

Putin

Late or cancelled IOW Ferries

Cold calling salesmen on the phone

Car Tailgating

The Book Club's choice of read this month, "Before The Coffee Gets Cold" followed in the sinister vein. "If you travelled back in time, who would you want to meet for one last time?" But first you have to sit in a seat occupied by the resident ghost.



12 Gems made the trip to Dimbola for a talk on its history, the life of Margaret Cameron and a look round the photographic displays. They were also on the lookout for; espying Margaret's ghostly silhouette, reportedly seen staring from her bedroom window; the White Lady that stands by the outside wall; or could they smell the aroma of developing chemicals that purportedly exudes from under the stairs? Sustaining refreshments were enjoyed in the tearooms afterwards.

Did anyone see or smell anything?.....

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

Godshill's Winners

The Red Funnel Isle of Wight awards saw Godshill capture two awards.



GODSHILL ORCHARDS - We are very proud of our Silver award in the Best Local Produce category. We are extremely grateful to everyone that support us and our little family run Orchards. We work so hard to bring you only the finest fruit we can grow here on our wonderful island! Thanks for your continued support - new products coming soon!



MODEL VILLAGE - We were awarded Bronze in the Isle of Woof Awards 🐶 We love welcoming furry friends to the garden and delighted to have won an award 🏠

Emma and Amelia were blown away by the setting and event in general. They loved representing the team and MV xxx

7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

November is always a busy time at the Army Cadets with 5 Remembrance events attended over the space of 9 days. Indeed, you may have seen our Cadets poppy selling in Godshill and Ventnor and again at both War Memorials on Remembrance Sunday..



Additionally, over 30 Army Cadets from across the Island joined other local groups at Carisbrooke Castle for the Field of Remembrance.

Volunteering and giving up of your time for others is instilled in Army Cadets as it is part of their Cadet syllabus in the subject, Community Engagement. Our new Recruits, now all kitted out in uniform, did not have to attend any of the Remembrance events if they didn't want to because Community Engagement does not start until they Pass Out and become a full Cadet, so it was lovely to see them all out wanting to attend and giving up their time.



As adult Instructors we love Poppy selling because you get to chat to all sorts of people and we encourage our Cadets to do the same. Starting off with a 'Good Morning' to a passer-by can lead to questions about why they are in uniform and them talking about being an Army Cadet - and to a donation in the tin! Many were impressed and thanked the Cadets for what they were doing which, over time, builds confidence and pride in that young person.

As another Remembrance period comes to an end, our Cadets reflected on the generosity of the General Public in giving to the Poppy appeal. One astounded Cadet whispered 'that person just donated £20!' - they couldn't believe someone would offer so much and didn't even want a poppy!



Of course, this was not a one-off gesture with the people of Godshill and Ventnor coming out to support their communities and, although it is not all about money, 7 (Godshill) Troop Cadets are looking forward to hearing how much they raised for the efforts, and for Royal British Legion.

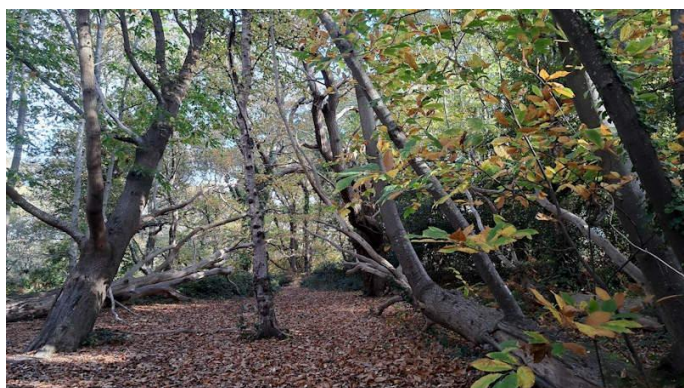
For further information visit [www.https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/](https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/) and enter PO38 1BA

Godshill Walking Group

Our last walk took place on 17th October. Another great outing, good weather and with 35 walkers and 4, (very well-behaved) dogs.



Our next walk is on Friday 21st November and is a brilliantly textured autumnal route.



Meet at 11am at the main car park and we start with a short bus journey at 11.10 towards Shanklin.



The walk takes us through America Wood, looking beautiful in its autumn colours, and back passing Freemantle Gate. 4.5 miles long and includes some stiles. No big hills but be prepared for mud and leaves underfoot.

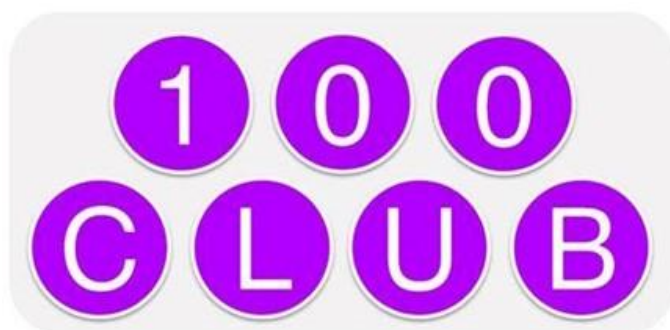
We are a free, super friendly and welcoming bunch of people enjoying the great outdoors. Come join us!!

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

For further details contact Alison on(alison@godhillmatters.org.uk).

Godshill Matters 100Club

The final seven numbers were taken up by friends at the meeting this month.



November winners:

1st Prize: £40 No. 39 Suzette Hammond

2nd Prize: £10 No 28 Kieron O'Toole

3rd Prize: £5 No 43 Alison Knapman



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
In aid of

IOW Radio Christmas Toy Appeal

Wednesday 3rd December 2025
Starts at 7pm
Raffle
Accumulator Prize
Kitchen open till 8pm
Bar open till 9pm

Book a table at
www.Heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill
The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD
Tel 01983 211115

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The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

The 2nd charity quiz at the Griffin was on Wednesday 15th October and was raising funds for Friends of the Animals.



Again there were a total of 13 teams many expanded so it was "standing room only"

The quiz followed it's tried and tested format including a Dingbat round. The winning team, "The Boomers" scored 47 out of 60, in 2nd was "The Numpties" and 3rd place was a 3 way tie "Jack and Jills", "Easyryders" and "The Winners" the latter correctly answering the tiebreak - how many episodes of Friends were shown on TV!

The "Jubilees" were drawn at random to attempt the accumulator question. Sarah correctly answered the question "In what year did Heathrow airport change from military to civilian use?" and returned to the table to share the £160 prize with the rest of her team.

The usual raffle followed. The total raised for Friends of the Animals was £357.05. Thanks to all who attended for their support.

Here is an example of a "dingbat" What phrase or saying does this represent?

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(Answer at the end)

The 3rd GCCQ was on Bonfire Night at the Griffin, in aid of Mountbatten Isle of Wight & we had 11 teams. Ringing the changes, round 2 was called "Rock around the Clock" with questions relating to the title (e.g. What is the real name of the American wrestler known as "The Rock"?) and round 3 was a "Connections" round which had some teams scratching their heads. The puzzle round was a picture round called "Bob's Your Uncle" which had 20 pictures of people called "Bob" "Robert" or "Rob" to identify. The overall winners were "The Bristolians".

A member of "Infamous Five" attempted the Accumulator Question (worth £100), but was unable to answer "which comedy actor also wrote for television under the name of Gerald Wiley?"

The amount raised was £301.29, so a huge "thank you" to all who attended.

The next Godshill Community Charity Quiz is to be held at The Griffin on Wednesday the 19th November at 7pm and will be in aid of Ability Dogs 4 Young People. If you are a dog lover, we are hoping to have some puppies there to fuss on the night!

Raffle prizes for the quizzes are kindly supplied by The Griffin, but more are always welcome. So if your favourite charity is coming up (see dates on the next page), please help by donating a prize for the raffle!

Answers - 236 episodes of "Friends" were shown on TV.

Heathrow airport changed from military to civilian use in 1946.

The "Dingbat" phrase is "For instance".

The real name of American wrestler "The Rock" is Dwayne Jihnsn.

The comedy actor who wrote for TV under the name Gerald Wiley is Ronnie Barker.

See you at the next quiz!

Andy "The Quizmaster."

GCCQ – Coming Soon!

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

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!

Andy "The Quizmaster"

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers played an important part in the Remembrance Service.



They were a credit to the Scout Movement. They were well supported by their adult leaders and many friends and families.

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.

Ward Councillor's Report

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

After the Reform UK victory last month at Lake North where we retained our seat, we were able to reinstate the Reform UK Group on the Council with Cllr Nigh. The ABC Group has been dissolved for now, but we will still be working closely with our friend and colleague Cllr Adams.

The Central Rural focus for me this month has been Rookley and the intended development of 38 houses off Main Road. I have had residents contact me with their objections about it and I advised them to make sure these objections were put on the planning application. The Parish Council met for a planning meeting on the 16th of October and agreed to object under the following grounds, flooding, access, pavement, crossing and speeding. This is a Green Field site which is also concerning along with over development potential for Rookley. A decision from the Planners is expected in December regarding the initial part of the application. I am monitoring developments closely and will inform the Parish Council of any updates. You can contact Caroline at:

Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk

Church Path – News Soon?



Isle of Wight Council Highways and Transportation Department emailed the Parish Council on the 7th to apologise for delays in responding to our e-mails and to state that they would be updating us on the situation by the 14th. That did not happen. As soon as we have information, we will share it via the website and Facebook.

Winter Boules

It may well be getting colder and the days getting shorter but they still love their Boules in the Old Smithy car park.



Making the most of the weather before the rains came, there was an inter-group competition for a splendid trophy.



The winner was Gerard who joined the group in the summer. He was presented with the trophy by Rita Cross who keeps good order as our scorer.

During the winter months we start half an hour earlier at 1.30pm so we still have time for tea and cakes!

Vic Scovell

Joining Godshill Primary

Online application to start at Godshill Primary School in September 2026 has opened. Go to

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-to-start-primary-school-september-2026>

Godshill Primary School

The whole school observed a two minutes silence in the playground on Remembrance Day.



School ambassadors then took a wreath, made by the children, up to the Memorial Garden and laid it alongside the others.



Last Friday, the whole school joined in a Joe Wicks workout in the hall.

Limited Spaces
Available for
Reception 2026

Stay & Play dates:
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 4th December
Thursday 8th January
15:30 - 16:30

- ✓ Highly experienced Early Years staff
- ✓ A rich, child-centred curriculum
- ✓ Creative, play-based approach to development
- ✓ A nurturing start to a life-long love of learning



Godshill Primary

office@godshillprimary.co.uk
01983 840 246



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2024 - 2025



The Godshill Guisers

The 'new' Godshill Guisers will be making their presence felt in the village this Christmas season, delighting residents and visitors alike with their traditional Christmas Mummers play. This cherished folk performance is open for all to enjoy!



What Is a Mummers Play?

A Mummers Play is a traditional folk play with roots going back to medieval times. Typically, these plays are performed by amateur actors—local people rather than professionals. The plays often revolve around a storyline featuring death and resurrection, with a hero figure such as St George facing an antagonist like the Turkish Knight. In the course of the action, the defeated character is brought back to life by a quack doctor. Mummers Plays were traditionally staged around festive times like Christmas, Boxing Day, or Easter, and could be seen in pubs, homes, or town squares, often in exchange for money, beer, or food.

The Origin of 'Guise'

The term 'Guise' comes from the tradition of disguise or masking. In earlier times, this would have concealed the performers' identities, allowing them to deliver satire or social commentary with greater freedom.

The Godshill Script and Its Creators

This year's Godshill script has been carefully assembled by local resident Frankie Goldspink. Frankie, along with her partner Chris, has a history of performing Mummers plays in villages on the mainland. With a

background as a Morris Dancer, Frankie has long been fascinated by the rich history surrounding Mummers plays. She is the proud owner of over 30 different scripts from across the country, including one from the Isle of Wight, each with its own local variation on the central theme. The new Godshill play remains true to the traditional format but has been adapted—streamlined and simplified—to suit family audiences. The performance lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Meet the Cast

This production features seven adult volunteers from Godshill, all of whom are currently hard at work rehearsing their roles.

When and Where to See the Guisers

You can catch the Godshill Guisers at The Christmas Cracker (December 6th) between 12:30 and 14:00, performing at various locations throughout the village. They will also be making appearances at local hostelrys during December. For further information, please contact Frankie: hello@chrisandfrankie.co.uk.



**Ability Dogs
4 Young People**

GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of

Ability Dogs 4 Young People

Wednesday 19th November 2025

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

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

**The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD
TEL 01983 211115**

**An Isle of Wight charity for disabled young people
and children - Island trained for Island people**

Ability Dogs 4 Young People is an Isle of Wight charity (started April 2012), training assistance dogs to enhance the independence of disabled young people and children living on the Isle of Wight. We are training Ability Dogs to help with physical and mental disabilities, including cerebral palsy, autism, diabetes and epilepsy.

Our new Parish Clerk

We are pleased to welcome our new Parish Clerk – Stephen Cockett.



Stephen has been with us just a couple of weeks and has already met a number of you at the Parish Council Meeting, the Godshill Matters meeting and whilst spending time taking a look around the village.

Stephen has his CiLCA, Certificate in Local Council Administration and brings much local government experience to our team, having spent a number of years as a councillor in Ventnor and being their Mayor in 2021-22.

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

With the help of volunteers, we will be distributing a number of copies free to those who do not use the internet or prefer a printed version.

Please contact us to let us know of anyone who would benefit from having a printed copy of the Godshill Gazette.

Our new Parish Councillor

We are pleased to welcome our new Parish Councillor – Suzette Hammond.



Suzette and her husband, Martin, were amongst the first to move into Lily Cross. We have got to know the couple well over the past months, mainly through Godshill Matters. It hasn't taken Suzette long to make her first mark in the village. She persuaded Captiva to let us have a significant amount of top soil, at no cost, which has been put to good use in ground repairs in Central Mead.

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

Central Mead Groundwork

The worn-out, badly damaged and dangerous synthetic surface in the centre of Central Mead has been removed and the area repaired.



Parish Councillors have combined to tackle this significant and urgent task. The initial removal of the old surface was no mean feat. We didn't think we were going to manage to get much further as much top soil and grass was needed to complete the job. But Cllrs Suzette and Russell came to the rescue by securing free top soil from the Captiva development site in Lily Cross and free turf from Hillcroft Turf, just up the road.

Our powerhouse of Cllrs Carl and Keith, admittedly, with some paid help, and ably assisted by Martin (Cllr Suzette's other half) repaired and dressed the area before laying the whole area with new turf.



All of this was achieved at virtually no cost to the Parish or the Charity.

This is the sort of team work that the Parish Council thrives on.....it's hard work, but improves the environment that we all live in – Well done team!.

Children's and Young People's Playground and Parish Recreation Ground Charity

Notes from the recent Trustee Meeting of the Charity.

The Wildlife Trust is carrying out a free assessment of May Close and it will be used to plan the way forward.

A complete overhaul of the May Close equipment including the goalposts will be carried out.

An assessment is to be made regarding the modernisation of the old Cricket Pavilion in Central Mead. This will include estimates of costs and a proposed business plan aimed at showing how it could be run without financially burdening the village.

It is recognised that over a number of years there has been significant encroachment by hedges and trees both in May Close and Central Mead and money will need to be spent on that.

The dangerous and badly damaged matting strip in the middle of Central Mead has been removed and the area will have top soil added and be reseeded/returfed.

Don't Forget Godshill's Clock

For how long is it going to remain silent? Everyone can make a difference through a small donation.



Use the QR code below to make a donation to Godshill PCC.



Short Back and Sides

We've been hedge cutting. Have you noticed how much smarter the car park is looking? All we need to do now is get the IoW Council to cut the hedges that belong to them!

From this:



To this:



Our Dogwalkers on Reckie

Nothing is being left to chance!



A small cohort of the regular monthly walking group were spotted out and about checking that everything would be ready for the fun walk on Christmas Cracker Saturday.



Godshill Working Groups

Don't be shy, come and join in and help make Godshill the place you want it to be!



AMENITIES & ENVIRONMENT

Plans to Repair/replacement of Cemetery gutters.

Cutting back/ down of Smithy car park / toilet Laurel tree and hedge taking back further (island roads observation)

Additional work has been done to tidy up the Remembrance Garden ahead of the Remembrance service on the 9th of November.

Greening – Wildlife Trust meeting and a date set for training of those volunteering to be in the team to use the heat camera to assess heat loss from homes.

Looking at a plan to close the public loos for Jan-Mar, directing people to the Griffin if we can reach an agreement. Alternatively, run with just one loo open.

COMMUNICATIONS

Further useful content has been added to the website. The focus for the coming month is the Village Survey.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

New Parish Councillor co-opted and new Clerk appointed

PLANNING, ROADS AND BYWAYS

Three new planning applications all requiring no comment. PCC £0.5m fund – working with GM to submit a bid, probably for electronic speed signs. Still chasing IoW Council on TROs and other outstanding works. A further TRO submitted requesting the removal of 50 mph signs on Newport Road so that it reverts to 40 mph.

We still need volunteers to come forward and join the Speedwatch team such that they can start operating again.

The Past Comes Alive!

Nigel Foster has been doing some amazing things with AI on old photos of the village.



He has posted a number on Facebook, you will find them in the Godshill Community group.

We will get in touch with Nigel before our next issue and find out more about the gorgeous animations.

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on December 13th.

DON'T FORGET – we also have latest news items on the website and our Facebook page. 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.

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

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

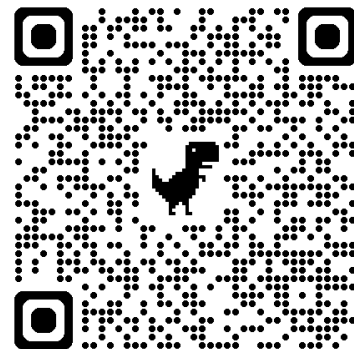
At other times the phone will be monitored but calls are likely to go to answer phone.

www.godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

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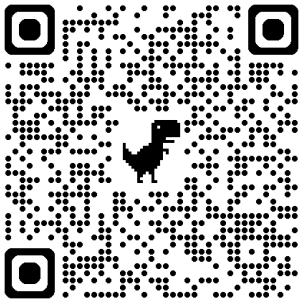
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All questions marked ** should be answered, others are optional.

Section A: About You

1. What is your postcode (as proof you are in Godshill): _____ **

2. Age group: **

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18–30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31–50 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 51–70 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over 70 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Which of these have you used/visited in the past year? **

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Scout Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> | All Saints Church | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> | Methodist Chapel/Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| May Close Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Central Mead Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | Car Park | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Central Mead | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Conveniences | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Memorial Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | None of these | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section B: Priorities for Godshill

4. Which of these aspects of village life do you think need creating/improving? **

Road conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allotments/Communal Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road safety/speeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education/Training facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor Recreation/Leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Recreation/Leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	None of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. What other aspects of village life do you think need creating/improving?

6. What types of community activities/events would you like to see in Godshill? **

Social Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports clubs/events	<input type="checkbox"/>
After School Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshops and classes for all ages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Coffee Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music and arts events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low-cost Community Meals/Warm Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community clean-up days	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent and Babies Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	None of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. What other community activities/events would like to see in Godshill?

8. Whilst the village has been without a dedicated village hall for about a decade, it does have the School Hall, the Scout Hall and the Methodist Hall. There has been talk of a “DIY/SOS” type project on the old Cricket Pavilion in Central Mead to create a cost-effective self-financing community space for the specific use of the village community. Select all of the following with which you agree? **

If I can, I'd love to help in some way to make this happen	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'd love to help run this community space	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'd love to hold events / parties in this community space	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'd use it if residents could meet for a chat and cheap refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a social club was created, I'd join	<input type="checkbox"/>
The village does not need another community space	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C: Specific Projects

9. Would you consider joining a Parish Council working group (e.g. Amenities, Communication, Planning Roads & Byways) which recommend what the Parish Council does? **

☐
YES

☐
NO

10. Which of these projects would you support in 2026/27:

- Central Mead Sports hut modernisation as a flexible community hub/warm space ☐
- Matching external grants for village projects ☐
- Green space and biodiversity work (trees, planters, wildflower areas) ☐
- May Close repairs and equipment fund ☐
- Community mini-grants (for local groups or events) ☐

11. Is there another project you think should be considered?

Section D: The Parish Budget

Budget Options

The Parish Council’s current Band D charge is **£78.30 per year (2025/26)**. In 2026/27 we have more households and so the precept available to the Council will increase slightly without an increase per household. But, but, but more services cost more money. Godshill is about average on the island.

Please review the following **three options** for next year’s budget and select which one you prefer.

Option A — Hold (0% increase)

Keeps services at current levels, with limited improvements. Some updating may be delayed.

Option B — Maintain + Small Investment (+£6 per year)

Protects current services and adds funding for some additions and new small projects.

Option C — Additionally Invest beyond 2026 (+£12 per year)

Besides a general increase in small village projects, look to encourage investment in community well being and community spaces.

12. Which option do you prefer? **

- A — Hold ☐ B — Maintain + Small Invest ☐ C — Invest in small projects ☐

13. Why did you choose this option?

Section E: Communication

14. Would you like to receive monthly village information and event invitations? **

☐
YES

☐
NO

15. How would you like to receive this information and invitations? (select one or more) **

☐
E-mail

☐
Paper Newsletter

☐
Noticeboards

☐
Website

☐
Social Media

16. In which of these have you seen news/info from the Parish Council or Godshill Matters? **

Godshill Gazette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nextdoor.co.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Council Community Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noticeboards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Godshill Matters Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	None of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Godshill Parish Council meetings are procedural. They are for the council to make its decisions in public. The Parish Council would love to see open gatherings, Village Forums, where there is real open discussion. Would you like to see open discussion Village Forums? **

Yes ☐ Yes, and I would attend those which interested me ☐ No ☐

18. On a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being not at all and 10 being extremely likely, how likely is it that you would recommend the village as a great place to live to a friend or colleague? **

19. What further comments or suggestions do you have for improving village life?

Thank You for taking part in this survey. Your views will help make **Godshill an even better place to live.**

Please return form to us NO LATER THAN MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER in one of the following ways:

Godshill PO/Village Store – there is a special postbox for your survey form
48 Elodie Way, Lily Cross – post through the letterbox
41 Moor View - post through the letterbox
Cider Barn, High Street – post in letterbox on black double gate or hand to a Parish Councillor