

SLOW DOWN Success

GOOD NEWS! Godshill Matters was successful in its application to the HIW Police & Crime Commissioners Road Safety fund. We have been awarded £8000 to purchase and install two flashing speed awareness signs - one at each end of the village.



Planning permissions and agreements with Island Roads need to be overcome, so it will take a few months. Please be patient. But it doesn't stop there - we need your help.

Our Community SpeedWatch campaign needs to be urgently restarted. We need YOU to volunteer to join the team. YOU can make a real difference in Godshill. Please contact chris@godshillmatters.org.uk to find out more. It's only an hour or so a month, so please do help.

Church Path Drags On, But..



The owners of the Chocolate Island building have done an amazing job clearing the northern side of the footpath.

The owners of Bats Wing/Worsleys have started work on rebuilding the wall on the southern side of the footpath.

Something, at last, is happening!

Best Kept Large Village

There are annual best kept village awards. We are in the large village category.



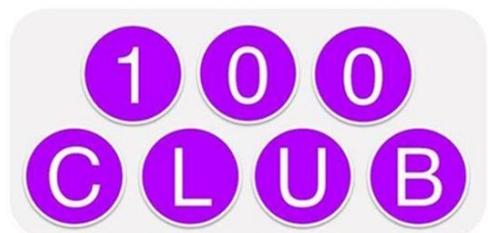
Judging begins in May, let's get up to scratch now. Join our Worsley Wombles and do your bit for Godshill. Contact Stephen, our Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting takes place on Tuesday May 5th at 6:30pm in the school hall.

Hear from all of our wonderful groups in the village – what they have been up to in the past year and what they are planning for 2026 and beyond.

Godshill Matters



March winners:

1st Prize: £40 No 16 Ian Barker

2nd Prize: £10 No 6 Penny Staley

3rd Prize: £5 No 52 Lorna Rose Hills

A few numbers for the 2026 competition are still available – [CLICK/TAP HERE](#) or email treasurer@godshillmatters.org.uk.

Godshill Gems W.I.

February is the month of love – fully embraced and celebrated by Godshill Gems W.I.



Love was definitely in the air when the Scout Hall got a mini make-over in red and pink for the Godshill Gems W.I. meeting. You couldn't move for petals, roses and hearts, festooning walls, tables and floor (those petals got everywhere!).



We gave each other love, showing our neighbours sitting next to us, the heart sign.



Each Gem also wrote a sentiment on a green heart, saying why they like their W.I. Fun and friendship were both expressed loud and clear. Our Romance themed competition table, once again, groaned under the weight of beautiful items, either hand crafted or thoughtfully interpreted. Claire Leah was the lucky winner of an afternoon tea for 2 people at The Royal Hotel. A hard-fought re-vote between 3 other members, gave Christine Vidler the floral second prize.

Our guest speaker Ed Green, not only enthralled the members with an enlightening talk and slide show on different types of wood, its properties and the harvesting/preparation process but also had us mesmerized with his wood turning demonstration. Lots of wood shavings joined the petals on the floor! We then had the opportunity to view the results of his impressive skills and purchase some unique items.

IN OTHER NEWS:

The first Book Group was so popular and the waiting list for a place so long, that a second Book Group formed. "The Book Worms" decided their agenda and choice of read will be different to that of its sister group. Spaces are still available.



The foodie fanatics amongst the Gems met for the first time at the Isle of Wight Pearl to officially launch "The Grub Club". It was agreed that the new Chef's excellent menu and the panoramic sea views, was a fitting inaugural meet. Recommendations were collected into a hat and the next venue randomly selected. The mantra of this group is "Here's to good food, shared in great company". We're salivating already.



The Craft Group turned their hands to gentlemen's card making. Using prints and cut outs, with lots of licking and sticking, two delightful designs were produced ready to personalise for an occasion to send to the men in our lives.



February's outing to Brading Roman Villa, gave us an opportunity to play dressing up and to create mosaic coasters. Our brilliant, enlightening guides gave us a wonderful talk and tour, before a very tasty lunch. The weather outside was frightful, but our visit indoors was delightful.



We are taking annual membership subscriptions at our April meeting (cash or cheque only). Tuesday 14th April 2pm.

If you like what you read about Godshill Gems W.I. and want to be part of this wonderful group of ladies, please come along and join. You will be most welcome.

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

7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

Last month we talked about **Adventurous Training** as one of the subjects in the Army Cadet Force Syllabus – this month it is all about **Expedition and Navigation**.



Over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend nearly all of Godshill Troop Cadets will be undertaking a 3 day Expedition where, in small groups, they will have to set up a nightly camp, menu plan and cook their own meals and navigate a set route on each day. In addition, they will be set daily tasks which are likely to involve coppicing – all without any adult instructor intervention, although they will be observing from a distance.

In the build-up to the Expedition all Cadets have to attend a mandatory 3 nights of training to be fully prepared which includes map reading, first aid, field craft, setting up a camp and preparing and making meals.



This event is very important for our Cadets because it is likely to be the only one we will

run this year. It enables the 1 and 2 Star Cadets to pass this syllabus subject but also, for those who are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award it will be a second tick in the box – a 2 for the price of 1 event! If they do not attend, it will set them back in their ability to complete their training – so let us wish them all the best of luck.

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>

We are also looking for Adult Volunteers across our 5 Troops on the Island..

All Saints Church

My name is Father Tony, I am the Vicar of All Saints Church, Godshill, I also have three other parishes which are St Saviours on the Cliff, Shanklin, The Good Shepherd, Lake and St Albans Upper Ventnor.



I have lived on the Island for the last 27 years with my wife and two children and my three grandchildren.

Before I became a priest, I was a gardener for over 20 years. I am a family man and hope to bring families back to the church.

I get involved with the local schools and brownies which are coming back into the church on occasions.

I take time to walk the parish so if you see me, please stop and chat. I am easy to talk to, or you can catch me in The Smithy, Godshill, on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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

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

Godshill Pirates Day

**Easter Monday 6th April, 12 noon to 4pm
- Family Treasure Trail. PUT IT IN YOUR
DIARY NOW!**



Join our resident pirates, Betty and Dick, as they reveal an exciting 'new' family treasure trail around the village. The trail promises plenty of fun, facts to discover, and clues to solve. All children who take part will receive rewards, and families who submit the most correct answers will be entered into a grand Easter draw. You can download and print the Trail from godshillmatters.uk on Monday 6th from 9am or collect a pre-printed copy on the day from the Old Smithy Car Park anytime 11.30am – 3pm (suggested donation £1).

Enjoy performances from the Sea Gels Shanty Singers at the Griffin and keep an eye out for community buccaneers roaming the village, ready to help if you lose your way..

Business Participation

If you run a business in the village and wish to be included on the new treasure trail route, please get in touch urgently – YES, as soon as possible!

(chris@godshillmatters.org.uk).

We can display a clue in your window or anywhere suitable to attract visitors. All we ask for in return is an appropriate raffle prize by way of a donation to the Easter Draw taking place on the day.

For extra fun, consider dressing your staff as pirates for the day. We are encouraging everyone to dress up – locals and visitors alike!

So, you'll be joining us then!

Last year over 70 families completed the trail leaving with their little token gifts.

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THE TON

Well, shiver me timbers matey!

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OUR GIN FOR LOVE

Lufsum is a dry pink gin with refreshing flavours of raspberry and pomegranate, while the rose and hibiscus notes add soft floral notes that feel like a hug in a glass.

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GODSHILL

Available from The Cider Barn, The Old Smithy and The Donkey Sanctuary locally owned farmshops or online at www.isleofwightgin.com

Rockenend Rum and Shimmer Vodka also available.

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. But, we also get to hang out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.



The 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group is based in May Close, Godshill. Every week we give 6-25 year olds the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Who are Beavers?

Beavers are (currently) our youngest young people, aged 6 to 8, who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Make friends
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, on their own doorsteps and beyond

Every week, they gather in groups called Beaver Colonies to hop, skip and jump their way through lots of different games and activities – achieving anything they set their minds to, and having lots of fun along the way.

Being a Beaver is all about growing and learning in small but mighty way with your new friends, exploring the great outdoors and trying new activities, learning new things and helping others. Going to Beavers is very different from going to school. Instead of learning from books,

you'll figure the world out by exploring, playing and doing. It's all about having the courage to try new things and learn from them.



We currently have 6 spaces available in our Beaver Colony, 2 after Easter and 4 in September.

If you are interested in applying for a place, or your child is not yet 6 and you would like to put them on our waiting list please contact Robin Kent, Group Scout Leader:

robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk
07770 588698

www.godshillorchards.co.uk

Farm Shop

Our Orchard Gate Farm Shop, Vivienne's Larder, is open 24/7

Local produce including
Milk & other dairy products, Eggs, Fresh Fruit & Veg in season
Jams, Juices, Honey & Chutneys
Lavender Products

Hollow Lane
Godshill
PO38 3JA
Behind the Griffin Pub

Godshill Orchards
Isle of Wight

Scouting In Our Local Community

One of the key principles of Scouting is to help others and make a difference, in our own communities and beyond.

At the 1st Godshill & Rookley we are proud to be involved in the Greening Godshill initiative. We have big plans for our own grounds and we are also working on a project to engage the whole local community. We will be announcing more details about that project shortly but in the meantime we need to start collecting pallets for that project!



Not just any old pallets, we need pallets with the HT (Heat Treated mark) and ideally 1.2m long like the one in the picture. If you have pallets you can donate please contact Katy Hurd: 07555 766305.

Come and Join The Fun.

Every week our young people and our fantastic group of adult volunteers make friends and meet new people, try new things and challenge themselves, get outdoors and get stuck in, positively impact our community, create vital opportunities for young people and MAKE MEMORIES THAT'LL LAST A LIFETIME. Young and not so young, come and join us and experience the fun of Scouting in Godshill.

To find out more email, call or message:

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



Part-time Work in Godshill

We are looking to offer a part time position to someone interested in maintaining our high-tech public conveniences, tackling simple odd jobs indoors and out, and keeping the village clean and tidy with assistance from the new "Worsley Wombles".

Environmental Hygiene Technician - Parish Handy Person

Contract type Permanent

Hours Part-time, averaging 8-10 hours per week (longer hours in the Summer)

Salary Hourly, £13.50 (21+), £11.50 (18-20), £9.00 (under 18/apprentice)

Contact Stephen Cockett on 07763 665812 email

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Location Godshill, Isle of Wight

Godshill Parish Council is recruiting for a dedicated and enthusiastic person for cleaning and basic internal and external maintenance activities.

You will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and hygiene of the public convenience block. You will also maintain the general cleanliness around the village.

You will be required to perform regular cleaning tasks, including sweeping, mopping, dusting, and sanitizing surfaces. Ensure all areas of the public conveniences, including the private backroom area, are kept clean and tidy. Follow health and safety regulations and guidelines. Report any maintenance issues or hazards to the parish clerk.

Previous cleaning experience is preferred but not essential. Good attention to detail and a knowledge of COSHH regulations is an advantage. Full training will be provided.

Maintenance activities will be limited to simple internal and external repairs.

Attendance most days of the week. The position would best suit someone who lives in Godshill.

Contact Stephen Cockett on 07763 665812 or email clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Godshill Primary School

Another wonderful month both inside the school and out and about.



Young Voices 2026 once again proved why it is one of the most anticipated events in the UK school music calendar. Our wonderful group of singers, accompanied by their adult supporters, travelled to the iconic O2 Arena to perform as part of the Young Voices 2026 concert – joining more than 8,000 young singers from schools across the country.

From the moment our pupils stepped into the arena, the scale and atmosphere of this extraordinary event were unforgettable. Afternoon rehearsals were filled with focus, energy and excitement as our choir prepared a diverse and uplifting programme alongside thousands of fellow performers.



As the evening audience arrived, the anticipation grew. When the arena lights dimmed and thousands of torches illuminated the space, it created a truly magical moment.



A team of 14 pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in the Isle of Wight Cross country championships at Victoria Rec, Newport.

Mr Shepherd commented on how well all of the children ran and represented our school despite the incredibly muddy conditions.



Mr Knight secured 25 spaces at the TCS London mini marathon, to be held on Saturday 25th April 2026 in London. This means Godshill Primary children will be running part of the full London marathon route and completing either 1 mile or 2.6km. What a wonderful opportunity!

Join FROGS - Our school PTA!

Are you passionate about supporting our school community? Do you want to make a real difference in the lives of our students? Then FROGS (Friends of Godshill School) needs YOU!

Email us at frogsiow23@gmail.com or speak to a member of the FROGS team. Let's hop to it and make a difference together!

The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

Quiz No 10 was supporting IOW Donkey Sanctuary once again and was held at the Griffin on Wednesday 18th February.



A total of 10 teams joined us, including a team representing the Donkey Sanctuary ("The Four Assketeers"), who ended up in first place and took home a bottle of wine. They also took on the task of selling raffle tickets, showing people pictures of the donkeys in their care to persuade them to buy more tickets - a tactic which seemed to work!

Round 2 was called "**Don**" and had questions connected to "Don", "Donny", "Donna" or "Donald". Round 3 was called "**Key** Letters" in which the initial letters of questions 1 to 9 spelt out the answer to question 10, which was "The 1985 hit single by the Cult was called "She Sells ???what???? The answer was of course "**Sanctuary**". Do you see what I did there?

The winning score was a commendable 46 and "The Jubilees" and "Godzillians tied for second place with a score of 44. The total raised was £260.

Quiz No 11 was held on 4th March and was raising money for the IOW Youth Trust.

As usual, I took my inspiration for the questions from the charity of the night, so the first themed round was "Youngster or Oldie" (AKA "Boomer or GenZ") in which teams could choose whether to answer questions aimed at "Boomers" or "GenZ", with the "GenZ" questions being worth double points. The second themed round was "Kids" which included questions like "How, in the wild west was Harry Longbaugh, better known?" No it's the other one, the Sundance Kid!

The puzzle round proved rather challenging. Could you identify a film star from a picture drawn by one of their fans?

Of the 9 teams taking part, "Godzillians" emerged victorious with a score of 41.

The raffle prizes included another cute crochet creation made by Judie ("Mrs Quizmaster"), this time a cuddly green dragon, who was won by a member of the Godzillians team who, being a school teacher, intends to use it as inspiration for story telling sessions with her pupils.

The accumulator remains unwon (yes, it is a word - I checked!) and now stands at £300!

At the end of the night we'd raised £193 for the IOW Youth Trust, thanks everyone!

The next GCC Quiz @ The Griffin is on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm and is in aid of the **Wessex Cancer Support**.

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

Coming next :

18th March - Wessex Cancer Support
1st April - Wildheart Animal Sanctuary
15th April - The Firefighters Charity

If you are keen to support a particular charity, why not donate a raffle prize? If you tell me which charity you want to support I will make sure the prize goes into the raffle on that charity's quiz night.

Andy "The Quizmaster"

Godshill Walking Group

Friday 20th February saw Godshill Walking Group striding out again.



In spite of a week of bad weather, 26 walkers and 1 dog joined us for an Away Day scenic seaside walk from Shanklin to Sandown and back via the cliff path.



We even enjoyed some sunshine, and the rain we did meet along the way certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits



Next Walk – Friday 20th March

Chris and Frankie have been out testing a new route for the next walk— "A Grand Circuit of Godshill."



Join us on Friday 20 March for this fantastic group walk, which circumnavigates the village and takes in woodland, field edges, great views, and the inevitable mud.



It's a 5 mile route starting from Godshill car park, opposite The Griffin PH, at 11am.



Optional pub finish for those who fancy it. All welcome.



For more details:
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

Godshill Garage Gallop

Godshill Matters are delighted to announce that the annual Godshill Garage Gallop will return on Sunday 7th June, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



It's just like a car boot sale — but with a twist. Instead of gathering in one place, sellers set up for sale tables on their own driveways/ garages or in their gardens, while visitors wander around the village hunting for bargains.

Registration is just £8 per driveway. Godshill Matters will produce a public map of all participating addresses and will supply sellers with corporate bunting and official signage.

Whatever money you take is **ALL YOURS!**



We need residents to take part to make the day a success.

Pre registration is essential to ensure your address is included on the map and you get the supporting goodies.

To register, please email Alison, Godshill Matters Secretary:

alison@godshillmatters.org.uk or phone 07710 881714.

Godshill Matters

The March meeting last Wednesday saw the final draw of the 2025 100Club. Guest speaker, Ian Leah, picked number 16 out of the black bag to win his good friend, Ian Barker the £40 first prize.



With 25 attendees it was, as usual, a lively, fun and effective meeting. It was great to see a few more new faces.

Ian Leah told us all about the Space for Nature walk through Godshill which took place back in January. A report will be circulated soon. The parish hopes to act on its findings once volunteers come forward.

Chris announced the successful capture of £8,000 to fund two electronic speed info signs. Hopefully they can be in place before the summer. We also had a couple more volunteering join the SpeedWatch team.

We also discussed the Easter Treasure Trail, Godshill Gallop, Biosphere Festival 2026 and Poppies over the Chapel.

To hear more about the above and keep in touch, join our mailing list which is currently nearly 200 strong! Please go to:

<https://godshillmatters.uk/community/godshill-matters-20921/join-our-mailing-list>

NEXT 100CLUB STARTS IN APRIL

Support your community and have a little fun too! £1 per month to take part in our Prize Draw from APRIL to MARCH. Our FIRST draw for the 2026 100Club is in our APRIL monthly meeting - 3 Cash Prizes - £40, £10 & £5.

<https://godshillmatters.uk/community/godshill-matters-20921/100club/>

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.

Amenities & Environment

Maintenance work has been carried out on the public conveniences. Disabled toilet was restored to action after the coin mechanism had been vandalised. General operation has been adjusted such that unless 20p is paid, the wash hand basin, soap and hand dryer do not work. Parts have been ordered to replace the ventilation fans and filters.

No progress in May Close as it is still too wet to get any machinery on to the site.

Community Hub – still held up trying to get a meeting with the village hall charity. We hope to do some clearing in and around the building in March. Again, we will be looking for volunteer help.

Cllr Donoclift submitted a Fix my Street Report for a blocked drain on the A3020 at the Sandford end of Godshill

Volunteer assistance in the Village Shop. We have had no further volunteers come forward. So, regrettably, this project is on hold and we will not be able to extend the hours. We will continue to look for volunteers and we might try again for a start in July to support the busy summer period.

Communications & Community Engagement

Godshill Gazette. Two Godshill businesses have committed to advertising in the Gazette, Godshill Orchards, and Isle of Wight Gin. We are looking for more.

Additional focus in March will be on finding volunteer help for online and the Gazette. We will be reaching out again to find those who would benefit from a printed copy of the Gazette and increasing our reach online through the use of the Instagram platform.

Emergency and Resilience

Flood prevention – Cllr Donoclift collected Sandbags from East Cowes – put into store in the toilet block with help from Cllr Dyke.

Finance and General Purposes

Public conveniences receipts for February were only £78.60. Receipts for the whole year are expected to be less than £2,400.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Cllr Donoclift contacted Island Roads to see how long it will take to do repairs and get the Bats Wing path re opened. No reply as yet. The owner of Bats wing has confirmed that she is paying for the wall repair and that work has now started.

Cllr Donoclift confirmed with Island Roads that the 'village Green' wall repair will be completed within 3 months so by the end of April.

Flooding in Moor View. Cllr Crane has been working with Island Roads to help them to understand better the nature of the problem.

Road safety will be discussed with the other three Central Rural parishes at a meeting tomorrow.

Speedwatch - First planning meeting of the reformed group takes place on Wednesday.

Breakfasts – Spoilt for Choice



In a week or so, you will have an amazing selection of hot traditional breakfasts from which to choose.

The Old Smithy

Cook & Baker

The Griffin

The Taverners

We believe that the Old World Tea Rooms and The Olive Garden will probably be opening again very soon.

Clerk's Corner



I'm now hitting my first year end. Fortunately, we have our new financial system in place so much of it is automated. Once we are into April, I will be able to start focusing on our exciting plans for 26/27.

As you may well be aware, I am also the registrar of burials for the parish. Suddenly this is taking up a fair proportion of my time, but it is a very important part of our responsibilities.

We have recognized that some investment in our cemetery is long overdue and during the coming year we will be actively involved in improving its appearance and making it a location which can bring comfort to many.

At the other end of the village we have our public loos. Parts of the ventilation system are in need of urgent replacement, which should be done soon. Coupled with a better understanding that we now have of the sophisticated system that sits behind, I have found us a far better deal for electricity, so we will be making some savings.

As ever, 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



Godshill Community Projects



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**.

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

We need you to step forward and find out about getting involved, leave your contact details with Stephen, our parish clerk.

NONE OF THESE PROJECTS CAN MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS

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 **AND MUST BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR**.

We do have a few skilled volunteers but we could do with many more hands. This is one of our top two most important projects.

2. May Close – Getting it up to Scratch

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 next few months. We want to have the play equipment renovated ahead of the Godshill Matters Biosphere event in June. This is our other top two most important projects.

3. The Village Shop

We have the opportunity to extend the hours it is open and to look at what other products is might stock that would be popular in the village. We have been unable to find volunteers so this project is not going ahead at the moment.

4. Speedwatch

Please, please, please volunteer to join the team! Only an hour or so a month and full training is provided. Speedwatch really does help slow down the traffic in Godshill.

5. Godshill Village Fair

It needs a dedicated team of volunteers to start work on the organisation as soon as possible. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

6. Worsley Wombles

We need a group willing to venture out on a regular basis, making sure all parts of our village are kept clean and tidy. We need a volunteer leader for this group and then individuals or families to support him/her.

Other projects listed in last month's Gazette:

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

8. Communication

9. The Godshill History Trail

10. Godshill Green Spaces

11. May Close – Greening Project

12. May Close – Playground for all Ages

**IF VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD
– SOME WILL HAPPEN
IT IS UP TO YOU!**

Contact Stephen the Parish Clerk or any member of the Parish Council or Godshill Matters.

Hants & IoW Neighbourhood Watch



These incident reports for the past month are produced by a team of Neighbourhood Watch Police volunteers. They cover burglary, theft, vehicle crime & criminal damage incidents on the Isle of Wight. The information provided is strictly limited so as not to compromise future police investigations.

What members in Godshill And Wroxall are saying are the issues in the area:



Above indicates what Wroxall and Godshill residents think are the local issues. Join the Godshill Group on Neighbourhood Watch and add your view.

Visit <https://ourwatch.org.uk> click on JOIN US. Scroll down the page and click on SIGN UP HERE. Follow the instructions and once you have completed the registration, you will be invited to join a local scheme. Click on JOIN alongside Godshill and you are in!

Some insurers offer discounts if you join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme - this is because insurers like to see you're going above and beyond to protect your home, and you take your security seriously.

Summary – In the last month, there were no incidents reported for Central Rural and therefore none for Godshill.

Bembridge	Theft x 2
Ryde	Theft, Criminal Damage, Burglary (Business)
East Cowes	Criminal Damage x 2, Burglary (Residential)
Wootton	Theft, Criminal Damage
Freshwater	Theft from Vehicle, Criminal Damage
Newport	Theft from Vehicle x 2, Criminal Damage
Cowes	Criminal Damage
Sandown	Theft

Central Rural Liaison

This is a meeting of councillors from the four parishes that make up Central Rural – Godshill, Arreton, Rookley and Chillerton & Gatcombe. Our objective is to find common ground on which we can work together for our communities.

The following were amongst the items discussed.

SPEEDWATCH - Godshill will be restarting its team very soon.

EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE - We agreed that we should investigate the creation of shared Central Rural resources. As sandbags are now only available from East Cowes and Ryde, Godshill have set up a small stock. It was noted that sandbags are single use.

Colin M and Leigh's from Godshill will visit Bembridge to take a closer look at their set-up.

LICENSING - Colin M reported that Godshill will now be monitoring licensing submissions on the IoW Council website in order to keep residents informed of any applications that might affect the village.

GODSHILL COMMUNITY HUB - Godshill will be pushing ahead with its plans to update and extend the old white building in Central Mead. The aim is for it to be financially self-sufficient through only local Godshill use.

GREENING - Ian L spoke of the Investigative walks in Godshill, Rookley and C&G. C&G already benefit from an active gardening community, Godshill needs to discover one. Godshill have already linked parts of the report from its walk to its plans for this year.

Thanks!

Many thanks to our two local advertisers:

Godshill Orchards

Isle of Wight Gin

We can take up to another 8 quarter page adverts each month – just £10 per month. Email comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk for more information.

Village Green News

It's the space around the noticeboard, on the opposite side of the High Street to the Model Village.



Time marches on and Island Roads have just a month left to fix this, otherwise they will have broken their promise to us!

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Caroline Gladwin was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting on 2nd March and provided this written report.

I am continuing with my efforts to improve road safety within the Ward and on the Island. I am also continuing with my efforts, in connection with my place on the Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs Committee, to help the Mountbatten Hospice get the funding it needs to continue to offer the fantastic service it provides. To this end I have chased up the reply I received from Richard Quigley MP.

You can contact Caroline at:
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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

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on Saturday April 18th 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:

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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.

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:

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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 normally be answered by Stephen Cockett, our parish clerk.

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