

Arreton Parish Council Newsletter

Summer Edition - June 2026

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

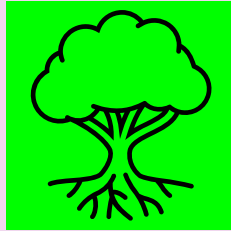
It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of Cllr David Healy who first joined Arreton Parish Council in 2018 and served as Vice Chairman. David was a gentleman and a gentle man with a wealth of experience, many gifts, talents and insights. He will be much missed.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Parish Council please do get in touch with the Clerk – applications are invited by 12th June. More information on page 3.

At the Annual Meeting Cllr Nick Gurney-Champion was elected Chair and Cllr Simon Dodson agreed to be Vice Chair.

May also saw the election of a new Isle of Wight Ward Councillor for the Central Rural area. Cllr James Whelan is the new representative and attended the May meeting. His area covers 3 other parishes, so he hopes to attend Arreton Parish Council meeting quarterly.

Minutes from the meetings can be found on the website if you would like to know more.



Tree Warden News

At the March meeting our Volunteer Tree Warden Steve Davis brought along the Tree Protection Order (TPO) map he has begun to compile.

In the last few months Steve has ascertained that tree removal at Hazeley Coombe did have permission and dealt with public enquiries about the former Christmas Tree plantation near Newclose Cricket ground.

New trees noted include a large oak tree spotted during the winter. It is by a stream alongside the bridleway that runs down from Rookley (adjacent to the new houses by the former Rookley Post Office) to the Cycle track between Merstone and Blackwater. There is also very old horse chestnut tree near Fulford Farm on the bridleway between Perreton Farm and Fulford.

The long-awaited Tree Warden Training session is due to take place during June.



Dates for your Diary

Arreton Parish Council – Friday 12th June – Deadline to put forward an application to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor (See Page 3 for more details)

Arreton Cricket Club – Ladies Wickets and Wine Evening Monday 8th June 6pm

If you have always fancied giving cricket a go or would like to return to the sport remember that there are plenty of matches at the club and training for players of all ages and abilities. Please do get in touch with Kim Powell on 07368937817 or email info@arreton.cricket

Biosphere Festival takes place from 27th June - 5th July – Offering activities that connect people with the Island's landscapes, wildlife and heritage, such as guided walks, marine exploration, creative nature-inspired arts, and hands-on community projects. Events that promote sustainable living, from local food initiatives to repair workshops and climate-positive activities are encouraged, as are those that bring communities together to share skills, stories and local pride.

For further details of what's happening check out the festival website <https://iwbiosphere.org/biospherefestival>

Wickets & Wine
Sip, swing & socialise!
Ladies SOFTBALL CRICKET
Monday 8th JUNE 6PM
CONTACT KIM 07368937817
Music Laughs Games Good vibes
ARRETON CRICKET CLUB
★ FREE GLASS OF WINE, BEER OR SOFT DRINK ★

ARRETON CRICKET CLUB
WE WANT YOU!
Looking for a friendly & fun club to play cricket? Just starting out and want to give it a go?
Everyone welcome
ECB trained coaches, equipment & great opportunities.
DYNAMOS CRICKET
ALL STARS CRICKET
For more information please contact us at 07368937817
www.facebook.com/arretoncc
• All-stars age 5-8
• Dynamos age 8-11
• U11 teams
• U13 teams
• U15 teams
• Girl's teams
• Men & Women

ARRETON PARISH COUNCIL

CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER

The Parish Council will consider the co-option of a person to serve on the Arreton Parish Council at a meeting to be held on 13th July 2026.

Persons wishing to be considered and who are eligible* to serve as a Parish Councillor should notify the Parish Clerk in writing, under their own signature by 12th June 2026.

Prospective candidates may be asked to make a short presentation to the Parish Council during the week beginning 15th June on how they can contribute to the Parish Council.

Dated 2nd June 2026

Signed C L Gale (Parish Clerk)

Email clerk@arreton-pc.gov.uk or by post to 57 West Hill Road, Ryd, Isle of Wight, PO33 1LG

* A local councillor must be 18 years of age or over and be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights

He/she must also fulfil at least one of the following criteria:-

- i) During the whole of the 12 months before nomination occupied land or premises as owner or tenant in the parish area, or,
- ii) During the same period resided in the Parish, or within 4.8 k.m's thereof, or
- iii) During the same period had his/her principal or only place of work in that Parish, or
- iv) At the time of nomination be registered, and continue to be registered, as a local government elector for the administrative area of the Parish.

The person should not be disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, sections 80 or 81A of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 of the Elections Act 2022

Qualifying EU citizens

A person is a qualifying EU citizen if they:

- are a citizen of a country with which the UK has bilateral Voting and Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty
- are resident in the UK with any form of leave to remain, or do not require such leave

Currently the UK holds bilateral treaties with the following countries:

- Denmark
- Luxembourg
- Poland
- Portugal
- Spain

EU citizens with retained rights

A person is an EU citizen with retained rights if they:

- are a citizen of a country with which the UK does not have bilateral Voting and Candidacy Rights (VCR) treaty, and
- have been legally resident in the UK since before the UK left the EU on 31/12/2020 (the Implementation Period Completion Date – IPCD)



Arreton Community Hall



Arreton Community Hall Social Club Licensed Bar – serving alcoholic and soft drinks, tea and coffee. Social seating area, two snooker tables, bar billiards, dart board and playing cards. Free Wifi in the building. Bar open currently every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30pm to 11:00pm.**

The Community Hall provides a great venue for groups, celebrations and family gatherings – just £11 per hour to hire. Contact Simon Dodson on 07973 323560 or go to the Arreton Parish Council website for more information



For details of What's On from the monthly Community Lunch to all manner of dance classes and clubs please follow this link to the Community Hall Diary:

<https://www.brownbearsw.com/cal/arreton>

NEW NEIGHBOURS?

If you have someone new that has moved in near you please let them know that they can subscribe to this newsletter. There is also a Parish Information Leaflet that can be sent to them which has lots of useful information about the Parish 😊



LEVEL UP
FOR AGES 16-25
THE YOUTH-LED MASHUP WHERE RETRO GAMING MEETS FACE TO FACE CHAT.

IMAGINE BUTTON-MASHING THROUGH MARIO KART ONE MINUTE OR SHOOTING SOME POOL, THEN DIVING INTO HONEST TALK ABOUT LIFE THE NEXT.
PRESS PAUSE ON THE CHAOS AND POWER UP YOUR EMOTIONAL SKILLS.

venue: youth trust house, newport
tuesday 4:30pm to 6pm

Funded by Isle of Wight Council
Follow -US- @lowyouthtrust

ROB DA BANK

A ONE STOP SHOP TO LEARN ABOUT MUSIC AND THE MUSIC INDUSTRY!

MUSIC CLUB

WHERE? Strings, next to Newport Bus Station!

WHEN? March 24th, April 28th, May 19th, June 30th

WHO? Any 11-19 year olds living on or visiting the Isle of Wight

WHAT? DJ: Rob da Bank/ Abigail Bailey
Guitar: Max & Miller
Drums: Stefanos
Live Jamming: On Stage
Photography: Lucy Boynton
Vocal Coaching and Songwriting: Abigail Bailey, Emma Stimpson and Tim

Supporting IOW Youth Trust
SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN THE MUSIC CLUB

Check @ RobdaBanksMusicClub on Instagram and Facebook for more info

SNACK & CHAT
For Young People Aged 11-15
Fortnightly on Thursdays
15:00-17:00

Dates:
9th April
23rd April
7th May
21st May
4th June
2nd July
16th July
30th July

Join us for a fun hangout with snacks, games and a chance to make new friends!
Perfect if you are looking to build new connections and be yourself in a safe space.

This activity is funded by **COMMUNITY FUND**

Snacks provided by

Veterans Dementia Support UK

Supporting serving past and present members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy living with Dementia, Alzheimer's or undiagnosed memory loss and their families.

Our Services:

Advice and Information
We are here to be a resource point as you start your Dementia Journey and stay with you for as long as you need our help

Family Support
We are here also to support your family and loved ones as they journey with you. Using our own experience we will support you and listen to you even when times are tough

Support Groups
We are creating support groups, friendship groups, Memory Cafes and other services to ensure that you are not alone and you can still be active

Why Choose Us:
We have vast experience of working with people of all ages living with dementia and their loved ones. We will journey with you and be here for you

- ✓ Registered Charity and run by volunteers and trustees with links to the Armed Forces
- ✓ We don't work just office hours - we are available 7 days a week via whats-app and email

About Us:
We are a dedicated community support service for Veterans and Serving members of the Armed Forces living with dementia

SCAN QR CODE FOR INFO

www.veteransdementiasupport.co.uk
Veteransdementiauk@gmail.com
Text or whatsapp us 07885498462
Registered Charity: 1216675

St Georges Churchyard

So far it has not been possible to trace any descendants of the Gibbs Family whose Grade II listed tomb needs major work. The Isle of Wight Council Planning Department has now advised that Listed Building Consent is not required but a Church of England Faculty is needed to approve the repairs. The Church Wardens are seeking quotations for some essential work to some of the windows in the church and it is expected that the Parish Council and St Georges PCC will be able to share the cost of the application. Unfortunately, it is not possible to say how long this process might take but we will keep you informed of any progress.



Primroses in St Georges Churchyard

Gore Cemetery

Here are a few photos taken over the spring showing the variety of lovely trees and flowers in the cemetery.



You will no doubt be pleased to hear that the rabbits have been spotted exiting the cemetery through a gap in the netting in the far righthand corner and this has now been repaired – thanks to Cllr Taylor.....now attention has turned to the moles!!

Issues reported

Planning Enforcement The Parish Council has reported concerns about possible unlawful development at the Isle of Wight Distribution Depot, the former Blackwater Mill Care Home and Budbridge Lodge. Blackwater Mill (now called Lake View) was granted permission on 20th May. It is expected that the Environmental Report on the presence of great crested newts at Broadfields Farm should be complete by June and that this will be put before the IWC Planning Committee soon after that.

Highways and Footpaths Parish Councillors regularly bring issues to the monthly meetings which are then reported to the appropriate authority such as IWC, Island Roads, Rights of Way. Recent matters include issues with the cycle track and car park at Merstone, fly tipping in the layby near the Hare and Magpies, damaged and unstable wooden post on the verge opposite The White Lion pub and further along the Main Road, ditches between Merstone Cut and East Lane, the overgrown concrete pathway at Park Cottages.

**24
HOUR
Telephone
contact line
023 8039 9764**



Supporting and informing the families and friends of people who use drugs and alcohol.

An independent group of parents and others, who through our different experiences are aware of the anxieties and sense of isolation, illegal drug use can cause

023 8039 9764

www.pslcharity.org.uk
admin@pslcharity.org.uk

We value your views and opinions

Registered Charity No. 1061823



FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT SERVICE

Is your son, daughter, partner or friend using drugs or alcohol?

Are you looking after them?

Does this affect your day to day life?

Would you like to talk to someone about support for yourself?

If so the Family & Friends Service could be for you... Contact the 24/7 telephone line



023 8039 9764



the estate of James
Building in your future



Communications providers in the UK are replacing the technology they use to provide fixed telephone networks (landlines). For most customers, the upgrade is expected to be completed by January 2027.

FREE GUIDE • PLAN AHEAD BEFORE THE RUSH



The PSTN Switch-Off Checklist

The UK's landline network is being switched off. Don't wait to be contacted. Here's what to do now, in plain English.

- STEP 01 Don't wait. Start planning now**
Your provider should write to you before your line is switched, but letters can come late, get missed, or not arrive at all. We've heard from people whose lines stopped working with no warning. Acting early gives you choice and avoids the rush.
- STEP 02 Ask your provider when your area is scheduled**
The switch-off is rolling out area by area across the UK. Call your provider and ask directly. Don't wait for a letter. Knowing your date helps you sort everything else in good time.
- STEP 03 Check if your home phone will still work**
Most older corded phones that plug directly into the wall socket will not work on the new digital network without an adapter. Check with your provider. Many will supply one free of charge, or replace your handset.
- STEP 04 Check any personal or medical alarm**
If you or someone in your home uses a telecare device, such as a lifeline pendant alarm, fall detector, or emergency call button, contact the alarm provider before anything changes. These devices often rely on the phone line and may need replacing or reconfiguring.
- STEP 05 Check your home burglar alarm**
Many home alarm systems use the phone line to contact a monitoring centre if they're triggered. Contact your alarm company to ask if your system is switch-off ready.
- STEP 06 Know what happens if the power or internet goes down**
Unlike a traditional landline, your new digital phone needs your broadband router switched on and working. If the power goes out or your internet drops, it won't work. **The Phonely app** means you can still make and receive calls from your mobile using mobile data, so you're never left without a phone.
- STEP 07 Ask your broadband provider about emergency call backup**
Your broadband provider is required by Ofcom to offer you a way to call 999 during a power cut, usually a battery backup unit for your router, free of charge if you rely on your landline and don't have another device, such as a mobile phone. Contact them directly to find out more about battery backups.
- STEP 08 Write down your key phone numbers today**
In case of any disruption during the switch, keep a few important numbers written down somewhere easy to find: your doctor's surgery, a family member, and your provider's customer service number.
- STEP 09 Ask for help, sooner rather than later**
You don't have to figure this out alone. Your provider must offer assisted migration support, and charities like Age UK can help. The earlier you ask, the more time there is to get it right.



POLEZONE
Thursday
Over 50s
Nordic Pole Walking

Restorative, sociable, fun
Full Training Provided
Pole Hire Available
Small Safe Groups

Guided walks every Thursday
10.30 start until 12'ish
Various round robin routes starting
at Naturezones
Refreshments available afterwards

MUST BOOK

Further details on our website
www.naturezones.org.uk

SOVEREIGN  



The Island's Autistic and
ADHD User Led Organisation





AIM² Autism and ADHD Peer Support

Who Are We?

AIM² is an autistic and ADHD led charity, we are organised, run and supported by autistic and ADHD adults.

Anyone who is autistic, ADHD, going through the assessment process or thinking about getting a diagnosis, can access our services.

What Do We Do?

Meets & Workshops	Adult Peer Support	Sensory Library
We hold lots of different meets and information workshops for autistic and ADHD adults and young people, in person and online.	After an initial assessment to see what areas you'd like support in, we create an action plan with you.	We run a free Sensory Library. Anyone with a sensory need can borrow items. You do not need to have any kind of diagnosis
	We can offer 1:1 sessions, help to make various plans including meltdown, shutdown and anxiety management, resources and support to attend our meets.	

How Do I Book?

Info about the Sensory Library, Meets and Workshop and booking can be found on our website.
<https://aimisleofwight.co.uk/>



If you have any questions, or would like more information about our Adult Peer Support, please get in touch:
admin@aimisleofwight.co.uk
07498 500 607 -Text only

Where is AIM²?

All in person sessions are held at:

The AUDHD Zone,
St. James Street,
Newport
PO30 5HE

Online sessions are held over Teams



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wight Rural South Neighbourhood Team



Your Designated Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Liz Clapp
Work Mobile: 07974049899
Email: liz.clapp@hampshire.police.uk

PCSO Justin Keefe
Work Mobile: 07901102302
Email: justin.keefe@hampshire.police.uk

We are happy to chat to you about any concerns.

However please report all incidents via 999 in an emergency, otherwise use 101 or online for non-emergency.

www.hampshire.police.uk
Deaf? Non-emergency text
07781 480999
For crime and community information
www.hampshirealert.co.uk

HAMPSHIRE ALERT

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Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026

7pm in the Community Hall

Monday 8th June
Monday 13th July
NO MEETING IN AUGUST
Monday 14th September
Monday 12th October
Monday 9th November
Monday 14th December

Contact Us Arreton Parish Council

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