

Arreton Parish Council Newsletter

Annual Burial Grounds Inspection



Arreton Parish Council is also the Burial Authority for St Georges Churchyard and Gore Cemetery. Each July an inspection takes place looking at the condition of the memorials and structures as well as the natural environment. This year it was noted that unfortunately one of the cherry trees in the churchyard has died. Contractors are now being sought to remove the tree. Maintenance work is also needed on the shed in the cemetery and a section of boundary wall in the churchyard.

The Parish Council is very pleased with the standard of grounds maintenance by Sam Penman of Glorious Gardens – now in his second year of delivering this service. Sam will be helping us out with attending to overhanging branches and weeds over the next few months.

In September a “clear up” will take place at Gore Cemetery to remove any faded artificial flowers, weathered or damaged items.

Autumn Edition - Sept 2026

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and managed to keep cool through the heatwave. We now wait to see what the climate will bring us over the autumn and winter months! Please continue to lookout for your neighbours as we continue to face these challenges together.

The Parish Council is still seeking a new councillor to fill the vacancy left following the passing of David Healy. If you know of anyone who may be interested please do get in touch with the Clerk.

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

If you are looking for a new hobby, interest or activity in the parish please check out the Community Hall diary on the Parish Council website – lots to choose from! The popular community lunch still takes place on the third Thursday of the month. It's a great way to meet other people and the catering team do a fabulous job. In August you could choose from a ham, cheese or pate ploughman's lunch followed by a huge choice of sweet treats to follow. Highly recommended!



Dates for your Diary

Arreton Cricket Club - Saturday 12th September at Goddards Brewery 11am-3pm Summer Fair and Dog Show Please do get in touch with Kim Powell on 07368937817 or email info@arreton.cricket for more information about joining or supporting the cricket club

Arreton Community Hall - Macmillan Coffee Morning Thursday 24th September 10am-1pm



ARRETON CC Dog Show

**SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026
@ GODDARDS BREWERY, ARRETON**

REGISTER FROM 11AM – 12PM
SHOW TO BEGIN AT 12PM

£2 PER ENTRY

BEST HANDLER WAGGIEST TAIL
BEST MALE BEST PEDIGREE
BEST BITCH BEST RESCUE

ROSETTES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
PRIZES TO BE WON

Show off your pooches

Fun show All welcome

Judged by Jan Andrews from IOW Canine Association

ISLE OF WIGHT Canine Association

ARRETON CRICKET CLUB

Three dogs (Corgi, Bulldog, Beagle) are shown at the bottom.



END OF SUMMER FAIR & DOG SHOW

★ FREE ENTRY ★

HOSTED AT
GODDARDS BREWERY

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

11AM - 3PM

ARRETON CRICKET CLUB

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FUN DOG SHOW

MUSIC

ENTERTAINMENT & CHARACTER APPEARANCES

FREE FACE PAINTING

GAMES

BBQ

RAFFLE

Fun for all the family! ★ ★

Arreton School Trust Update

You may remember from previous newsletters that the Arreton School Trust (official registered name South Arreton Rookley Educational Foundation) that had been dormant for around 10 years was reformed in August 2024 with the support of the Arreton Parish Council Clerk and 5 trustees which included 2 Parish Councillors and the then vicar and churchwardens of St Georges Church, Arreton.

During the months that followed the bank account was reactivated with new signatories put in place. Bank charges had been introduced and were wiping out any increase in the fund so it was agreed to close the fund to enable children in the area to benefit. The funds which were invested through the CCLA have now been distributed in accordance with the original Trust Deed. The beneficiaries selected were **Arreton Primary School** and **Arreton Cricket Club Youth Programme**. Documents relating to the Trust will be retained by the Parish Council for six years.





**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.




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

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.



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ROYAL AIR FORCE



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Our Services:

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

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

SCAN QR CODE FOR INFO



www.veteransdementiasupport.co.uk

Veteransdementiauk@gmail.com

Text or whatsapp us
07885498462

Registered Charity: 1216675

EXERCISE ON REFERRAL



Specialist programmes delivered by 1Leisure in partnership with GPs and healthcare professionals across the Isle of Wight.

Do you have a health condition or need support in becoming more active?

Your GP or healthcare professional can refer you to our qualified team for a personalised exercise programme designed to improve your health, confidence and wellbeing.

How to get started on our referral programmes:

- ▶ Discuss with your GP or healthcare professional whether Exercise on Referral is suitable for you. You may also self-refer. Speak to our staff at 1Leisure.
- ▶ Choose your local 1Leisure centre. A Referral Coordinator will contact you.
- ▶ Attend your consultation. Complete a health assessment and receive a tailored programme.
- ▶ Start your journey! Access activities including gym sessions, swimming, water exercise and fitness classes.

FAQs:

- ▶ Do I need to be able to swim? No! Water workouts will only be at waist depth.
- ▶ Do I need to be able to use the gym machines? No! Our instructors will teach and coach you through all exercises in our gym based programme.
- ▶ How much do the programmes cost? As an Exercise Referral client you receive 50% off Gold Membership for first 4 months.

Take the first step towards a healthier you!

For more information call:
1Leisure Medina: 01983 823882 or
1Leisure Heights: 01983 823881



**3 PROGRAMMES -
1 GOAL -
A HEALTHIER YOU!**

GYM-BASED EXERCISE ON REFERRAL

- Personalised exercise programme
- Health and fitness assessment
- 1:1 support with our qualified referral instructors
- Improves strength, mobility and confidence

WATER WELLNESS

Therapeutic pool classes led by our qualified instructors, ideal for:

- Arthritis and joint pain
- Orthopaedic conditions
- MS and Parkinson's disease
- Reduced mobility
- All fitness levels

GOOD BOOST

Personalised water-based exercise using digital technology to support:

- Long-term health conditions
- Pain management
- Rehabilitation and recovery
- Improves mobility & confidence
- *Self-referral available

NHS notice

Winter Vaccination Programme

The NHS National Booking System is now open for pregnant women, children aged 2 and 3, and children in a clinical risk group (aged from 6 months to 17 years) with flu **vaccinations starting** from 1 September. All other eligible groups – including those aged 65 and over, people with certain long-term health conditions and carers – can also book now, for appointments from 1 October.

People can book via the NHS App, online at nhs.uk/bookflu, or by calling 119.





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Small acts. Big difference.
Stronger communities.

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ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS

— ISLE OF WIGHT —

A MOVEMENT OF KINDNESS
ACROSS THE ISLE OF WIGHT

ARK – Acts of Random Kindness is a community initiative inspiring everyone to take simple, meaningful actions that make life better for others and our Island.

At the heart of this movement is *Come Back to Kindness*, a landmark musical project bringing people together through the power of music and kindness.

click the QR
code and get
in touch

ONE ISLAND.
ONE COMMUNITY.
COUNTLESS
ACTS OF
KINDNESS.

THREE WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



ACT

Do something kind.
Big or small, every act
creates a ripple.



CONNECT

Join in.
Work with others, support
your community and be
part of something positive.



INSPIRE

Share kindness.
Inspire others and help
create a culture of care
across the Island.



COME BACH TO KINDNESS

A LANDMARK MUSICAL PROJECT

Uniting musicians, singers and communities
to celebrate one of the world's greatest
masterpieces – and the power of kindness.

Be part of it.

- ♥ Volunteers
- ♥ Sponsors & Supporters
- ♥ Local Organisations
- ♥ Schools & Youth Groups



GET INVOLVED TODAY

Let's make kindness
part of everyday life.



hello@arkisleofwight.org



079600 12475



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FOLLOW. SHARE.
SPREAD KINDNESS.



ONE PROJECT. ONE ISLAND. COUNTLESS ACTS OF KINDNESS.



Arreton Community Hall



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>



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. For opening times and details of what is happening please call Richard Page on 07909 683620 or Paul Jennings on 07415 587638



Burial Grounds

Gore Cemetery – Two burials took place during July. There will be an autumn tidy up during the week beginning 21st September. Mole hills are being levelled but in line with cemetery and environmental guidance no pest control measures are being undertaken.

St George's Churchyard – The Faculty application for the tomb works is currently being reviewed. Unstable sections have been removed and are in safe keeping with the stonemason.



Major bridge maintenance planned for end of September

Island Roads is preparing to carry out major essential structural works for Medina Way Bridge in Newport from September. The project will involve replacing all 16 existing bridge bearings and the installation of two additional bearings. Bearings are critical elements that sit between the bridge deck and the supporting infrastructure, allowing the structure to safely expand, contract and move under traffic and temperature changes.

The scheme has been developed over the last two years following detailed inspections and assessments undertaken by specialist bridge engineers. During that time, Island Roads has worked alongside other industry experts to develop a safe way of replacing the bearings while maintaining traffic movement on the Island's busiest route.

Project Manager Luke Ward said: "Medina Way Bridge is the largest highway bridge structure managed by Island Roads and replacing the bearings is a highly complex engineering operation. "The bridge supports around 28,500 traffic movements daily and, unlike many maintenance activities, these works require the bridge deck to be temporarily lifted and supported on specialist jacking systems while the existing bearings are removed and replaced."

The project is programmed to begin on 28th September 2026 and continue for approximately six months, with a planned break over the Christmas and New Year period. To minimise disruption, the works have been scheduled outside the peak tourism season.

The most significant impact on road users will be temporary lane closures on Medina Way whilst the bridge is supported on temporary jacks. These closures are needed because detailed structural assessments show that, during the temporary stage when a bridge deck is lifted from its bearings, the structure cannot safely accommodate the traffic loadings it would normally carry. As a result, one lane will be closed for approximately five weeks on each carriageway at separate times. Importantly, the northbound and southbound lane closures will not operate at the same time. One carriageway will remain unrestricted whilst works are undertaken on the other bridge deck.

The southbound lane closure is currently expected to take place from mid-November with the northbound lane closure taking place after the Christmas and New Year break, currently planned for mid-January.

Luke added: "We fully appreciate that reducing Medina Way to a single lane in one direction will cause delays and disruption. However, these restrictions are a direct consequence of the temporary structural limitations that exist while the bridge is supported on jacks and the bearings are being replaced. "We have carefully considered alternative options, but there is no reasonably practicable way of carrying out these works safely without implementing temporary lane closures."

Jacking operations will be undertaken during phased nighttime closures. Other phased nighttime closures will be required to enable other works such as localised resurfacing and movement joint installation.

We will keep the community informed before, during and after the work.

For further information visit the dedicated scheme page via [**www.islandroads.com**](http://www.islandroads.com).

Your Views Are Invited

If you have an opinion you would like to share on any of the following please contact the Clerk.

Bus Stops – Would you like to see the Parish Council adopt a bus stop in the village and if so how would you like to see it used?

Noticeboards – There are 4 in the Parish – at the Methodist Church, Arreton, near the bus stop layby in Merstone, at Merstone Station and at Blackwater on the Leslies Motors Forecourt. Do you find these useful? Can you suggest a better location where notices would be seen by a larger number of villagers?

Cemetery – Would you welcome a suitable mural or similar feature behind the bench outside the shed at Gore Cemetery? Ideas welcome.

Arreton Parish Council

NEW COUNCILLOR NEEDED - COULD THIS BE YOU?

Arreton Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a new councillor for the area encompassing Arreton, Merstone and Blackwater

What would this involve?

- **Attending the Parish Council meeting once a month (except August) in the Community Hall, Arreton on the second Monday at 7pm**
- **Representing Arreton Parish Council in other forums from time to time**

Prospective candidates may be invited to an interview by the Parish Council.

For further information or to apply in writing please contact:

Claire Gale (Clerk to Arreton Parish Council)

Email: clerk@arreton-pc.gov.uk



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.



Treasure!

Diane Hollamby of Vectis Diggers got in touch with the Parish Council.

Vectis Diggers is a small Metal Detecting club which was established in 2015. They are a mature, friendly bunch of Detectorist's. All have insurance and highly respect the land they dig.

They are looking for land for their members to detect on.

In the past they have donated money to local charities which has been the wish of the landowner.

Generally, 10 + diggers are out each paying £10 a head.

If this is something that you can help with, please contact me either by e-mail or phone

Phone: 07976 887748

Email: dianehollamby@hotmail.com



Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026

7pm in the Community Hall

Monday 14th September
Monday 12th October
Monday 14th December

Contact Us Arreton Parish Council

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Chairman: Cllr Nicholas Gurney-Champion
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Website: www.arreton-gov.uk

AN APOLOGY: Please note that the Parish Council wishes to apologise to the owners of Budbridge Lodge for raising a planning enforcement query over the new store/garage on their property. It has been confirmed that this has been constructed under permitted development and is fully compliant.