

# Arreton Parish Council Newsletter

## December 2020 – Covid and Council edition

Once again, I have issued two editions – one with the Parish Council news and this one with all the Covid 19 and IW Council news. Christmas is coming but the Council phone number remains the same – 01983 823600 – but should you prefer, you can ring Cllr Simon Dodson direct on 07973 323560 or e-mail him at [simon.dodsonapc@gmail.com](mailto:simon.dodsonapc@gmail.com)

- The council's CV19 Helpline is reverting to its prior to lockdown opening times – **from 2 December** it will be operational **9am to 5pm Monday to Friday** and **9am to 1pm on Saturdays**.
- **CV19 helpline times over the Christmas period** will be:

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| 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve                        | 9am to 5pm                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day                        | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Boxing Day                           | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Sunday                               | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Monday Bank Holiday                  | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Tues to Thursday | 9am to 5pm                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan – New Year's Day                        | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan - Saturday                              | 9am to 1pm                              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ja – Sunday                                 | Closed – WightCare out-of-hours service |



The WightCare out-of-hours service number is **01983 821105**

**Please see some the end of this newsletter for some further information on Covid at Christmas.**

### Christmas and new year waste and recycling collections for 2020

Islanders are being advised that waste, recycling and garden subscription collections are changing over the Christmas and new year period — although many households will only see one week of change to their usual waste collection day.

Between Monday 21 and Friday 25 December, all households will have their bins collected on a different day than normal. For most people, this will simply be a day earlier. However, collections due on Monday 21 December will instead be on Saturday 19 December.

Collections then return to normal the following week other than for those homes with collections due on Friday 1 January, with waste or recycling collections that day being completed on Saturday 2 January instead.

All collections return to normal the following week from Monday 4 January 2021.

Garden waste collections will also follow the same amended timetable. If you have a garden waste subscription you can pop your real Christmas tree out alongside your garden bin for recycling.



Waste/recycling or garden waste due to be collected on:

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| Monday 21 December                     | Saturday 19 December    |
| Tuesday 22 December                    | Monday 21 December      |
| Wednesday 23 December                  | Tuesday 22 December     |
| Thursday 24 December                   | Wednesday 23 December   |
| Friday 25 December (Christmas Day)     | Thursday 24 December    |
| Monday 28 December                     | Unchanged               |
| Tuesday 29 December                    | Unchanged               |
| Wednesday 30 December                  | Unchanged               |
| Thursday 31 December                   | Unchanged               |
| Friday 1 January 2021 (New Year's Day) | Saturday 2 January 2021 |

To assist residents with their waste and recycling, households will be allowed to place excess polystyrene in a clear or white sack between Saturday 19 December and Friday 8 January on their refuse collection week only.

Excess polystyrene or other waste placed in black sacks will not be collected.

Afton Marsh Recycling Centre, Freshwater will open as usual on its normal opening days and hours. Lynnbottom Recycling Centre, near Newport will be open as normal other than on Christmas Day when it will be closed.

Bulky waste collections will run as normal other than on Christmas Day and New Year's Day when they will be unavailable.

Natasha Dix, the council's waste and environment manager, said: "The Christmas period can mean more waste – but like the rest of the year we can still recycle most of it if we all put it in the right bins.

"You might not be sure where to put some of the seasonal things — maybe wrapping paper or bubble wrap — so check the council website for the definitive list.

"Get your waste sorted and we can maintain the Island's position as one of the leading counties for recycling across England — even at Christmas."

More information on waste collections can be accessed at [www.iwight.com/waste](http://www.iwight.com/waste)



Another IW Council Survey – something to do whilst you digest your turkey and mince pies (with apologies to vegans and vegetarians).

### Have your say on council spending

Islanders are being invited to give their views on how the Isle of Wight Council should spend its money next year.

The authority has launched its budget consultation — and residents, businesses, the voluntary sector and town and parish councils are being encouraged to have their say on spending and service priorities for 2021/22.

The council expects to spend around £340 million in the next financial year on areas including schools, social care, refuse collection, street cleaning, planning, regeneration and road maintenance.

Council leader, Dave Stewart said: “We’ve managed our budget very robustly over the past few years, and are determined to deliver a robust, workable and forward-looking budget again next year. Frontline services have been maintained and improved, with improved efficiencies in many areas. Obviously, this year, we have a different challenge with the coronavirus pandemic that remains ongoing, so we have to plan this into our budget analysis for next year too.

“The views of individuals and representatives from all sectors across the Island is hugely valuable to the shaping of our spending and service priorities for the year ahead. We welcome views from all contributors as we develop an innovative and workable budget — and one which will allow us to continue to provide sustainable services in the future, within a stable financial environment and help us to keep the Island safe.”

You can give your views online before January 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 by visiting:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Financial-Management/Budget-Consultation>

As you may be aware, avian or bird flu has arrived on the Island. It is therefore worth re-iterating the necessary precautions.

### Isle of Wight statement on Avian influenza

The IW Council has received a confirmed AI (H5N8) notification on a wild swan at Ryde, which means that avian influenza has been confirmed in the area. As birds will move about this is not confined to any one location but could be present wherever wild birds gather.

Avian influenza can be deadly to birds, but has little direct impact on humans. Public Health England advises that the risk to public health is very low, and the Food Standards Agency has said that on the basis of the current scientific evidence, avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers.

Avian influenza is unconnected with COVID-19.

There have been several reports of dead birds on Ryde Canoe Lake since the government alert about avian influenza was issued. Each one was investigated by the council. In only one case the dead bird was still present. That bird was securely stored and reported to DEFRA.

As a precaution, the footpaths around Ryde Canoe Lake will be closed off. We ask that, for the good of the birds, visitors to Ryde Canoe Lake or nearby water bodies do not attempt to feed the waterfowl at this time, as this may attract them to locations where they could spread infection, especially in areas where domesticated birds might also be about.

Anyone who finds dead wild birds should report them to the DEFRA helpline (03459 33 55 77).

We strongly recommend that people do not handle dead wild birds at this time, but seek advice from DEFRA, or if the bird is on council land, report to the Isle of Wight Council on 01983 821000 or via <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Environment-Planning-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Hazardous-Waste-and-Emergencies/Tasks>

Routine precautions should be followed:

- Do not pick up or touch sick, dying or dead poultry or wild birds
- Avoid contact with surfaces contaminated with bird faeces
- Avoid untreated bird feathers (such as those found in the environment) and other bird waste
- Maintain good personal hygiene with regular hand washing with soap and use of alcohol-based hand rubs.



From the 14th of December, it has been a legal requirement for all bird keepers to keep their birds housed or netted to prevent wild birds having access. Poultry and captive bird keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. They can help prevent avian flu by maintaining good biosecurity on their premises, including:

- housing or netting all poultry and captive birds
- cleansing and disinfecting clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- reducing the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and using effective vermin control
- thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting housing at the end of a production cycle
- keeping fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry and captive bird housing or enclosures
- minimising direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds

Current information on the Avian Influenza situation can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-national-prevention-zone-declared>

Biosecurity guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity-advice>

A list of Defra Approved Disinfectants and how to use them can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defra-approved-disinfectant-when-and-how-to-use-it>

## **Covid and Christmas**

Information from the IW Council

One of our local primary schools has heard from Santa Claus himself reassuring our children and young people that he is coming to the Island this Christmas Eve. Featuring Father Christmas, Dancer the Reindeer and the children of Oakfield Primary School, Ryde, we're delighted to share this joyful festive video with you.

If you would like to download and share the video natively, please use this link:

<https://wettransfer.com/downloads/e170eb40813d166da0e96f9d84ee77f420201215123306/2b18334cbe5c02ef26487e5fc458ae6320201215123330/0bba80>

Alternatively, here's the YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/k4DKV7Ecwbl>

Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/isleofwightcouncil/posts/3582830365105835>

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