

TARVIN ONLINE EDITORIAL POLICY

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Introduction:

Tarvinonline (tarvinonline.org) is a community website managed by the Tarvinonline Team (TOTs) and has been set up to:

- serve the community of Tarvin Parish;
- be a primary source of information about Tarvin Parish and the surrounding area;
- support local groups, organisations and societies;
- support businesses within Tarvin Parish;
- promote Tarvin Parish to those outside the village.

This document describes the agreed Editorial Policy for the community website and the governance arrangements.

Scope:

This policy applies to the content of tarvinonline.org. It will be reviewed periodically to ensure it is relevant and appropriate.

The tarvinonline.org Editorial Policy:

The tarvinonline.org editorial policy is set around four principles:

- focus on content offering a service and factual information to the community;
- provide quality content with high editorial standards;
- provide content that has exemplary ethical standards, respects privacy, is fair and avoids offence;
- not to be used for single-person campaigns or to express views and/or opinions against any person, organisation or political party.

Specifically, the content of tarvinonlin.org will:

- be independent, impartial and honest;
- be truthful, accurate and avoid opinion;
- represent the diversity of the local community and the range of activities within the community;
- be free to contribute to and to use;
- contain a complaint process;
- not contain material that is unlawful, harassing, threatening, defamatory, obscene, offensive, abusive, hateful, inflammatory, profane, racially, sexually or religiously offensive or otherwise objectionable or unlawful.

The tarvinonline.org policies on Complaints, Terms of Use and Privacy are contained on the website.

Governance

The day-to-day content on tarvinonline.org will be overseen by an editorial sub-group of 3 nominated editors who will be responsible for deciding whether there has been a breach of this Editorial Policy. In particular the sub-group will:

- have the right to refuse to post any contribution in whole or in part that is thought to breach the Editorial Policy;
- check and if necessary edit content to exclude anything that may be objectionable, offensive or illegal, including social media postings.

The TOTs will advise and assist the editorial sub-group and will oversee and inform the ongoing policy for tarvinonline.org.

Tarvin Parish Council and Cheshire West & Chester Council

tarvinonline.org is completely separate from Tarvin Parish Council and Cheshire West & Chester Council but will work with both Councils as appropriate to publicise their activities, encourage local community spirit and enhance local democracy.

This Policy was last updated and approved by TOTs in