

Bridport Swift Town - Summer Events Programme

Bridport Swift Town has a number of free events taking place in July including:

- Tuesday 9th & Tuesday 23rd July - Swift walk with RSPB's Luke Phillips from 6pm - 8pm from Bridport Arts Centre.
- Monday 15th July - A swift dance and movement session with dancer Anna Golding from 11am - 12.30pm at the Millennium Green, Bridport.
- Wednesday 31st July - Swift town tales from 2pm at Bridport Community Orchard, South Street.

There is a limited number of spaces, to register your free place please email swiftmail@commonground.org.uk More information can be viewed [here](#).

Dorset Police - Bridport Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Bridport Police Team covers the towns of Bridport, Lyme Regis & Beaminster and smaller, dispersed communities of West Dorset. Residents will have the opportunity to speak to PCSO Alex Bishop on scam prevention and any other matters on Wednesday 10th July at 10.30am - 11.30am at Burton Bradstock Village Hall, Church Street, Burton Bradstock. For a full list of events and for details on the Neighbourhood Policing local priorities please click [here](#).

Bridport Food Bank - Donations

Bridport Food Bank's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport. The meeting will include information on the work of the food bank and how it is organised.

The Food Bank is also currently in need of tinned meat, fish, soup, vegetables, fruit, jam, rice pudding, breakfast cereal, coffee, toiletries and hygiene products. (They have plenty of stocks of baked beans, pasta, tea and toothpaste.) Financial donations can also be made via the [website](#)

Bridport Millennium Green Trust

Bridport Millennium Green Trust's annual general meeting will be held tomorrow Wednesday 10th July at 7pm at the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. This will be followed by the Friends of the Bridport Millennium Green's annual general meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Bridport Album Club - Jurassic Coast PCN Social Prescribing Team

[Bridport Album Club](#) is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Chapel in the Garden, East Street, Bridport. For anyone who loves music, may find socialising hard or for anyone who doesn't have someone to talk to with a similar interest. If you would like to join the group please contact the Jurassic Coast PCN Social Prescribing team on 01308 428943 or by email jcsocialprescribing@dorsergp.nhs.uk.

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre - Beach Clean

Charmouth beach clean will be held on Sunday 14th July at 2pm from the sea front car park, Charmouth. Help clean the beach and make it a better place for wildlife and visitors. If anyone would like to help please bring gloves and a litter picker if you have one. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

West Bay Discovery Centre - Pop-up Exhibition

The 2024/25 pop-up exhibition '[West Bay: The Resort to Rival others](#)' has now opened at West Bay Discovery Centre. The exhibition will reveal what happened 140 years ago when a group of local businessmen thought that Bridport Harbour could become a seaside resort to rival Weymouth and others. Admission is free.

The Harmony Centre - Bridport

The Harmony Centre provide welcoming, friendly support for adults 18+ who are wanting to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Open for drop-ins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 1pm. Alternatively they also hold a number of wellbeing sessions throughout the week and the timetable can be viewed [here](#). Please note that the Centre has recently moved to Units 1 and 2, The Tower Building, St Michael's Estate, Bridport.

Bridport Town Council - Annual Grants

Bridport Town Council's [grant scheme](#) is now open. Grants are awarded each year to local charitable, voluntary or other similar bodies. They are not for private organisations or individuals. For 2024/25, the Town Council particularly welcomes, but not exclusively, applications that demonstrate a benefit in terms of youth, inclusivity, culture and the arts.

The application form and guidance is available on the [website](#). If you would like a paper copy please call 01308 456722. The closing date for applications is Thursday 22nd August 2024 at 5pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

Bridport and District Citizens Advice - Volunteer vacancies

Bridport CAB are looking for volunteers to help with providing advice on issues including energy prices, household bills, debt, employment and housing. No experience needed and full training is provided. The next training session starts in September. Various roles are available including advisors, trustees and support positions. For more information please email advice@bridport-cab.org.uk call 01308 456594 or visit their [website](#).

NHS Dorset START (Support, Transition and Recovery Team) - Bridport events

START offer support to people across the central Dorset Locality. Supporting people in the community with engaging in therapeutic activities, voluntary work, education and employment. START's open groups meet weekly in Bridport, Dorchester and Lyme Regis. Bridport events include:

- Tuesdays - Talking café at The Chapel in the Garden, East Street from 2.15pm - 3.30pm.
- Wednesdays - Swimming group at Bridport Leisure Centre at 12pm.
- First Monday of the month - Book club at Bridport Library from 2pm - 4pm.

To view the full list of events please click [here](#).

Dorset Library - Opening Hours changes

As part of Dorset Council's library strategy new opening hours have been introduced. Bridport library's new (extended) opening hours are:

- Monday: 10am to 5pm - Friday 10am to 5pm
- Tuesday: 10am to 5pm - Saturday 10am to 4pm
- Wednesday: 10am to 6pm - Sunday: Closed
- Thursday: 10am to 5pm

Dorset Council's customer services desk (in the library) will be open Monday - Friday from 10am - 5pm. For a full list of opening hours for each of Dorset Council's libraries and for information on the strategy please click [here](#).

Dorset Council - Trial reduction of parking charges

Dorset Council have [reduced the parking tariffs](#) in three car parks, which are West Bay Road (West Bay), Swannery (Weymouth) and Charmouth Road (Lyme Regis). The summer tariffs in these car parks are now the off-peak winter rate. The trial is to help Dorset Council to understand the impact through numbers using the car parks, impact on the highway network, and the financial impact on Dorset Council's budget.

South West Highways & Balfour Beatty - A35 Road Closures

As part of the maintenance strategy for the A30/A35, South West Highways and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services (who are the managing agent contractor for Connect) will be implementing road closures throughout July and August. All works will be carried out under a full road closure, please see below:

- Axminster to Bridport until 18/07/24 – between 8pm and 6am.
- Bridport to Dorchester - 18/07/24 to 31/07/24 – between 8pm and 6am.
- Stinsford to Bere Regis - 31/07/24 to 01/08/24 – between 8pm and 6am.
- Honiton to Axminster - 01/8/24 to 24/8/24 - between 8pm and 6am.

A dedicated phone line has been installed for enquiries about the works 01404 823871. The residents closure letter can be viewed [here](#).

Rural Services Network - Rural Funding Digest

The July [Rural Funding Digest](#) includes grants for historic building projects, energy resilience fund, VCSE energy efficiency scheme, community ownership fund, historic houses foundation grants, open grants programme, etc.

Mayor of Bridport Blog

The latest edition of her [Mayor's blog](#) is now available and features St Mary's School edible garden, Jurassic Coast PCN wellbeing event, Bridport Beer and Food Festival, Art unlimited and more.

The Living Tree - Newsletter

The latest [newsletter](#) is now available and features the special art exhibition from the 25th July, an afternoon cream tea fundraiser on the 28th July, amblers walks, the allotment, support and more.

The Bridge Magazine

The July/August edition of the [Bridge Magazine includes](#) updates from Bridport and surrounding parish churches, celebrating George Biles Bridport's sign writer, Walditch gardening group, an update on St Swithun's church repair & renewal, information on local clubs and groups.

Eggardon and Colmers View Magazine

The July edition of the [Eggardon and Colmers View magazine](#) features updates and events from Symondsbury, Powerstock, Loders, Eype, Dottery, Broadoak and Askerswell.

Bride Valley News

The latest edition of the [Bride Valley news](#) includes updates and events from Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Shipton Gorge and Puncknowle & Swyre. With parish council updates and information on a wide range of groups.