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26-Jul	01:21	08:22	13:49	20:50			05:26	21:02
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Lack Of Coherent Strategy?

Dear Editor,

The very high death rate in the UK from Covid-19 is a failure of Boris Johnson's government to get a grip on the crisis from the very beginning and the serious mistakes that have been made.

The government had weeks to learn lessons from what was happening in China and then Italy and Spain, but failed to heed the obvious warnings. There was also the example of Vietnam, which had just 300 cases of the virus and no deaths because of the strict action that was taken very early. Boris Johnson, in fact, did not take the crisis seriously at the beginning, failing to attend five COBRA emergency meetings and continuing to act as though what was happening in other countries could not happen here.

One of the greatest single errors was the stopping of testing, tracking and tracing in the community on 12th March and it was clear that the government had lost control of the situation, with the virus spreading unchecked. At the same time care homes were being told there was very little likelihood of the virus spreading because transmission rates in the community were low!

The lack of PPE for front-line NHS staff and especially workers in care homes was a failure of the government to make adequate preparations. PPE had, in fact, been stockpiled in 2009, but had not been checked after that to see if it were still viable.

In the days leading up to the lockdown on 23rd March, the lack of decisive action by Boris Johnson clearly cost lives. Sporting events, such as the Cheltenham races, were allowed to go ahead. One man, later interviewed on Channel 4 News after he had spent weeks in hospital suffering from Covid-19, admitted he had attended Cheltenham and said he was told he had infected 144 people. During the same period, people were still crowding the London underground and visiting pubs and restaurants, raising eyebrows in many other European countries.

Now, several months on, there is still a lack of a coherent strategy. The government is easing the lockdown despite the fact the virus is not under control and before the new test, track and trace system is properly operational. The removal of the restriction on travelling outside one's area has been compounded by the Dominic Cummings fiasco and the refusal by Johnson to sack him.

It is yet another example of Johnson's appalling lack of judgement and public confidence in him and his largely clueless ministers is ebbing away at a time when we all need to take great care. I am afraid this is the consequence of electing a populist buffoon as prime minister.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage.

BLM - Guide For Parents

Dear Nico,

I hope you and your family are doing well!

I'm getting in touch with you again from the childcare platform Yoopies UK, to share with you our 'Guide For Parents to Black Lives Matter.' The last three weeks have seen movements advocating for an end to racial inequality on a mass scale.

Yet, current affairs aren't always tangible or immediately clear, especially from a child's perspective. Many children may have questions about the images, stories, and conversations they hear on the news and around them. Whilst there are plenty of resources available via Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to better educate ourselves, not all parents use these platforms and it can sometimes be challenging to know where to start these important conversations with children.

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With this in mind, we've put together a family-friendly resource guide for parents. Our guide aims to share with families resources (films, podcasts, books etc), advice, and tips to ensure that children are aware of racial inequality, racial hierarchies, and white privilege present in modern-day society, as well as share some knowledge to help combat racism today.

Racism and race is not a one-conversation topic, and our guide by no means contains all the answers, we simply hope to provide the foundations of good places to start and help empower families to work towards racial equality. You can download the fully formatted guide here: <https://yoopies.co.uk/c/press-releases/blacklivesmatter>

It is written with a British perspective, with contributions from both white and BAME writers. Whether you have children or not, I very much hope the guidance and resources can be useful for you, your network, or an upcoming story. We are also open to any feedback for improvements you may have.

Lily Pryer, UK Head of Content, Communications and PR

Swanage's Paramedic Car

Dear Gazette Readers.

We in the community really value our Paramedic Car, based at Swanage and covering Purbeck, helping to vitally support our health, and our lives. Unlike the Swanage Ambulance, which could be in use outside of Purbeck all day, our Paramedic Car does not leave Purbeck to take patients to hospital.

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<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-swanage-ambulance-car>

Thank you for your support!

Cllr Debby Monkhouse

Trees Shading Neighbours

Dear Readers,

Trees in gardens are nice to see, however, they do need managing for their own natural growth.

People who have planted trees in their gardens and who have just left them to grow - without being managed - are not looking after their trees. Neither are they considering their neighbours, whose gardens could be plunged into shade daily.

If you have trees in your garden, please think of others, not just yourselves, and manage your trees.

C.Hunt, Swanage, by hand.

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Officers are appealing for anyone with information to come forward following a racially aggravated incident near Wareham.

At around 3.10pm on Tuesday 26 May 2020 the victim, a man aged in his 40s, was walking through Stoborough pushing another man in a wheelchair when a cyclist rode past and stopped to speak to them.

Following a short interaction, the cyclist racially abused the victim. The offender then grabbed a jacket from the wheelchair and threw it on the ground before cycling off toward Wareham.

Officers attended and carried out a search of the area for the cyclist, but he was not located.

The offender is described as white, aged in his 40s, six feet tall and of medium build with possibly brown hair.

He was wearing a light-coloured T-shirt, blue jeans, a cap and had a red or maroon-coloured scarf over his mouth. He also had a tattoo on his right arm of the word 'psalm' and was riding a blue mountain bike.

Police Constable Clifford Ryan, of Purbeck police, said: "Racial abuse and hate crime has no place in our community and Dorset Police takes all reports extremely seriously.

"The victim was understandably left feeling very upset following this unprovoked incident and a full investigation is underway to identify the offender. "I am appealing to anyone who recognises the man from the description given to please get in touch."

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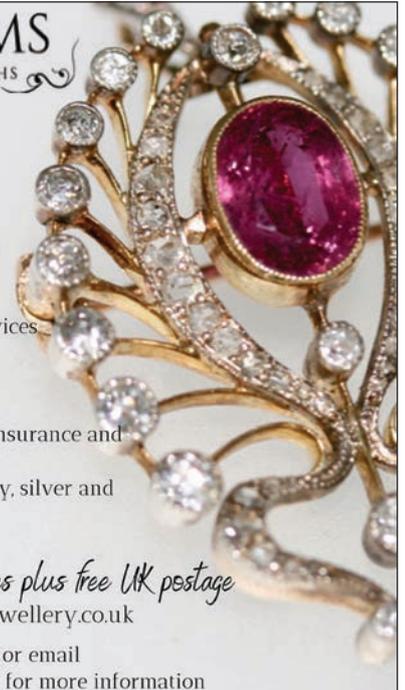
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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Bands Of Marauding Orcs...

by David Hollister

I suppose I was being naive when I suggested in the May edition of the Purbeck Gazette that after the CV lockdown was over, we might return to a better "normal" than we had before.

Sadly, this doesn't appear to be the case. Indeed, some of the things that have happened since the middle of May lead one to believe that we are being taken over by evil forces previously unknown to us. Any reader of JRR Tolkien will recognise the phrase "bands of marauding orcs" and it seems that they are intent on taking over and destroying not just Purbeck, but the whole country.

I refer, of course, to the people who have been lighting barbecues and bonfires in our tinder-dry forests and who have trashed acres and acres of woodland with their thoughtless selfishness, destroying habitat and wildlife in such a tragic manner. Despite the pleas made on social media by Dorset Council, they're still doing it.

I'm told that it isn't possible for the council to ban the sale of these barbecues, as so many ordinary decent people get pleasure out of them. In many ways it's a shame that the lockdown was eased when it was because everybody seemed to go mad.

Not just lighting fires in forests but traipsing to our local beauty spots en-masse, regardless of social distancing and the regulations supposedly designed to prevent the ongoing spread of the coronavirus menace.

The same people perhaps who flagrantly disregard parking notices at Lulworth, who flocked to the beach at Durdle Door and the worst of whom jumped off into the sea in a bravado attempt to impress their mates. Aply described as 'tombstoning'. Fortunately, none of the rescue services were injured whilst rescuing these fools.

But the rescue services have been fully employed not only extinguishing careless fires, but also rescuing numerous people who have gone out on body boards, kayaks, etc, failing to understand the danger of the tides around Swanage bay. What sort of parent would decide that Poole was too dangerous for his children to paddle board and take them to Swanage instead! How many brave volunteers did it take to rescue the three idiots who got cut off by the tide at Old Harry?

Although I appreciate that the services supplied by the RNLI are freely given and not charged for, surely they must come a time when people who are rescued are required to make a substantial contribution to the cost of that rescue? If the danger of losing their lives doesn't stop them, maybe the danger of being heavily fined or penalised would help to encourage people to think twice.

The photographs of the crowds on Lulworth beach were really scary; do these people believe that they are immune to infection? Do they not care who else they may infect? They will stand outside their houses and clap for the NHS and then expect said NHS to care for them, when they have taken little or no care of their own welfare.

Are these the same people who leave more litter on the beach on one spring day in May than would normally be left in the middle of summer? Are these the same people who, on finding car parks closed, leave their cars parked at random in the village streets, outside peoples' front gates,

and who on finding the toilets closed, proceed to urinate and defecate in the hedgerows?

The council closed both car parks and toilets in an effort to prevent people crowding together. Well, it didn't work, did it? We need all the car parks open, and all the toilets open, because nobody is taking any notice of regulations anymore.

It's all very well for Boris Johnson to announce a new raft of regulations, travel restrictions, "bubbles", etc, but actually those of us who wish to protect our families and our friends against the virus are already doing so in a sensible manner, and those people who are determined to do whatever they want whenever they want, will totally disregard "regulations".

The current government comes over to us normal people as a busted flush and started doing so the moment it was clear that they themselves were not obeying their own rules. They're flailing around, not knowing what to do, and the phrase "not waving but drowning comes to mind". So, without proper legislation, without adequate police or military to enforce the regulations, everyone is doing just what they please.

Now we have the destruction and desecration of statues and monuments, which may have been erected to celebrate the lives of people who were living in previous centuries, by a moral code which some of us find reprehensible. But who nevertheless existed, and all of whom have a place in history which cannot be erased. Regrettably, the campaigners cannot change the past no matter how hard they try. You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. No better advice can I offer.

In the words of the late Maurice Chevalier, "I'm glad I'm not young anymore". I despair for the futures of our children and grandchildren if these gangs of marauding orcs are allowed to rampage around this country with no regard whatsoever for what they destroy, whether it be countryside, animals, wildlife, other people's property, etc. Then we may as well all go home, lock ourselves in, and remember the good times which may never come round again.

We do, of course, still have the option to make the future better than the past, but it'll take a great deal of will and certainly not an ineffective and spineless government to do it.

I've been asked where the motoring column in this publication has gone; for the last few months there have been no new cars to review, motor dealers have absolutely no money for advertising, and I have been restricting my mileage to essential journeys only. Likewise, I am not doing the "Drive Around Purbeck" feature on my Purbeck Coast radio show, which has been aptly retitled "Home Alone" because home is exactly where I'm producing it!

I hate to be an Eeyore but as far as I can see, 2020 is over and done with from a social or business point of view and those of us who remain can only hope that 2021 will be better.

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Tens of thousands of pounds are being issued to charities that are helping Dorset people during the Covid-19 crisis.

A total of twenty-one charities have successfully applied for special grants announced by Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill.

The Safer Dorset Fund Covid-19 Grants were announced at the end of April to help charities that were struggling as a result of the crisis, enabling them to either continue providing their existing services or launch new projects to help local people during the lockdown period.

More than £65,000 has now been issued to organisations across the county, just weeks after the scheme was launched.

The funding is intended to be used either as an emergency stop-gap for charities struggling financially due to the effects of Covid-19, for them to help with the emergence of new issues due to Covid-19 and social isolation measures, or for issues which arise as the UK begins recovering after the lockdown measures are lifted.

The new grants were open to charities that can help Dorset residents, but particularly those that meet the objectives of the county's Police and Crime Plan.

Martyn Underhill said: "Many charities are providing services which people across the county have relied on throughout the crisis, or are planning work which will be essential as we slowly ease lockdown measures and begin to enter the post Covid world.

"Commissioning services that provide a benefit to people in Dorset but otherwise would not exist is one of the most important elements of my role, and I am glad that my team have been able to meet the challenge presented by the coronavirus pandemic and provide these essential funds so quickly."

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We hope you are all staying safe and are still in good spirits since our last article. With the lock down restrictions being eased and some familiar freedoms being returned, we still urge you to follow the governments' guidelines of:

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We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

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- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible, at the time of writing)
- wash your hands regularly

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A fuller list is set out in the regulations. Even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent away from the home and ensuring that you are two metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

You can find out more visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Information can also be found at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/covid-19-coronavirus/>

We ask you all to continue to keep yourselves updated by visiting the websites shown above and observe Government guidelines and stay safe. So, what else have we been up to? Well, we have been very

busy! During the period 10 May – 11 June 2020, we dealt with a total of 669 occurrences in Purbeck, of which 196 were recorded crimes resulting in 60 arrests. There were 87 occurrences of road traffic collisions, an increase of 55 from the June edition. With the easing of the lock down restrictions there is more traffic on the roads, please be mindful of the increase and take extra care.

If this wasn't enough, we were all heavily involved with road closures in support of our colleagues who were dealing with the terrible fire in Wareham forest. Despite these extra duties we have maintained our patrols of the towns and rural areas. Advising, educating, and enforcing, if necessary, with fixed penalty notices the current covid-19 legislation. This also included education regarding fire and the use of BBQs on the heathlands and beaches.

Finally, if you need to contact Dorset Police please call our Police Enquiry Centre by calling 101. Always call 999 in an EMERGENCY when there is a risk of HARM or a CRIME in progress. Alternatively, call the free CRIMESTOPPERS line on 0800 555 111.

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Police Inspector Found Guilty Of Gross Misconduct

A gross misconduct hearing, chaired by Chief Constable James Vaughan, found a former inspector guilty of gross misconduct and he would have been dismissed from the Force had he not already resigned.

On Friday 15 May 2020 a gross misconduct hearing was held at Dorset Police headquarters to consider a number of alleged breaches of the standards of professional behaviour by former Inspector Billy Bulloch in respect of abusing his privileged position as a police officer for a sexual purpose, engaging in sexual activity with members of the public and members of the Force whilst on duty, pursuing others for sexual activity whilst on duty and dishonesty.

The hearing heard that the Force's Counter Corruption Unit, a dedicated team to proactively investigate members of Dorset Police who are alleged to have breached professional standards, conducted a thorough investigation following reports of concern into the conduct of former Inspector Bulloch.

This investigation established that he not only failed in his duty to protect people and lead by example, but he abused his position for his own sexual purpose and misled investigators. As a result of the evidence gathered, former Inspector Bulloch accepted that his conduct fell well below that expected and resigned from Dorset Police prior to the hearing.

Chief Constable James Vaughan determined that former Inspector Bulloch was guilty of gross misconduct and would have been dismissed from the Force, had he not previously resigned. Therefore, he will now be placed on the national policing barred list.

Following the hearing, Deputy Chief Constable David Lewis, Dorset

Police's lead for professional standards, said: "This case demonstrates that we will not hesitate to take action against the tiny minority of officers who fail to maintain the high standards that we set and fall below what is expected of them in terms of professional behaviour.

"The public expect and deserve to have trust and confidence in their police. Former Inspector Bulloch let his colleagues and the public down by his conduct, which represented a fundamental betrayal of the public and the values for which the police service stands. Police officers serve to protect the public and are in significant positions of trust.

"While the vast majority of all members of Dorset Police are highly professional and dedicated, our Counter Corruption Unit will thoroughly investigate concerns in respect of any member of the organisation, who is alleged to have failed to maintain the highest of standards and behaviour, as demonstrated by this case.

"If you suspect a member of the Force is abusing their position, e.g. engaging in or pursuing an emotional or sexual relationship with a victim of crime or a witness or contacting you or someone you know whilst off duty or via personal telephone numbers, then please report your concerns to Dorset Police. I can assure all of our communities that any such report of concern will be investigated to ensure the highest professional standards possible."

Reports of concern can be reported to Dorset Police by calling 101 or emailing complaints-misconduct@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively members of the public can contact the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) – details of which can be found via their website www.policeconduct.gov.uk or anonymously via the CrimeStoppers charity online at Crimestoppers-uk.org or freephone 0800 555 111.

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Local Hospice Receives Cash Boost!



The Morrisons Foundation was delighted to support Lewis Manning Hospice, a local independent hospice that provides healthcare to people living with life-limiting conditions in the East Dorset.

The grant of £8,111 will help cover the costs of the hospice's nurses telephone support service, ensuring they can continue to offer one to one support to patients over the phone to vulnerable patients whilst they

self-isolate at home throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Claire Warren, Trusts Fundraiser at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care said, "Our patients are really feeling the impact of having to stay at home all the time. They are missing their visits to the hospice and many are feeling very isolated and anxious."

"We are receiving lots of feedback that our nursing team's calls are the highlight of their week at the moment. It makes such a difference to them knowing someone is still there, caring for them, calling to see how they are and helping meet their needs. A patient told one of our nurses, "You are my lifeline. You are the only ones supporting us at this scary time. Thank you, thank you."

David Scott, Morrisons Foundation Trustee said, "Morrisons is committed to helping the most vulnerable in our society. We know that the coronavirus outbreak presents a particular risk to people who are already seriously ill and I'm proud that the Morrisons Foundation has been able to help fund Lewis-Manning Hospice Care's vital work to keep in touch with their patients during these challenging times."

The Morrisons Foundation was set up by Morrisons supermarket in 2015 and awards grants for charity projects which help improve people's lives. Since launching over £29 million has been donated to hundreds of charities across England, Scotland and Wales.

Local charities are encouraged to visit www.morrisonsfoundation.com to find out how to apply for a grant.

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View from the Lookout

This month's article is being written by instalments as I am having to stop to phone the watchkeeper on duty every hour. Following the easing of some of the lockdown restrictions, the National Board of Trustees met, and it was agreed that stations could open from the end of May. However, as most stations are fairly small, social distancing would have been extremely difficult. We've got around this by having one watchkeeper on duty and another supporting by telephone – hence the regular phone calls.

It was really great to be back on duty again, last week, and I got a definite thrill logging my first vessel after a two-month break. With the fine weather it wasn't long before I had a page on the log sheet. A lot of people were visiting the point and I was pleased to see that they were observing social distancing. Sadly, we are unable to welcome visitors into the Lookout to explain what we do. However, the cheery waves and smiles were much appreciated. Hopefully, we can soon welcome people back into the Lookout.

The table in front of the Lookout has become home to a marvellous collection of painted pebbles. These have been put together by All Sort'd, a local Community Interest Company working with young adults in Dorset, principally Purbeck. Find out about them at www.allsorted.org.

Sadly, our boat and flower bed have suffered from the hot weather etc during the time the station has been closed but our horticultural team are springing into action and they will soon be back to their former glory. In the meantime, it's lovely to see nature taking a hand and providing us with a wonderful display of sulphur yellow, wild mustard interspersed with the deep purple of the intriguingly named "whistling jacks". Whistling jack is the west country name often given to *Gladiolus byzantinus*, a native of the mountain pastures of the eastern Mediterranean as the Latin name suggests. It was first introduced into this country in the Isles of Scilly but now seems to have naturalised all around the South West.

Our website says NCI's objective is "to assist in the protection and preservation of life at sea and along the United Kingdom coastline." Perhaps more simply we act as "eyes along the coast". With the recent warm weather and the easing of some of the lockdown rules, this role has been brought sharply into focus by the number of incidents that our stations have been involved in. On Sunday 31st May the duty watchkeeper noticed a group of kayakers in Durlston Bay, one of whom had capsized his craft and was unable to get back in. A phone call to the Coastguard Operations Centre, at Fareham, resulted in the launching of the Swanage inshore lifeboat (ILB). Luckily, the group had managed to make their way

onto the rocky shore when the ILB found them. They explained they were planning to go further west for some fishing. The ILB crew offered some advice about the tides and shoreline in the area and then escorted the group as they made their way back into Swanage Bay. In this case there was a happy outcome, but sadly our some of our colleagues in Cornwall were involved in incidents where there was a loss of life.

It's interesting how many incident reports contain the words "offered some advice". During the last weekend in May (the weekend of the now infamous Durdle Dor incident), the Coastguard were involved in nearly two hundred incidents around the coast. Making use of the marine and coastal environment will never be risk free but many of these incidents could have been avoided by better planning and preparation. The Maritime and Coastal Agency (MCA) have stressed that the volunteers from the RNLI and the MCA Coastguard Rescue Teams will be on hand to respond to any emergency when the pagers go off. This commitment and dedication is what makes these volunteers a special breed but it places an obligation on all of us who use the water to ensure we are properly prepared. Perhaps the five P's should be our watchword – "Proper planning prevents poor performance".

One way to be prepared is to have a suitable means of communication. Now we are operational again, we have a listening watch on our dedicated radio channel, channel 65. If you want a radio check or want to know tide times or the conditions at the Point give us a call. Many of the local water users already give us a call to inform us of their activities and we'd encourage anyone passing the Point to use the channel to contact us.

This is Swanage NCI listening on Channel 65, out.





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Befrienders Enhance Support For Dorset's Shielded

Dorset Council and key partners in the community response to COVID-19 are working to make sure 'shielding' and vulnerable residents can get help to continue to live independently in their homes.

The council has asked volunteer 'befrienders' who are supporting those most at risk from coronavirus to help spot the signs that a person may have become more frail or prone to falls because of their reduced ability to exercise and keep active while staying at home.

The volunteers, working on behalf of Age UK North, South & West Dorset, are being asked to listen out for key words and phrases which describe the feelings of the person they help, such as:

- 'frail'
- 'weaker'
- 'less balanced'
- 'likely to fall'

as these indicate the person will benefit from help to get more active.

They will also ask the person they befriend:

- Has there been any change to your ability to get about as usual since you have been self-isolating?
- Has there been any change to your ability to complete your usual activities, such as leisure activities or housework?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the befriender can ask the vulnerable person if they consent to being referred to the reablement services on offer from the council's care provider Tricuro.

There is no charge for this service and a wide variety of support is on offer. From information and guidance, to practical support such as equipment to improve independence and increase confidence at home.

Cllr Laura Miller, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health said: "The befrienders who have volunteered to help residents through COVID-19 are brilliant and I can't thank them enough for all they are doing. We are keen to support them, and the people they are helping, to the very best of our abilities. By referring people to our reablement services, the befrienders are helping Dorset's vulnerable residents keep

as active as possible and making it more likely they can continue to live independently in their own homes."

Dave Thorp, CEO of Age UK North, South & West Dorset (NSWD) said: "Age UK NSWD are pleased to be able to offer this service to those people our staff and volunteers we are already making a friendly call to many people on a regular basis.

"We have seen the amount of isolated and vulnerable older people rise due to lockdown and shielding. We are currently in contact with hundreds of people every week. It is the aim of Age UK NSWD to work in partnership with other agencies to ensure older people can continue to live independently and safely for as long as they are able and want to do so."

Volunteers still needed

You can still join our army of volunteers who are supporting vulnerable residents at this time. If you have an up-to-date DBS check and would like to offer your support, you can register online.

Do you need help?

If you don't have family, friends or a support network that can help you get the things you need at this time, you can call 01305 221000, 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week to get help and advice. Alternatively, you can email communityresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. Find more information about the community response to COVID-19. More news about volunteer 'befrienders' and the community response to COVID-19



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Love From Worth Matravers To 'My Time' Young Carers



The village of Worth Matravers has shown its commitment and loyalty in lockdown to a much-loved local charity, MYTime Young Carers. The MYTime activity centre is based in the heart of Worth Matravers and is where young carers are able to take time out and enjoy a much-needed break from their caring responsibilities.

During lockdown the villagers showed their amazing community spirit and initially got behind the London Marathon 2.6 Challenge initiative. They also decided that as their popular annual summer fete couldn't go ahead that they would replace it with alternative activities and organised plant sales and a bric-a-brac sale to help raise funds for MYTime.

All sales were made using honesty boxes. The first sale raised £630 and the second a huge £830 making a total of £1,460!

Jack Ross, lead committee member of Worth Matravers Village Hall which organises the Worth Fete said, "We choose to support MYTime because they are an important part of our community and provide one of the most worthwhile services imaginable – supporting young carers who give so much to those for whom they care.

They provide them with the opportunity, albeit briefly, to escape the daily commitment that is their life, establish friendships with others in a similar position, help create hope for their futures and all whilst encouraging them to have some fun. We applaud the charity.

"MYTime deliver their meaningful work in a building which is an integral part of Worth's proud history, the former Radar Development Headquarters. Our support is a testament to the continuity of our village and to the future of the young lives that the charity cherishes. Thank you MYTime for being part of Worth's past and our future."

MYTime Executive Director Krista Cartlidge added, "We are overwhelmed at the support that the village has shown us, not just as an organisation but also the young carers. Jack, Yvonne and their team have done a brilliant job and we are extremely grateful to have their support and loyalty. We're looking forward to other exciting events in Worth Matravers in the future. Watch this space!"

About MYTime Young Carers' Charity

MyTime provide young carers with a break at their outdoor centre in Worth Matravers, Dorset. These breaks are an opportunity for young carers to have fun, make friends and to take some time for themselves.

This is a really valuable opportunity for young carers to meet other people who share some of their experiences, which can help to combat the loneliness young carers report feeling as a result of their caring responsibilities.

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Swanage Sailing Club - Covid Measures



Swanage Sailing Club has worked hard in recent years to increase its membership and engagement with our local community. We have made real progress in encouraging local schools, scouts and young families to take up sailing. We pride our hard-won designation as an officially recognised sailing training centre and must strive to maintain this status as we emerge from lockdown.

The club is very keen to resume its normally busy and inclusive sailing programme, but is obviously still seriously limited by the Covid-19 restrictions imposed by government and guidance from the Royal Yachting Association and the RNLI. Just like other sports organisations, the club has had to adapt to function safely in the present circumstances. Despite the obvious health benefits of sailing in the bay in good, clean air, there are still risks to do with social distancing and contact with boats and other club equipment.

The club has followed best practice guidance and has produced new, hopefully temporary, rules and notices to its members and non-members who may come to the immediate area. These are designed to control the environment for members of the club using the beach and, in particular, to make it safe for those rigging, launching and retrieving boats, and also to safeguard members of the public who may stray into the club's operational areas.

With the recent warm weather and the new limitations on our sailing activities, the club's private part of the beach, which extends to the mean low water mark, has been used even more by non-members and sadly there has been some evidence of attempted damage to club boats, as well as dogs being out of reasonable control. The club has its own guidance for members with dogs to encourage their dog's firm control and this needs to be respected by others.

And so, Swanage Sailing Club must now re-emphasise that it does not allow the use of its private beach at Buck Shore by non-members or any dogs which are not firmly under control. There is strictly no public access to the car park, clubhouse or boat park, as the signs make very clear.

The club has had both positive and negative feedback about these newly-placed restrictions. This is understandable as Buck Shore can still be a haven of peace when the town's other beaches are busy and with strict rules being applied there for dogs.

We will reduce the number of any new signs as soon as it is judged safe to do so.

Swanage Sailing Club still warmly welcomes all applications to join us to add to our membership and our shared enjoyment of sailing, our clubhouse and Buck Shore. Please visit our website for further information: swanagesailingclub.org.uk

From the Sailing Club's Management Committee.



Council Employee Take On New Roles During Covid-19

The current COVID 19 crisis has seen almost 250 Dorset Council employees take up temporary new roles to support frontline services.

From delivering essential supplies and supporting registration services to helping Household Recycling Centres and contacting those who were shielding, the employees have made a big difference. They've temporarily left their non-critical roles to provide support where it is currently most needed.

Councillor Peter Wharf, Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change, said: "We're extremely proud that colleagues from all areas of the council have pulled together to help those at most need in our communities. This underlines the crucial role the council has to protect and serve our residents."

As soon as the crisis hit, the council identified its critical services and matched employees working in lower priority services to provide much needed cover – to either deal with increasing demand or fill in for colleagues who were shielding. All employees were invited to complete a questionnaire so the best use could be made of their skills. Once they were matched with a suitable role, an induction to their new place of work was provided, including training to help them do their new role.

Councillor Wharf continued: "These colleagues have made a great impact, and they've learnt the ropes incredibly quickly during this unprecedented time. The crisis has meant everyone has drawn on a determination to succeed and the council has been able to flex its resources to meet demands never seen before. I'm confident this sharing of skills, together with a practical approach will stand us in good stead for the future."

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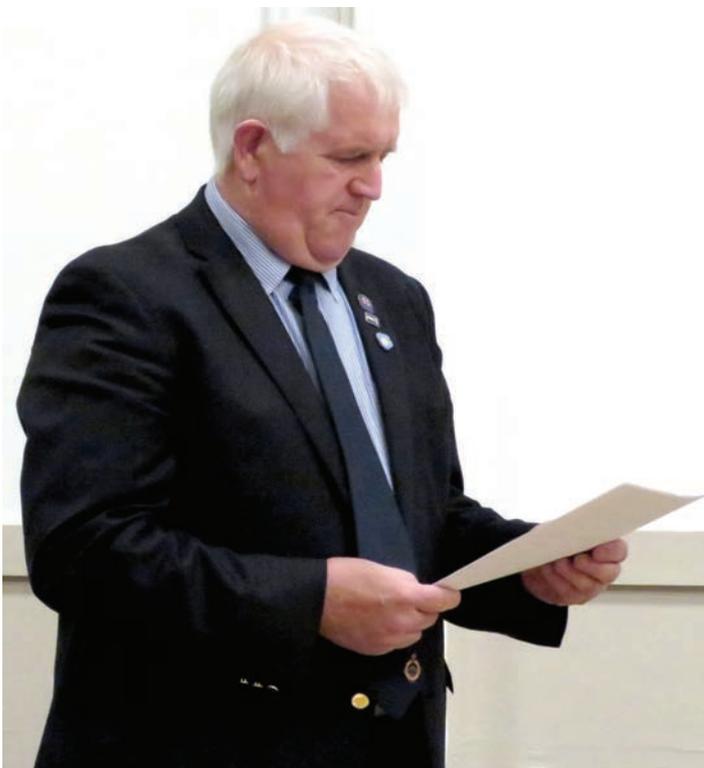


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A Message From Swanage's Mayor



I would also ask you all to continue to support not only the vulnerable, but also the many people who may be lonely and missing loved ones. During the past twelve weeks it has been so heart-warming to see so many local people helping in so many ways, and I hope that this carries on. Even though things are slowly improving, there are a number of residents who would still like to see a friendly face.

As from Monday 15th June all Town Council owned car parks will be fully open, and charging will be re-introduced and enforced, so please can I ask you to make sure that we spread this message far and wide to reach as many people as we can.

I have been asked many times 'when will all the town's public toilets be reopened?'. We are constantly reviewing this situation. The Council's priority is to provide a safe and hygienic environment for residents and visitors alike, and we have to make sure that we have got the right facilities and measures in place to keep the toilets clean and safe for all.

At the present time our cleaning contractors are cleaning many times throughout the day. Please visit the Council's website and/or Facebook page for any future updates.

We have been so lucky over the last twelve weeks to have had such good weather, I can't imagine what it would have been like if we had had the bad, wet weather of the winter, at least we have been able to take our exercise outside in nice warm conditions.

It has been disappointing not to have been able to welcome visitors to our beautiful area during this period, and I think about the start to the season that Swanage could have had if we had not had this terrible pandemic. I hope that the warm, sunny weather continues and that we slowly see our visitors return to help us all start to put some money back in our piggy banks to get us through next winter.

Finally, I am glad to report that the ferry is back in service. This will also mean that Morebus will be able to reconfigure its services to Bournemouth via the ferry once again.

Please keep safe, look out for others, and support our local shops and businesses.

Cllr Mike Bonfield

I believe that as from Monday (15th June), when we will see a few of our non-essential shops opening, it might start to feel that some form of normality is returning.

We must all carry on with the guidelines, that hopefully we are starting to get used to, and maintain social distancing. Swanage's pavements are not designed for this so I ask that everyone has patience and respects other peoples' space.

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SWANAGE RAILWAY

SURVIVAL IS ON A KNIFE EDGE

Dedicated Swanage volunteers have produced two new fund-raising videos giving a revealing insight into the devastating effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the award-winning heritage railway – as well as showing the strong level of community support and the work required to keep the line maintained during its shutdown.

The popular preserved railway in Dorset's Isle of Purbeck carries more than 200,000 passengers a year the five and a half miles between Norden, Corfe Castle, Harman's Cross and Swanage and contributes more than £15 million a year to the local economy.

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Gavin Johns said: "Taking forty years to rebuild and reconnect with the national railway network near Wareham, the Swanage Railway is facing financial jeopardy and is engaged in the most critical fight in its history – the survival of the heritage line is on a knife edge."

"Unlike never before, the public's help and support is absolutely crucial if the Swanage Railway's £360,000 'Save Our Service' appeal target is to be achieved by the autumn," added Mr Johns who is also a volunteer signaller on the heritage railway.

Filed observing social distancing, and in two 15-minute parts – 'Survival on a Knife Edge' and 'Standing Together' – the new online video demonstrates the strong level of community support for the heritage line's vital battle for survival and is viewable on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Mayor of Swanage Mike Bonfield said: "The railway is a big organisation in Swanage but we have many others and we need to pull together to protect the things we have for our visitors and locals alike and this is not just for Swanage, it's for the whole Purbeck area."

Swanage Town Council tourism committee chair Caroline Finch explained: "I would like to see us all come together and really help Swanage Railway out of this crisis. I think we need to put minds and hearts together and look at different ways of helping."

Gavin Johns explained: "Our staff and volunteers desperately need support and are imploring the public to donate to our 'Save Our Service' appeal and share the Swanage Railway's plea to spread the message. The Swanage Railway – and its place in the Purbeck community – needs saving now. In line with the Government's guidance, the Swanage Railway has been closed for since Thursday, 19 March, 2020, and that has left it without valuable income.

"Even when services can eventually restart, social distancing measures will keep its customers safe but restrict its earnings and increase the railway's financial challenges. Our new two behind the scenes videos help the public to understand some of the hidden costs behind mothballing a steam railway and illustrate just how much the Swanage Railway means to the Purbeck community – why it's so vital for people do as much

Save Our Service!



as they can to help ensure its existence," added Mr Johns. After being launched on Wednesday, 25 March, the Swanage Railway's 'Save Our Service' appeal had raised £188,078 by Wednesday, 10 June and is half way towards the target of £360,000.

Gavin Johns explained: "Normally, it costs £200,000 a month to run the Swanage Railway and by the end of June its train services would have brought in £1.1 million so the railway is at a significant loss without that passenger revenue. That's why donations offer such a vital lifeline to help its recovery for the benefit of the Isle of Purbeck economy," added Mr Johns.

To increase public awareness and boost the 'Save Our Service' appeal, two large banners with the message 'Purbeck's Railway needs your help to survive – go to saveourservice.co.uk' are being put up at Swanage station and at Corfe Castle. The Swanage Railway Trust 'Save Our Service' website, at saveourservice.co.uk, has also been re-designed.

'Survival on a Knife Edge' and 'Standing Together' can be viewed on the Swanage Railway's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/MgXKPljQDGM> and <https://youtu.be/V878LIFk0dg>, respectively, on social media at Facebook @swanagerailway, on Twitter @swanrail, on Instagram @swanagerailwayofficial and on YouTube at SwanageRailwayOfficial.

To make a donation, visit www.saveourservice.co.uk for PayPal or www.swanagerailwaytrust.org/giving for details about bank transfers and cheques along with Gift Aid that can further boost your donation by per cent. You can also text SOS to 70470 to donate £10 which costs £10 plus a standard rate message. Any whole amount between £1 and £20 can be donated – for example, texting SOS 4 equates to a £4 donation plus the cost of a standard rate message.



Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

The July 2010 edition of the Purbeck Gazette saw a packed letters page, as usual, which included a letter from David Evans on the subject of the mysterious 'Swanage Hum'.

David asked if the 'Swanage Thrum' had gotten worse. David said: "On the weekend of the 22nd May I was revising for exams in the peace and quiet of my in-law's house and I thought I could hear the Barfleur Ferry coming in. "After an hour of continuous drone, I realised it was the Swanage hum. I couldn't believe how loud it was..... I understand there was a meeting last year with the council to review the 'thrum'? Was this lip service or has there been some progress? I am aware of one person who is thinking of moving away as it affects them so badly. Alyson of the Black Swan thought it was aliens! I think that may have been the red wine talking, but it's one more suggestion that the council seem to have offered since the February 2009 pointless meeting!"

So, dear readers, ten years later, is the 'Swanage thrumb' still there? Can any of you hear it? Do write in and let us know!

Wareham residents were up in arms and 'poised to protest' in July 2010 at the suggestion that a large 'out of town' supermarket was on the cards for the area. Whilst possibly a popular idea with some shoppers, many people in Wareham quickly realised that this would likely put an end to their traditional, locally-owned High Street shops, therefore causing locals to lose their businesses and staff to lose their current jobs.

The district council had appointed a retail consultant to advise if more shopping space was actually required - the expert advice was that any benefit should be balanced against the harm to the community. The consultants concluded that, if existing food shopping patterns continue, there was actually no need for additional food shopping floorspace in Wareham, although there might be in Swanage.

Ben Buxton wrote an excellent article in July 2010 on 'Wareham's Wonderful Walls', reminding us of the beauty and history of Wareham. During the previous couple of years, the jungles of gorse and scrub covering Wareham's North Walls had been cleared, making them fully visible for the first time in decades.

Wareham's Walls are unique in that they are the best preserved Saxon town defences in England. 1000 years ago, this little town was one of the most important towns in the Saxon kingdom of Wessex. Alfred the Great ordered the construction of the walls in the 870s, when Danish Vikings were attempting to conquer Wessex. In 876, they attacked Wareham.

They did capture the town and spent the winter there. Alfred negotiated a deal whereby they left, and two years later, Alfred defeated them at Edington, Wiltshire, finally ending their dreams of the conquest of England. The picture below shows the 'Bloody Bank', part of Wareham's Walls.



Mary 'Queen of Shops' Porter paid a visit to Clealls of Corfe (pictured, opposite), then run by Chris and Juliet Porter. The Porters were struggling to keep the village store afloat and Mary zoomed in to the 'rescue' in her flash car, creating another episode for her then-TV show. David Hollister interviewed Juliet, expecting her to be a little down after the show had been filmed.

However, Juliet said: "We knew what we were getting into, it wasn't a very pleasant experience - but it had to be done. We've been hit really hard

by the internet, Tesco's delivery service and the opening of Sainsbury's in Wareham". She added: "We are determined to stay and provide a service to locals and holidaymakers alike."

When the programme finally aired, the result was a mass of supportive phone calls, a huge influx of people who 'didn't realise the shop was there' and an increase of hits on their website. The message was plain - local shops are disappearing fast and if residents don't want to see their village shop go to the wall, then local have to keep supporting it by actually shopping there on a regular basis. The same is true today - support local.

Eventually, Chris and Juliet moved on to pastures new and the now-wildly successful 'Corfe Village Stores' is in the hands of Chris and Terry, who have continued to breathe new life into the business, working extremely hard to build up their regular shoppers, as well as ensuring they offer something for our visitors. Long may the shop in Corfe be with us!






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Concerns About Lack Of Affordable Housing

Swanage Labour Party is concerned about the lack of affordable and social housing for Swanage local residents. The high proportion of second homes in Swanage, including new-builds, means our population is going down despite the amount of new housing being built. Another problem is the small proportion of social housing in new developments.

We are highlighting the urgent case of the proposed development at the Former St Mary's School site in Manor Road, Swanage, BH19 2BH.

Bracken Developments Ltd was granted planning consent in April 2019 to build 30 dwellings, including ten affordable flats, on the Former St Mary's School site and all are subject to a condition that they are to be used as the occupier's primary home. The developer appealed in October 2019 to have the condition for primary homes removed, but this was refused in April 2020.

Bracken Developments has now applied to have the requirement for affordable housing removed. Dorset Council's Eastern Planning Board is due to make a decision about this on 6 July 2020 – see application number SEC/2020/0001 on the Dorset Council website planning portal. Swanage Town Council has put in a strong objection and deplores the move to withdraw the affordable housing element of this thirty-home development.

Swanage Labour Party strongly supports the provision of affordable and social housing for Swanage residents. We urge local people to add their own voices in opposition to the removal of the affordable housing requirement at the Former St Mary's School development.

You can do this by e-mailing Purbeck Area Planning Office at planningteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
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#BLM Solidarity March Held In Swanage

ALL Lives Will Matter When Black Lives Matter

Words by Marienna Pope-Weidemann.

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Swanage made history on Saturday 6 May with our town's first demonstration to support the Black Lives Matter movement. It was part of a groundswell of anti-racist action around the world, triggered by the brutal killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis on 25 May. But what is this a movement for and why has it come to Swanage?

I am racist. It doesn't matter if I marched on Saturday, signed a petition or have black friends. To say that I am not racist is like a fish claiming it can live dry. We are quite literally born into it.

For over fifty years, studies have consistently proven that children of all racial groups absorb white supremacist ideas very early on. Long before we understand racism as an idea our worldview is shaped by subliminal messages from the media, from home and from school, all telling us that white is better than black. Racism is a whole system, not just isolated acts of hatred.

We are all racist. It isn't easy for white people to admit this, to acknowledge that we benefit from white privilege even though we may be disadvantaged in other ways. Saying it, like hearing it, is painful because we know - at least we think we know - the unspeakable pain racism has inflicted through the centuries. This is why it provokes such powerful feelings of anger and shame.

It's much harder to say "I am racist" than it is to say "Black Lives Matter" because it involves taking responsibility. It involves acknowledging the fact that racism lives not just 'back then' and 'over there' but in our own

country, our own community, our own minds. Yet if we really believe that all lives matter, that is exactly what we have to do.

Saturday's demonstration was called by fourteen-year-old Rosie Hughes. Over 150 people responded to her call and marched, social distancing, from Victoria Avenue to the Mowlem, where Rosie addressed the crowd.

"Right now, we're standing on a spot where I was racially abused by adults that live in this community. I have been told to go back to my country, called a 'n****r' and a 'black b****h' and a 'paki'... Ignorance is like living on a fluffy cloud. It's comfortable and you feel safe. People of colour don't have that privilege and by being silent, you're adding to this problem."

Rosie wasn't the only one who shared a painful story. Jasmine thanked everyone for their support but quite rightly questioned where that support had been when just recently, Swanage Carnival crowned two Cool Runnings impersonators in blackface as the winners of the annual fancy dress prize. That was a day she really needed someone to stand with her.

The American origins of blackface go back to 19th century minstrel shows, where they were worn to create humiliating portrayals of plantation slaves as a form of comedy.

It still triggers traumatic memories of this history and evokes the same toxic stereotypes with which the slave trade and later Jim Crow justified themselves. It is because this fact carries more weight with the younger generation than someone's right to 'make a joke,' that blackface is considered unacceptable by most people in Britain today.





“It was horror, humiliation and then anger when I realised no one else was going to speak up and that I had to spend my carnival figuring out how to explain to my eight-year-old sister what this was, what it meant,” Jasmine said. “It shouldn’t always fall to black people alone to call it out when we are victimised. I just hope this means that from now on local people will speak out against everyday racism, too. It shouldn’t take a police officer kneeling on a black man’s neck as he dies for people to take action. Racial inequality and police brutality aren’t just American problems.”

While some feel a pandemic is a poor time to protest, coronavirus, like inequality and police brutality, is a Black Lives Matter issue here. In the UK, black people with coronavirus are four times more likely to die than white people.

97% of NHS clinicians and over 65% of nurses it has killed have been from Black and Ethnic Minority (BAME) backgrounds.

Remember that when you clap on Thursday. There has never been a better time to take a stand.

How can I support Black Lives Matter?

- Stand up to racism wherever you find it.
- Educate yourself so you’re better able to recognise it. Don’t know where to start? Look up Dr. Robin di Angelo and Reni Eddo-Lodge on YouTube or order their books.
- Donate to UK groups like INQUEST, Black Minds Matter and Black Lives Matter UK.



Institute Road, Swanage, Reopens At Last!



On Friday June 19th, Swanage Mayor, Mike 'Bonza' Bonfield, officially reopened Institute Road after it had been closed for several centuries, or so it seemed at times. Mike was the first person to drive down the reopened road, as pictured. Dorset Council and Swanage Town Council have been working together for many years developing a scheme for Institute Road that balances the needs of businesses, residents and visitors to the town. The route has had long-running safety concerns as pedestrians frequently found themselves evading vehicles, which were mounting the pavement to manoeuvre round vehicles parked in the loading bay.

Swanage Town Mayor, Councillor Mike Bonfield, commented: "The planning of these improvement works had taken just under four years and brought with them the opportunity to reduce risk and provide an enhanced shopping experience for local residents and visitors alike in the future. Considering the unprecedented situation we have all found ourselves in over the past three months, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dorset Highways and the team of workers who have managed to complete the works within a couple of weeks of the originally planned completion date. Well done all.

"As our shops and businesses gradually open up again, and visitor numbers begin to increase, the new wider pavements will ensure that members of the public will be able to maintain social distancing when visiting our town centre. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone in the future to come and see the fantastic improvements for themselves."



For now, Kings Road East will remain with the flow into town, which was put in place as part of the traffic management during work on Institute Road. The effects of this will be monitored and a decision will be made in discussion with local councillors whether to make it permanent.

During this time, people can register their support or objections by emailing highway engineers: highwayimprovements@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Stay Local - Shop Local! Our High Streets Need YOU

Following government guidelines, on Monday 15 June many of Dorset's shops re-opened for business and they need your support. Most shops and high streets across the county have been closed since the government introduced lockdown measures in order to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Now that restrictions have started to be relaxed, shoppers are able to return to their local high streets. This is vital for shop owners, who need Dorset residents to help get their businesses back on their feet by shopping locally. But as the threat of the virus has not passed yet, Dorset Council together with town and parish councils have been working with local businesses and organisations to ensure that people can keep safe while they're out and about.

Shops that may reopen include those that sell clothes, shoes, toys, furniture, books and electronics. Hairdressers, beauty salons and leisure facilities like cinemas currently remain closed. Cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars are also closed unless they are offering a take-away service. Businesses will only be able to open if they are confident about managing the risks and are able to follow the COVID-19 secure guidelines.

To keep people safe, Dorset Council has been working with town and parish councils across the county. Work is underway and will continue over the coming weeks to implement various measures on the high street designed to help shoppers stay safe: -

- Stencilled markings and signs around busy areas, including bus stops, helping people to observe social-distancing
- Widening footways and cycleways by temporarily closing parking bays and cutting back vegetation
- Scheduled partial road closures to provide more space for pedestrians, especially around food huts and vans
- Creating additional cycle parking and new cycle routes
- In the longer-term, pedestrianising busy areas with large numbers of

cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars.

Some shops will have staff members greet customers to explain the social distancing measures inside, and manage how many customers can come in. Businesses will also manage any queue that forms and stop people from joining if their space limit is reached.

We recommend cycling or walking to your high-street whenever possible. However, we have re-opened council-run carparks and normal charges are in operation. Please use your mobile phone to pay for parking where you can, by calling/texting or using the Just Park app. If you need to use a ticket machine, keep your distance from others when waiting to pay.

If you need to use public transport to get to the high street, remember that from 15 June it is compulsory to wear a face covering while travelling on public transport. Many public toilets will also be open, and these have full hand-washing facilities available. Some toilets will remain closed while we make changes to ensure they are safe for public use. Please wash your hands regularly, before you leave home and when you get back. If you know you are likely to use a public toilet, make sure to carry your own hand sanitiser and gels.

Cllr Gary Suttle, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Skills, said: "By staying local we can continue to limit the spread of COVID-19, and by shopping local we can ensure that our local high-street shops are able to get back on their feet.

This is a crucial time for local business-owners who want to welcome shoppers back while ensuring that their customers stay safe. By councils working together with businesses and their customers, we can maintain public health and support the economy to start re-opening safely. Local businesses need your support right now to ensure they can continue to trade in the future. Our message for residents is if you continue to follow the public health guidance around COVID-19 it's safe to get back out there and do some shopping on your high street."

Business



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Dividend income from investments

Dividend income will in many cases be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of these effects may be just short term, but others could well be longer lasting. Investors, therefore, should prepare themselves for lower income from their investment portfolios.

A number of individual companies have cut their latest dividend payment dramatically or scrapped it all together. As mentioned in The Guardian on 19th May 2020 "UK companies have cut or deferred £30bn in dividend payments to shore up their balance sheets to weather the financial impact of the coronavirus crisis."

Under guidance from the Bank of England and the Prudential Regulation Authority, the banking sector announced in late March that it would be suspending dividends for the remainder of 2020. Insurance companies have also been encouraged to scrap or reduce dividend payments. Many other companies have also cancelled or suspended their dividends in light of the likely impact on their businesses. Royal Dutch Shell, the FTSE 100's biggest payer in 2019, has cut its dividend for the first time since 1945, with the yield falling to less than 1%.

Some companies such as BP, GlaxoSmithKline, Tesco and sectors such as utilities have been more impervious to dividend cuts so far, but whether or not these change remains to be seen.

Dividend cuts will, therefore, affect both direct holders of the individual equities and holders of collective investments holding those individual equities. Unit trusts and Open-Ended Investment Companies pay out the dividends they receive from their underlying holdings, so will definitely be affected.

However, investment trusts can pay income from reserves and as such, some investment trusts may be able to maintain their current income payment levels using these reserves.

Until next month, take care and stay safe.

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Covid 19 Support for businesses and tax payers

The government have announced a raft of measures and in brief summary the key points are:

Business Grants: Coronavirus business grant fund – check with Dorset Council whether you qualify for this. If so the guidance now states you must actually claim this and not wait to be contacted.

Job Retention Scheme: Support from HMRC available to employers. You continue to pay your staff and claim this back from HMRC. At time of writing it was stated that you will need to do so via your HMRC PAYE online portal although not accepting any applications yet.

Deferral: VAT Payment – payments due between 20th March 2020 and 30th June 2020 can be deferred until March 2021. If you pay by direct debit cancel this at your bank or the payment will be taken as normal. You are still required to file the return as usual

Personal tax: the payment on account, if due, for July 2020 will not be collected until January 2021 together with any balancing payment. These are both deferrals to early 2021 at the time of writing, that is likely to cause cashflow issues at the point so consider if this is actually beneficial.

Loan: CBILS – Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. This has just been updated and we are seeing applications granted. These are available from your own bank and other lenders. They are repayable over a period of up to six years. The bank's lending is guaranteed to 80% but your business is liable for the full amount.

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Dorset Welcomes Top Business Leader



One of the UK's top business leaders has praised Dorset Chamber members for helping to directly influence Government coronavirus policy.

Dr Adam Marshall, who is director general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said concerns raised by Dorset firms had helped the organisation lobby successfully in the corridors of power.

He told how the BCC had cited issues in weekly discussions with Business Secretary Alok Sharma and in conversations with other senior ministers.

Dorset Chamber – the county's leading business support organisation – welcomed Dr Marshall for its inaugural Business Leaders event, which has replaced its 'Signature' events. He told nearly fifty business owners, directors and senior managers over Zoom how well Dorset was regarded at a national level as a 'modern, forward-looking and optimistic' chamber.

Dr Marshall also urged businesses to keep raising concerns so it could continue to influence and change government policy at an early stage.

"Tell us what the issues are, what the trends are and where the difficulties are. Tell us what is going on in your business so we can tell government. Every piece of information is really important."

Chamber president Liz Willingham led a discussion with Dr Marshall before questions from members. Subjects included the economic outlook, business support, the value and role of chambers during the pandemic,

retail and town centres, banks, international trade and new working patterns. Dorset Chamber chief executive Ian Girling said: "We were delighted that Adam Marshall could join us for our first Business Leaders event. He has been doing a fantastic job, leading the British Chambers of Commerce and helping inform Government at the highest levels.

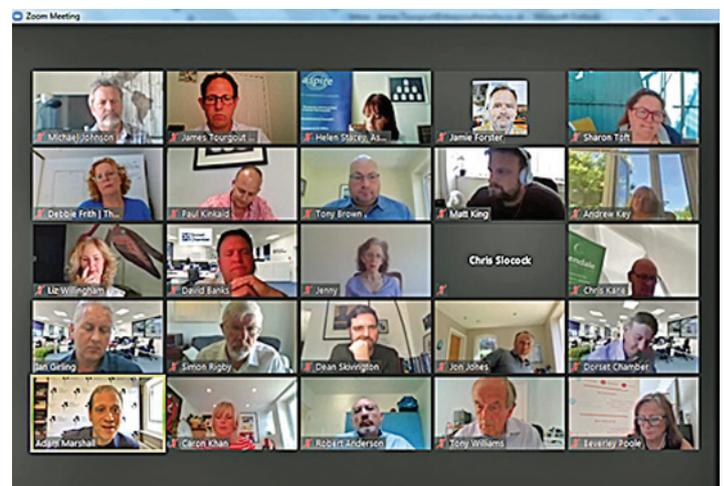
"As a member of the British Chambers, this has enabled us to effectively lobby at the highest level which has seen some direct changes to policy and help for businesses that have been falling through the gaps. We discussed some of the key issues facing Dorset businesses and it was great to hear feedback from Dr Marshall on how well Dorset Chamber is regarded at a national level."

Dorset Chamber – the voice of business in Dorset – has more than 700 members employing 37,000 people. It is the only chamber in Dorset accredited to the BCC. Through its 52 accredited chambers in the UK the BCC represents 75,000 businesses which together employ six million people.

Visit www.dorsetchamber.co.uk for more details of coronavirus support available to businesses and to raise any issues.

PICTURES: VIEW FROM THE TOP 1: Dr Adam Marshall, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, on a Zoom call with members of the Dorset Chamber

VIEW FROM THE TOP 2: Members of the Dorset Chamber joined in a Zoom call with Dr Adam Marshall, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce



£9m For Dorset's Roads

Dorset Council will be able to carry out more resurfacing and reconstruction work on its roads this year, thanks to a £9.1m injection from the Department for Transport (DfT). The Secretary of State for Transport has announced a £1.7billion Transport Infrastructure Investment Fund to be allocated to Combined Authorities and Local Highway Authorities for 2020/21.

The fund will improve journeys for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers across England through repairs to local roads and will seek to lock-in environmental benefits seen during COVID-19.

Councillor Ray Bryan, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, said: "This is a much welcomed, significant boost to our highways funding. "As always, there are caveats as to what we can spend this money on, but we are hoping to accelerate our current programme of roads resurfacing and improvement works.

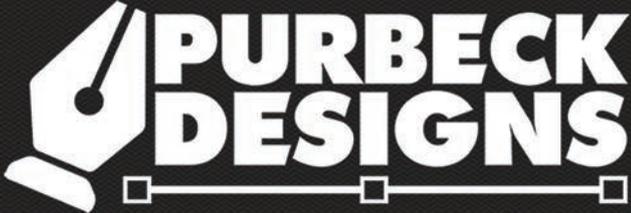
"Highways teams are currently assessing sites that would benefit from

resurfacing as well as drainage improvement schemes and stability works between Wimborne and Cranborne. We welcome government funding for specific areas of the council's work like this. However, I must remind residents that the council's overall financial position remains challenging due to the significant additional expenditure and loss of income incurred through our COVID response."

This additional money raises the total capital funding received from the Department for Transport for Dorset Highways to £23,848,000, and includes:

- Confirmed 2020/21 annual allocation £10,564,000
- Incentivised element (Band 3 awarded) £2,201,000
- Improvements funding £1,971,000
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Programmes of work and further information will be published as it becomes available.



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£100 Million Paid To Dorset Businesses

Dorset Council reached a milestone at having paid out more than £100 million to just over 8000 small businesses in the county (as of 11th June 2020).

The council was given around £134 million from Government to distribute to businesses from the retail, hospitality and leisure sector in the Dorset Council area, which have been adversely affected by the impact of Covid-19.

Cllr Gary Suttle, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Skills, said: "To have paid out over £100 million to thousands of businesses in the Dorset Council area in such a short space of time is a real achievement.

"We drafted in colleagues from across the organisation to help when we realised what a huge task this was, handed to us from Government. The team has worked tirelessly to get these much-needed cash injections to businesses, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them.

"We still have £28 million to distribute to Dorset businesses that meet the criteria, and we would appeal to business owners who have not yet applied for a grant through this funding to please do so at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-grants."

For businesses who were not eligible for this first round of funding, there were more grants available, through the council's Discretionary Fund.

However, the deadline was midnight on Sunday 14 June – which has sadly now passed for those who may have yet to apply. The council received around 1700 applications for this funding.

The Discretionary Fund was specifically aimed at businesses who had not received any previous COVID related Government financial support.

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You Know You Need To Make A Will - What To Do next?



In these unprecedented times, it is understandable that having a Will in place can give some aspect of control and peace of mind that your wishes are clear and comprehensive.

However, this made me think; we tell you to make a Will but we do not always say what you need to think about when making one and often for many people they do not know where to start.

This is what you should think about:-

What have you got to leave in your Will? Think about you bank/savings accounts, any investments, your personal possessions and your property.

- **Who do you want to leave it to?** For example: Your husband/wife/civil partner/partner, children, parents, nieces, nephews, friends, charity? You will probably also be asked to think about who will inherit if the first person you have named has died before you. It is always sensible to give this some thought.
- **Who is going to receive what?** I would not recommend "...X to get my NatWest bank Account... Y to get my NS&I Investment Bond...", because if you have closed that Account or moved the money elsewhere the gift may fail. You can think about legacies, which are set sums of money e.g. Leaving X £500 and/or percentages that people will inherit e.g. A to get 50% of my estate, 25% to B and 25% to C.
- **Who is going to be your Executor?** The role of an Executor is an important one, they are the person/s who has the authority and responsibility to sort out your estate and give effect to your wishes when you die. They should be someone you trust, who you feel could cope with the role and importantly will get on with their co-Executor! Executors must act unanimously and therefore if they do not get on with each other everything will grind to a halt.
- They can be a beneficiary of the Will but they must be over 18 and you can only have a maximum of 4. If your Will is leaving money to your children and they are under age the Executor/s would be the people responsible for looking after the money for those children. They do not have to be a Solicitor but your executors can always employ a Solicitor to deal with the administration of the estate for them.
- **Do you need to think about a Guardian?** Often people will say they have nothing to leave but they do have children under 18. If you have minor children a Will is vitally important. In the Will you can appoint a Guardian who will look after the welfare of your children if you have died.

There is a lot to think about when you make a Will. However, you do not need to have all the answers when you sit down in front of your Lawyer to discuss making one, part of our role is to advise you when making the Will and to assist you in making a decision that is in your best interests, taking into account your circumstances and wishes.

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Government Supports Wages Of 878,800 Across South West

Since the launch of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) and Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS), the UK Government has supported the wages of 878,800 jobs in the South West.

The CJRS and SEISS were announced by the Chancellor, and are run by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), as part of a package of support measures for businesses affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

Businesses have furloughed 654,800 jobs in the South West, up to 31 May 2020, since the CJRS was launched on 20 April 2020. This is to help UK employers who have been severely affected by coronavirus to retain their employees and protect the UK economy.

An announcement was made on 12 May 2020 that the scheme will run until the end of October to continue the support for jobs and businesses as people return to work.

The SEISS was rolled out ahead of schedule in May and has financially supported 224,000 self-employed individuals in the South West who have been adversely affected by the coronavirus outbreak and paid grants worth a total of £665,000,000 (£665 million) up to 31 May 2020.

On 29 May 2020, the Chancellor announced an extension to this scheme. Those eligible to claim the SEISS grant will be able to claim a second and final grant in August of up to £6,750.

Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "The UK Government is doing everything we can to protect jobs and businesses in the South West and across the UK during the crisis. Our unprecedented job retention and self-employment support schemes have supported the livelihoods of millions and will help ensure our recovery is as swift as possible."

Further guidance on both schemes is available at GOV.UK.

Here's a link to the statistics on GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmrc-coronavirus-covid-19-statistics>

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Fresh Summer Vegetable Tart

By Regula
Wright,
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Garden

The growing is in full swing by now with different crops being at all stages of growth. I'm still continuously sowing salad leaves at regular intervals as well as spinach, chard and beetroots. I also keep on batch sowing radishes and kohlrabi as they all still have plenty of time to grow at a reasonable rate.

At the other end of the growing cycle, at the end of June it was time to harvest the garlic bulbs, planted out last November. This year's crop is a good one, partly because some was my own saved seed put into fertile soil in good time. The winter was plenty wet and this year's spring sunshine was relentless. All that strong, glaring light from sunrise to sunset, day in day out, really helps garlic to thrive.

I've also managed to keep the weeds down with a thick mulch of rotted down horse manure and garden compost, so when the weather turned dry, the garlic roots were kept nice and moist under that thick layer. Fresh, green or 'wet' garlic is a lovely early summer treat. The whole plant is eaten, a bit like spring onions, green stalk and all. At that stage green garlic has a very mild flavour, but I particularly like the freshness it brings to the dish.

This is a very short windowed treat and the bulbs that don't get sold as fresh garlic are being dried on racks and later tied into handy bunches to use during autumn and winter. I also keep a certain amount back to use in my poultry's drinking water as it's a natural tonic and the flock seems to thrive on it.

Another crop that has come to its picking end are the rhubarb crowns. They're getting a well-earned top up of well-rotted manure and then they're left in peace to recuperate until early next spring. Picking, washing, weighing and packing is what I spend a lot of my time doing this month, as well as weeding, hoeing, watering and tying in.

The cucumbers and courgettes are now coming into their own, having had a tricky time with the arid conditions earlier on and the beautiful cardoons are in full flower. This globe artichoke relative is better known in the Mediterranean, where the leaf ribs are an appreciated delicacy later in the year.

Here it still needs a celebrity chef to embrace this amazing, exotic looking plant! In the meantime, the bees are feasting on the nectar rich, purple flowers. On a still, sunny day, the cardoon row is particularly a buzz with insect life. I've counted six bees just on one flower and there's a sea of purple! The pumpkins and winter squashes have yet some time to go, but so far so good.

The badgers were teasing me and forever digging up the transplanted plants when checking for worms. I often wonder what goes on in the Kitchen

Garden when I'm not there in the late and early hours of the day... Because the working hours are long at this time of the year, cooking food has to be quick and easy - I'm NOT talking ready meals though!

This summer vegetable tart can be made with any combination of fresh veg you've got and once baked is lovely eaten hot with a little side salad. However, I try and fill as big a tray as possible, so there (hopefully) will be leftovers for a cold lunch the next day.

Fresh Summer Vegetable Tart

Ingredients:

- puff/or shortcrust pastry
- fresh garlic/spring onions/leeks
- chard/spinach
- cheddar cheese
- Goat's cheese/mozzarella or other fresh cheese
- salt & pepper

Method:

- roll out your pastry
- wash the veg, shake excess water off, no need to dry completely
- cut up vegetables and put first layer on
- sprinkle with grated cheddar cheese
- cover with second layer of veg and top with the soft cheese
- add salt & pepper to taste
- bake in the 180C oven for 25-35 minutes





In the Kitchwen Garden with Regula - previous page and pictures, above. All pictures by Adrian Wright



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New Rules For Those Taking The Ferry



Sandbanks Ferry announces health and safety measures for return to service for foot passengers and cyclists

The Sandbanks Ferry Company is today providing more details of the health and safety measures that will be in place when the ferry returned to service at 1pm on Tuesday 16th June following the completion of annual maintenance and refit works and in anticipation of an increase in passenger numbers.

The Ferry Company also announced that it would also be carrying foot passengers and cyclists from 07:00 on 17 June 2020. This followed extensive works in partnership with BCP Council to establish a safe queuing system to support social distancing for these passengers on the Sandbanks side in North Haven Car Park. BCP Council has provided financial support, facilitated by Department for Transport Emergency Active Travel Funding, for the cost of the queuing infrastructure. Extra Ferry Company staff will be on hand to marshal the queue. The Ferry Company has also implemented a queuing system to support social distancing on the Studland side.

Following the Government announcement on 4 June that face covering use on public transport will be mandatory, foot passengers and cyclists will be required to wear face coverings while on board the ferry. These passengers will need to supply their own face covering, and anyone not wearing a proper one will not be able to travel. Motorcyclists will be required to keep their helmet on while on board, and vehicle passengers will not be allowed to leave their vehicles or open windows while on the ferry, and convertible cars must travel with their roofs up.

Mike Kean, Managing Director of the Sandbanks Ferry Company, said: "We would like to thank BCP Council for their assistance in ensuring we can welcome back foot passengers and cyclists. While I know the service suspension has been difficult for many, we want to reassure passengers and our staff that they can again travel and work on the ferry safely."

Councillor Andy Hadley, BCP Council Portfolio Holder for Transport and infrastructure said: "We are pleased to have assisted the Sandbanks Ferry Company with measures to allow pedestrian and cycle passengers to queue safely on the Sandbanks side. Ensuring provision is made for sustainable and healthy travel modes, meets key council key aims tackling congestion and climate issues and ensures all passengers are served."

The Sandbanks Ferry Company has also procured sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for all staff members to use once the ferry returns. All staff have been trained on how to effectively use it and maintain social distancing whilst working. Recruitment for additional seasonal staff to help deliver the new health and safety measures is also underway.

Mike Kean added: "I would also like to pay tribute to the entire team who have worked extremely long hours over recent weeks to get the ferry ready to return in a safe way, and to carry out this year's refit works ahead of schedule."

Details of the ferry timetable can be found at: <http://www.sandbanksferry.co.uk/timetable.php>. Current job vacancies can be found at: <http://www.sandbanksferry.co.uk/employment.php>.

As the resumption of the service comes closer, any additional updates will be announced on the Twitter feed at @sandbanksferry and on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sandbanksferry.

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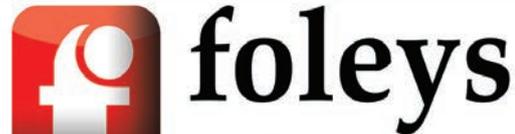
News On Concessionary Bus Passes



Dorset Council and bus operators had suspended the normal conditions for holders of an older persons' or disabled persons' bus pass in March, so that people were able to get to supermarkets that were opening early for the elderly and those 'at risk' of catching the coronavirus.

On Monday (15 June), the terms and conditions for these bus passes were reinstated to those that were in place before lockdown. This is to coincide with more businesses and shops reopening and the resulting increase in people using public transport before 9.30am. People who are vulnerable to catching coronavirus due to age or underlying conditions will want to avoid these busy times.

From Monday (15 June), you must wear a face covering on public transport. Information about public and community transport can be found at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/public-transport



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'Pop-up' Walking And Cycling Routes

Dorset residents are being asked to highlight congested walking and cycling routes to help shape 'pop-up' travel infrastructure in the Dorset Council area.

With the increased demand for walking and cycling – as well as capacity issues on public transport – during social distancing measures, a £225m emergency active travel fund has been launched by the Government to support temporary improvements to sustainable transport during the pandemic.

Dorset Council has been awarded £577k and is now considering what measures could be taken to help residents with social distancing while travelling around towns, and in preparation for the restart after lockdown. Temporary solutions could include:

- widening footways, especially on high streets, to ensure that those walking and queuing for essential goods can keep apart from each other
- installing measures to restrict through-traffic from some streets to ensure that physical distancing can occur, especially on access routes to local amenities
- installing temporary cycle lanes separated from traffic, particularly on routes where cycle use is high

To help plan and focus areas of work, the council is asking residents to make suggestions using an online map to highlight areas of concern and see what issues have already been raised. All suggestions will be examined but, due to funding limitations, not all submitted ideas can be progressed.

Councillor Ray Bryan, Portfolio Holder for Highways Travel and Environment, said: "We're committed to helping residents move safely around towns and villages during social distancing, and we recognise this will get more difficult as further restrictions are lifted.

"This is a real opportunity for transformative change in how we make short journeys and we want to get it right – enabling our residents to continue their new-found walking and cycling habits for work and leisure.

"We are already engaging with parish and town councils to understand where the immediate crowding issues are that could negate social distancing efforts on high streets, but we need help from all parts of our communities to get a clear picture of concerns and priorities across the wider Dorset Council area."

Submit your suggestion by visiting www.dorsetsafeststreetsmap.commonplace.is by end of July.

Suggestions will continually be analysed by Dorset Highways as they are submitted and prioritised by their benefit to walking, cycling and wheelchair users, with likely impacts on parking, access and delivery services taken into consideration before final schemes are submitted for funding approval.

Of the £577k awarded, £115k is for the short-term immediate measures needed to support social distancing and ensure safer town centres when shops reopen from 15 June, where town councils have played a significant role in identifying priorities.

A further £462k is available for medium-term or permanent measures, with residents being asked to highlight concerns of pavement and cycleway pinch points.



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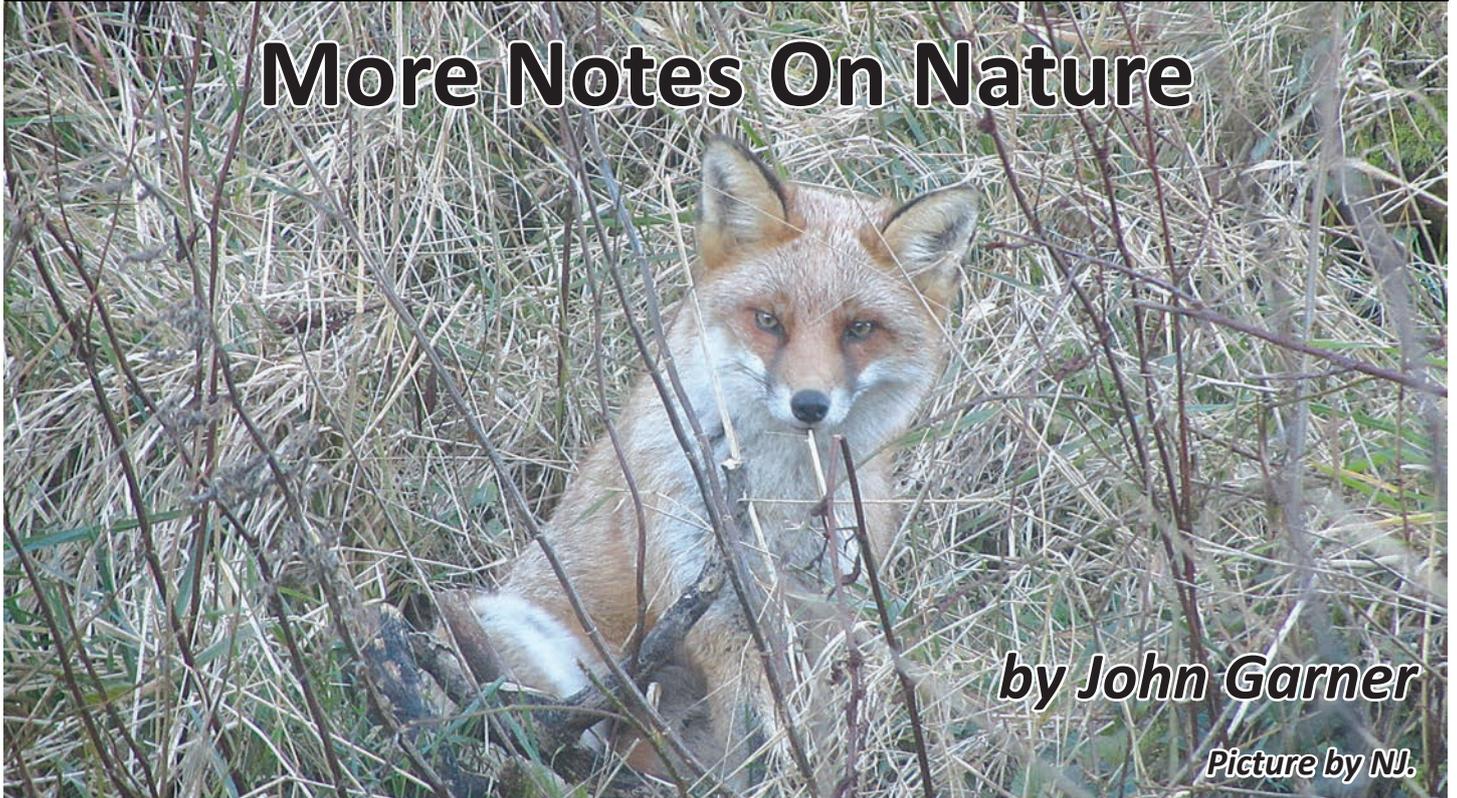
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Natural Matters

More Notes On Nature



by John Garner

Picture by NJ.

Last month I touched on nature's re-emergence in the consciousness of our everyday activities. Anecdotally, I've heard of people being much more aware of birdsong in built up areas and the noise of the birds here at dawn has been enough to stir me from my slumbers.

A much nicer way to be cross that I'm awake so early than from the noise of the traffic. The House Martins are in full swoop. They seem to head out as a group and come back as an excited, screeching mob as well. Sometimes I go out and look for them and they are nowhere to be seen and then all of a sudden, the sky is punctuated by their acrobatic swerves and dives.

It still amazes me that they can find their way back from Africa to a tiny home nestled under the eaves of my house. A nest made of hundreds of beak sized pellets of mud. There are lots of these nests along the eaves but only a few are inhabited by them at present.

Whilst these birds have never really gone away, there has been a concerted effort by conservationists to reintroduce some species that have died out. The raptor that was reported hovering over the house last time was indeed a red kite. These birds seem to have been incredibly successfully reintroduced. There was also great excitement about one of the Ospreys laying an egg locally, but apparently no male turned up to fertilise it.

White storks have been nesting and bringing up their young elsewhere in the south. Six chicks in all at the time of writing. The Sea Eagle programme on the Isle of Wight has been a success and there are plans to reintroduce beavers to the rivers. There is very little to match the sight of a wild animal going about its business in the wild. Beavers have a very positive effect on the environment in Cornwall where they have been reintroduced.

Rewilding areas of Britain works. The current lockdown has been disastrous in so many ways. Maybe one positive that can come out of this is that we take heart from nature. With help and sometimes without our help, nature is re-establishing itself in the areas it once inhabited and species are starting to thrive again.

Given that the island on which we live (the big one with Wales and Scotland, not the small pretend Purbeck one) it would seem that it could well be a while away before wolves and bears are roaming wild, but I did recently hear a BBC broadcaster mention the possible reintroduction of the Lynx. The Lynx trust are planning to reintroduce Eurasian Lynx into the Kielder Forest amongst other places. Imagine wandering through the forests and spotting a wild Lynx. Something that hasn't been a possibility since the eighth century apparently.

Although I read that they are as shy and elusive as an honest politician so they might be hard to spot. They would control the deer population and other agricultural pests, whilst posing no real threat to existing farm stock. Most of the deer here are not indigenous, not that they should be persecuted for that, but the Lynx once was. And they are very, very cool.

I've seen some wildlife on my travels. Howler monkeys and tree frogs from central America are a stand-out, as were the crocodiles. Something large and dark once swam under me, also in central America in a very remote spot of the Pacific Ocean after which I had to work really hard to stay in the water.

Wildlife in its natural setting, doing its thing, is an awesome experience and something that stays with you for a very long time. I mean awesome in the true sense of the word. Those crocodiles were no more than ten feet away with just a wooden plank or two to walk over and past them. One was estimated at being about twelve feet long. It sat with its jaws open staring up at its next meal. And if the planks gave way that next meal could well have been me. Being so close to a perfectly engineered predator is an experience that stays with you forever.

Rewilding our local environments might not be quite as dramatic and the thought of Lynx, Wolves and Bears roaming around our small island might be a long time coming. But the principal of trying to offset some of the ecological damage caused by humans has to be a positive step.

You could well see Beavers around here soon and that would add to the positive successes already established within the bird population. Hats off to all those that are working so hard to do this, often in the face of some pretty stubborn opposition.

I'll finish by commenting on something that happened to my daughter the other evening when out on a late evening run. She saw a fox. She stopped and waited. The fox tentatively came over to her, at one point sniffing her hand. It was so close and completely happy.

She spent a long time with the fox, presumably until it realised she was not a great source of food and calmly trotted off. I realise that foxes are not everyone's favourite animal. Personally, I think they're amazing. Just one more example of nature and humans becoming closer and more intertwined and both benefitting from the experience.



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Dorset Climate Panel ‘Almost There’

Dorset Council climate panel hears that strategy and action plan is “almost here”

Dorset Council’s Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel (EAP) members virtually met on Friday 5 June to discuss the progress of the Council’s Climate Change strategy and action plan.

The panel were reassured that, despite delays due to the pandemic, good progress has been made towards the first draft of the Climate Change strategy and action plan, and the meeting worked through the detail of several topic areas. Further work on the strategy would be ready soon for the EAP to discuss, develop and refine before it goes to Cabinet and is published for consultation with the public later in the summer.

Panel Chair, Cllr Ray Bryan, also announced, in a direct response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration Dorset Council made last year, that the Council intended to switch to a renewable “green” energy tariff from September, and expressed that this is just one of many short-term changes that could be made while longer-term plans were being developed. This will include actively looking for our own sources of renewable energy in the future.

Papers covering the parts of the strategy relating to buildings, waste and energy and planning were considered, with brief outlines of other topics including transport, food and drink, land use, energy generation and the economy, that were in progress and would be presented to the next EAP meeting.

Panel members also considered a full summary report of the Call for Ideas, when Dorset Council asked members of the public for their ideas to tackle climate change. The summary report has been uploaded to the Dorset Council website, and those ideas are being considered alongside the findings of the Council’s Task and Finish groups.

Members also briefly discussed disposable barbecues, regarding the recent devastating heathland fires in Wareham Forest, and how both officers and councillors were looking into what Dorset Council could do to raise awareness of the dangers and potentially restrict their purchase and use.

Cllr Ray Bryan, panel chair and Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, said: “Despite the delays we’ve had due to the COVID-19

pandemic, I’m satisfied that most of the background work that needed to take place before we could draft our climate change strategy has now been completed.

This means we’re almost ready to start committing to some carbon reduction targets and deadlines, and set out how we intend to achieve these. Some will be actions that can be taken in the short-term, like switching to a “green” energy tariff, but others will take longer and potentially require funding. We will investigate how we can do this, potentially in partnership with the private sector.

I’d like to thank everyone for their patience. As I’ve stated before, while other councils around the country may have chosen to set deadlines for carbon reduction and then work out how they’ll achieve them, I’ve always wanted us to do the investigation and information-gathering first so that any setting of target dates is both realistic and achievable. We have carbon reductions targets in mind but need the final pieces in the jigsaw before firming these up.

I’m looking forward to seeing the final papers to develop the draft strategy and being able to share it with my fellow councillors before presenting it to the public for their thoughts and comments.”

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A July moth trap can produce such delights as a beautiful pink and green Elephant Hawkmoth, Poplar Hawkmoth, Privet Hawk Moth, Lappet, Common Footman, Silver-Y and Large Yellow Underwing. Day flying moths will include the black and red Six-spot Burnet Moths and perhaps even a Hummingbird Hawkmoth might visit the castle's flowers.

Moths are more colourful and less hairy cousins are butterflies of course! Expect to see Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers, Red Admiral, Small Skipper, Large White, Marbled White and Painted Lady amongst the grassland flowers.

On a good day and with a good eye you might find five species of Skipper, which include the Large, the Small, the easily missed Essex plus Dingy and Lulworth – all a variety of browns and oranges. However, this insect bounty met be fed upon Swifts, Swallows,

House Martins and Sand Martins. Both Linnets and Whitthroats can be amongst some early migrants feeding up before heading south. Another sign of autumn's approach are the beginnings of fruits upon Bramble, Apple, Blackthorn and even the red berries upon Wayfaring Trees.

New arrivals amongst the flowering plants can be expected to include Golden Samphire, Rock Samphire and Sea Lavender upon the cliff tops and especially at the gully mouth. The sea cliff themselves appear quiet as the **Guillemot and Razorbill fledglings** have taken to the to sea with their parents. Youngsters to look out for will be those of the Peregrine Falcon and Kestrel, whom will need to practice their hunting skills if they are to catch any prey themselves.

Durlston's pay & display car parks are open with limited toilet facilities provided at the learning centre only. Seventhwave are offering a take way service from the castle.

Benches and picnic tables outside of the castle complex can be used by diners as available. Individual volunteers have been permitted to return subject to their booking a job and working time.

Please visit the Durlston Website or Facebook Page for any updates should Corvid-19 restrictions have altered.

For further information visit: <https://www.durlston.co.uk/>

Please Protect Important Wildlife Sites!

Public urged to protect internationally important wildlife site during Covid-19 lockdown

The picturesque Blackhill, near Bere Regis, has once again been damaged by the creation of trails and jumps for cyclists. The area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), part of the Dorset Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Dorset Heaths Special Area of Conservation (SAC); it is protected by UK and European law because of its fantastic value for wildlife. Cyclists are only permitted to use the bridleways across the site and are not allowed to ride over other areas of the hill including the areas that have been dug up to build jumps. This damage has increased during the Covid-19 lockdown and The Urban Heaths Partnership along with Dorset Police and Natural England are reaching out to the public for their help in tackling this problem.

Amy, the local Urban Heaths Partnership Warden is passionate about the unique character of these spaces. She said: "We are so lucky to have heathland right on our doorstep in Dorset, but many people don't realise how special these areas are. Often, the people who are using or creating these trails and jumps do not realise the catastrophic impact it has on the wildlife. For instance, sandy areas are used to incubate the eggs of one of our rarest reptiles, the sand lizard. Something as simple as riding across it could destroy a whole clutch of eggs hidden beneath the surface. It is brilliant that so many people are out being active but please help us to protect Blackhill Heath, by keeping to bridleways. They are marked by signposts on site and are shown on Ordnance Survey maps as well as on Dorset Explorer at <http://explorer.geowessex.com>."

The public are also being urged to report any damage or inappropriate use of the site, both to the Police and to Natural England. Claire Dinsdale, Rural Crime Officer at Dorset Police said: "We would ask the public to report to police if any persons are seen damaging the SSSI by digging or riding motorbikes or cycling off the permitted bridleway routes. Anyone found causing such damage will be dealt with and any motorbikes used off road in this way will be seized. Officers will be patrolling in this area."

Hilary Habberfield from Natural England's Dorset Countryside & Water Team said: "Black Hill Heath is home to a variety of special flora and fauna

and some of England's most threatened species. These include ground nesting nightjar, sun-loving smooth snakes, bell heather and the old oak woods on the edges of the heathland.

"We are all responsible for looking after this protected area and allowing it to thrive for the benefits of people and nature."

If you witness damage to the plants or animals of Black Hill Heath, please contact Dorset Police. For crimes in progress use 999, for urgent reports use 101, for all other reports email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Please also inform Natural England by email ProtectedSites@naturalengland.org.uk or telephone 0300 060 3900 to help us keep this place special.

Picture: Left: the impact of unauthorised bike ramp construction on vegetation. Right: an area of undamaged woodland showing a healthy forest floor. © Amy Gallagher





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Three other low growing varieties have come from the breeding programme and we planted a selection of all of them last year and all have come through the winter beating the 'Beast from the East' and are flowering beautifully.

Diascia Apricot (pictured, top)

Diascia Cherry Blossom (pictured, below)



Diascia Light Pink (pictured, above)

Pictorial Meadows (pictured bottom)

The two acres of annual flower meadows in the gardens at Holme were admired by all who saw them last year. Not only were the millions of blooms attractive to garden visitors but were also loved by bees and butterflies.

There are two new colour blends this year, making a total of eight different mixes. The blends are put together by a specialist seed company called Pictorial Meadows who also supply the Olympic Park in London.

In the Gardens.

As well as the flower field there are a further three acres of formal gardens intensely planted with trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials but what makes the garden really explode into colour from July and through the rest of summer are the unusual annuals all of which are grown at Holme from seed.

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Entries are now being invited from the people of Wareham for this slightly delayed event. We hope that its re-introduction will bring a few smiles back to the people of Wareham.

Further information will be on the website along with downloadable entry forms. Entry forms can also be picked up from shops in town as usual.

<http://warehamcarnival.co.uk/index.p.../scarecrow-competition/>

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If this is of interest to your readers, we would greatly appreciate a quick mention.

Phil Oldroyd, Wareham Carnival committee



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However, due to Covid-19, the committee has decided to postpone our 10th anniversary summer events to 2021.

We still have the view to run our bonfire night in November at this current time, but this will depend on the advice we get from the government and local authorities.

At this point we would like to say a big thank you to all key workers who are working tirelessly to keep us safe.

We very much look forward to welcoming you all back to our events when we are able to do so. Please remember to support your local businesses as they need you now more than ever.

Dave Burgess



Health & Beauty

Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

As we are moving out of the first acute wave of the pandemic, myself and my teams at Swanage and Wareham hospital have been looking at how we can start to resume some of our other activities.

With the government guidance re lockdown being updated on a weekly basis we have to adhere to guidance regarding social distancing and ensuring our hospital does not put anyone at risk of the virus.

We are working hard at the moment to prepare ourselves for when we start to reintroduce services at Swanage and Wareham; this has involved working closely with our Infection Prevention and Control team and Health and Safety Advisors

When you consider the number of different clinics that are run out of both Hospitals I am sure you will appreciate that this is a challenging prospect, myself and each team have been looking at patient flow by looking at different ways to exit and enter the hospitals to ensure people are able to socially distance.

After each consultation a thorough clean has to take place before we

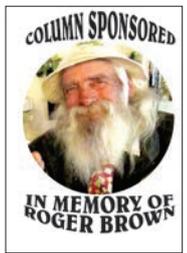
can admit the next patient which also has an impact on the number of patients that can be seen.

While we are currently working with reduced services and in new ways, we are also looking to the future as the news reports of the impact on waiting lists is another symptom of this pandemic.

Therefore, I would like to reassure you that we are working hard behind the scenes to prepare ourselves for the changes needed to not quite resume business as usual but business as safe for everyone using them.

In the meanwhile, please stay safe and continue to look after yourselves and your nearest and dearest. I cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing and good hand hygiene in the battle to beat this virus.

Until next time, take care, Matron Donna.



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The R-Rate In Dorset

Please see below statement from Sam Crowe, Director of Public Health for Dorset and BCP Councils about the R rate in Dorset

Here is a video also to explain the data: <https://youtu.be/WqFwuOX4sgI>

Facts about data in Dorset

We are lucky that the number of cases of COVID-19 have been and still are a lot lower in Dorset than in other parts of the country. The government uses the R rate to set the alert level for the country, but the R rate is not accurate with low numbers like ours in Dorset.

Calculating the R rate is very complex and the numbers can be misleading giving either false reassurance or creating unnecessary concerns. Data released on June 5th is by region and so the figures relate to the whole of the South West, not just Dorset. It's not possible to calculate an accurate R rate at a very local level.

With such low figures, even a small change can make a disproportionately big difference. For example, the increase from 1,000 and 1,009 is less than 1%. But the difference between 10 and 19 is still only 9 cases, but is a 90% increase. We can't just use the R rate on its own.

We are working with other directors of public health across the South West region thinking about what the triggers for an area like Dorset would be.

We are developing outbreak management plans and we'll be thinking very carefully about what early signs would give us cause for concern. If we needed to introduce some restrictions in areas, we would be very clear with people about the reasons why and how we came to those decisions.

I'd like to reassure the public that we're doing everything we can, working with Dorset and BCP Councils and other partners to support residents and continue to deliver excellent services through the pandemic.

We would urge all our residents to continue to take responsibility, respect the restrictions around social distancing and practice good hygiene by regularly washing hands. This is the best way for everyone to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Alongside continuing effective social distancing and hand washing, the NHS Test and Trace service will be key for us to contain local cases and prevent a second peak in infections. If anyone has symptoms they must self-isolate immediately and book a test either online gov.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

Sam Crowe, Director of Public Health for Dorset and BCP Councils

Thank You To Dorset's Care Homes

Joint message of thanks to the care home and domiciliary care sector who have been working together in Dorset during COVID-19

A message of thanks is being made to Dorset's care homes, domiciliary and supported living teams from the range of organisations who have been working together during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A wide range of partners have been working jointly as part of a pan-Dorset social care group. Members of the group have included representatives of care homes, domiciliary care, supported living, the NHS, NHS Dorset CCG, BCP Council, and Dorset Council, Dorset Public Health, Dorset Civil Contingencies Unit and the Care Quality Commission.

The group has been collaborating on coordinating support for care homes and domiciliary care and supported living providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anna Knight, Registered Manager at Harbour House, Bridport and the Chair of the Dorset Care Homes Association said: "During these difficult and unprecedented times, I can honestly say that it has been an extremely positive and collaborative working/communication period between all of the organisations working so hard to keep our service users and staff safe and well.

"The care home, domiciliary and supported living sectors have worked more closely than ever before and have even been able to consider mutual aid between each other for now and the future."

Cllr Laura Miller, portfolio holder for adult social care and health at Dorset Council said: "We really appreciate everyone's efforts during these challenging times. I know many people working in care are tired, frightened and often lonely.

"The joint working has brought us all closer together and has really shown what positive outcomes we can achieve for the people we work with.

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Councillor Lesley Dedman, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, BCP Council, said: "It has been really impressive to see the ways in which adult social care providers have come together to address challenges and find joint solutions to those challenges in what are unprecedented times.

"Not only have social care leaders and staff provided wonderful and high-quality care for our residents but also care sector leaders have worked in close collaboration for the benefit of everyone who uses services and care sector staff. As Councils and the NHS we want to express our thanks to everyone working in the care sector at this time."

Vanessa Read, Director of Nursing and Quality, on behalf of NHS Dorset CCG, said: "We would like to thank everyone who has been working so well together during these challenging times.

"We would especially like to thank all of the staff working in the care sector for all that they are doing. Thank you."

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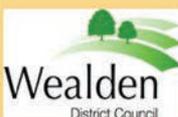
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