



# BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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## Neighbourhood Plan to Start

The area for the proposed neighbourhood plan has now been formally designated. The Town Council will work with Allington, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole and Symondsburry Parish Councils on a Plan that will cover all these areas. The Plan, once approved, will be a statutory document that will set out how local people would like their area developed.

The Plan itself will be produced by a Steering Group of local people and during the Summer there will be a lot of publicity and information to enable you to get involved.

If you would like more information, or to your register your interest, please contact the Town Council.

## Annual Grants 2014

The Town Council awards grants to local organisations that work for the benefit of the town. The grants are intended for charitable, voluntary or similar bodies and not for private organisations or individuals. A copy of the application form and criteria can be obtained from the Town Council's web site (address below) or by contacting the Town Council. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 5pm on 18 August 2014.

**Skate Park Improvements** Working with a steering group of young people and skate park users, the Town Council is to introduce new equipment in the skate park. This is the second stage of improvements to this facility, following re-surfacing last year.



Town Mayor, Councillor Maggie Ray, preparing to attend the Church Service on 1 June, to mark the 70th anniversary of the D Day Landings.

## Multi Use Games Arena

The Town Council, with funding from Sport England Inspired Facilities, has provided a new multi use games arena on land adjacent to Bridport Football Club at St Mary's Field. The project has been developed by the Town Council with the support of partners, including the Bridport Football Partnership, Bridport Football Club, St Mary's School and children's centre, local clubs, West Dorset District Council and the Youth Council.

The formal opening of this new facility will take place early in September.

## The Town Welcomes the Rifles Regiment

The Rifles Regiment is to return to Bridport town centre on Sunday 22 June, to conduct a full parade, starting in West Street at 11am, to mark its receipt of the Freedom of the town, which was given in 2011. The Regiment will be exercising its right to march through the town, with the Band and over a hundred troops on parade, as well as many local Army Cadets and Old Comrades. Local organisations will also be joining the Parade and taking part in the Civic Service at St Mary's Church.

## New Town Guide

Bridport and West Bay is to be promoted with a new Town Guide commissioned by the Town Council and produced by Kathy Dare and her associates at Kayenne Marketing, a local marketing firm.

Leader of the Town Council, Sarah Williams said: *"As well as featuring all the useful information on the facilities and services in the Town, the new Guide, which will be produced locally, will highlight all the great things to do in Bridport and West Bay. It will be good for locals and great for visitors!"*

There will be an opportunity for local businesses to advertise within the Guide but it will be limited. For anyone wishing to advertise in the new Town Guide for 2014/15, please contact Kathy Dare on 07866 423581.

## West Bay

The Town Council has undertaken improvement works in the Salt House, including providing new kitchen facilities. The Salt House is available for hire for events. For details and availability, please contact the Town Council. A booking form is also available on the Town Council web site.

West Dorset District Council has agreed additional funding to allow the work to go ahead to convert the former public toilets building on Fisherman's Green into a Water Sports Centre. This work will take place during the Summer. The Town Council will be taking ownership of this building, the Fisherman's Green and the Salt House (from the District Council).

It is hoped that this area of West Bay will become a real focus for community activity, with new community information boards already in place.

## Football Club Car Park

The Town Council has taken ownership of the car park from the District Council. With Section 106 funding from the District Council, landscaping works have been undertaken by the Town Council, creating up to 80 additional parking spaces.

The District Council will continue to manage the car park on behalf of the Town Council. The income from the car park will be divided between the Town Council and the Football Club. New signage is to be provided very soon, with information on the Car Park and the newly installed MUGA.

## Town Signage

The Town Council is working with representatives of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Bridport and District Tourism Association, Market Traders, BLAP, West Bay Forum and the Tourist Information Centre looking at visitor signage, particularly in car parks.

## Park and Ride

The Town Council, in partnership with West Dorset District Council, will once again over the summer, on market days, provide the West Bay/Bridport Park and Ride service.

## Town Council Appointments

At its Annual Council meeting, the Town Council agreed the memberships of its committees, sub committees and working groups for the new Council year and made the following appointments:

Councillor Maggie Ray - Town Mayor

Councillor Geoffrey Ackerman - Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor Sarah Williams - Leader of the Council

## Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Mountfield and the Town Hall. There is a Public Forum at the start of each meeting. Agendas for meetings are displayed on Council notice boards and published on the Council web site.

## Your Town Councillors

### South Ward

G.J. Ackerman	31, Crock Lane	458098
Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
E.T. Colfox	North End Farm, North Chideock	07768 646434
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
Ms G.E. Summers	31, Victoria Grove	421966
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
Ms A-M Vincent	9, Newfoundland, Bradpole	459308
K.G. Wallace	The George, 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street	459433

### North Ward

P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburly	07918 188497
Ms R.C. Kayes	4, Gore Terrace, Bradpole	07920 850167
P.J. Lathey	83, Orchard Crescent	456776
Ms G.E. Massey	The Retreat, 15 Rax Lane	423817
J.T. May	3, The Sidings, St. Andrews Road	07748 682810
C.O. Michell	8, The Buildings, Symondsburly	423833
C.M. Ray	11, Cordova Gardens	459095
Mrs M.J. Ray	11, Cordova Gardens	459095
Mrs E.A. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908

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