



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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New Bridge at Plottingham



The new bridge arrives !

The work to replace the bridge at Plottingham is now complete. The bridge provides an important link on to the playing fields and into the town. Bridport Town Council has for a number of years sought to maintain the bridge, as it is a well used route into town.

However, it needed to be replaced and the Town Council, with funding from Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council Section 106 contributions, co-ordinated the work to provide a new bridge.

The new bridge will now be adopted and maintained by Dorset County Council.

The Lengthsman Scheme

A new service, initiated within the Bridport Local Area Partnership, will be introduced later this year. The Bridport Area Lengthsman, supported by funding from Dorset County Council, Bridport Town Council and Symondsbury and Bothenhampton parish councils will see a locally employed person carrying out maintenance tasks identified by the community as important.

A Lengthsman was traditionally the person who maintained an area or length of road within the parish. This new post will enable minor but locally important tasks to be undertaken quickly and in line with the wishes of the community. This will include gully clearing, litter picking, hedge/verge cutting and other maintenance tasks identified by the parish or Town Council.

The Lengthsman will be employed by the Town Council and initially will be working in the Bridport, Symondsbury and Bothenhampton parish areas. Other local parish councils are also able to join the scheme.

West Bay Play Area



Play area under construction

The Town Council has been progressing work on the new play area at West Bay .

Huck Play, a subsidiary of local rope and net specialist company, Huck Nets, was chosen by the Town Council to build the play area, using local materials. The main structures are now being installed, and it is hoped the play area will open by the end of April.

The scheme was designed by young people who have been involved in the Summentor Mentoring Programme, supported by the Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust and the Town Council.

The play area has been designed to reflect its setting on the Jurassic Coast and the area's history of rope making. The purpose built design is based on a "ship" wrecked on the rocks and broken into three pieces, with robust climbing structures and swings.

The project is funded by Bridport Town Council, West Dorset District Council, the Dorset County Council's Playbuilder Programme (funded by the Government), Dorset County Council's Youth Capital Fund and the Bridport Charter Fair.

Community Justice Panels

The Town Council is working with West Dorset District Council, the police and Magna Housing looking at the feasibility of introducing community justice panels into Bridport. More information in the next Bulletin.

Bridport Market

Even though this has been one of the worst winters for some time, the overall attendance figures (number of stalls) on the market have remained good, particularly on a Saturday. The market is managed by the Town Council and provides an important income stream for the Town Council as well as attracting visitors into the town.



Re-usable bags for the Market

Bridport Town Council and the Bridport Chamber of Trade and Commerce have joined together to supply new re-usable bags promoting the market and local shops.

The bags, which cost £1, were launched in February and are available to buy from shops and market stalls in the town. They can also be purchased from the Town Council.

Allotments

In Bridport, there has been a continued growth, both in the interest in allotments and in the numbers being provided by Bridport Town Council. Currently there are 119 tenants.

Over the past year, a number of new allotments have been provided as part of the Bridport Community Orchard, including accessible allotments for people with disabilities. The Orchard site has been leased by West Dorset District Council to the Town Council, which manages the allotments, and an active community group manages the Orchard. Other potential sites are also being looked at in the town,

which it is hoped will become available over the next year.

Bridport Town Council continues to proactively manage its sites and works closely with the Bridport and District Allotments Society. Information on allotments is provided at events attended by the Town Council during the year, including the Bridport Food Festival. The Town Council will also be supporting two events to be run by the Allotments Society this Spring, with information for existing and prospective allotment holders. These sessions will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 17 and 24 April (10am -12.30pm). To register people need to contact Colin Sparkes beforehand on 01308 456479

More information on allotments is available from the Town Council's web site.

Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings held in Mountfield unless shown otherwise.

Plans Committee
12 April 2010 at 7.00pm

Town Council
20 April 2010 at 7.00pm
(Town Hall)

Plans Committee
10 May 2010 at 7.00pm

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4 May at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall. This is an opportunity for everyone in the town to hear about the work of the Town Council and also to raise any issues that you may wish to discuss. All electors in Bridport parish are welcome to attend.

Your Town Councillors

South Ward

G.J. Ackerman	31, Crock Lane.	458098
P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburry	07918 188497
K.A. Day	Delapre Lodge, St Andrews Road	425465
J.D. Hunt	8, Meadow Court, Folly Mill Lane	422719
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
K.G. Wallace	The George 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
C.D. Wild	Flat 3, Montrose, 91, Crock Lane	420808
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street.	459433

North Ward

Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
N.K. Cast	217, St Andrews Road	456861
Ms R.C. Kayes	Honeylands, Long Bredy	482276
P.J. Lathey	83 Orchard Crescent	456776
Ms F.K. McKenzie	204, Orchard Avenue	425068
M.P. Parsons	3, Sparacre Gardens	456697
C.M. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
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