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West Bay Play Area Opens



The Mayor and Mayoress open the new play area, alongside the young people involved in its design.

The new West Bay Play Area was opened as part of the Mayor's Civic Walkabout on 12 May 2010. The opening was attended by mayors and dignitaries from across the County and they were all very impressed with this new facility in West Bay. As part of the opening ceremony, the young people who had been involved in designing the play area were presented with certificates to recognise their work.

The play area is managed by the Town Council and was developed in partnership with the Summentor Mentoring Programme and Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust. It was funded by the Town Council, West Dorset District Council, the Dorset County Council's Playbuilder Programme, the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Fund and the Bridport Charter Fair.

Since its opening, the play area has been very well used and is proving to be very popular indeed.

Civic Walkabout

The Civic Walkabout on 12 May allowed the visiting mayors and chairmen to see a large number of projects in the town, including a number of Town Council supported initiatives. As well as the opening of the new play area, the day included a presentation from young people from Colfox School on the Rights Respecting project, and visits to the Bridport Local Area Skills Training project, the new housing scheme at Flaxhayes, St Michael's Studios, the Community Orchard and the Town Hall.

Community Justice Panels

The Town Council has been working with Bridport Police, Magna Housing, West Dorset District Council and the Dorset Mediation Service on a project to introduce community justice panels to the Bridport area. The agencies have formed a Steering Group which is aiming to introduce the panels this autumn.

Community Justice Panels will enable trained community volunteers to facilitate a process that will bring an offender together with their victim in a meeting, to see the harm that they have caused and to recognise the consequences of their behaviour. Both victim and offender then agree a course of action to allow the offender to make amends for their behaviour. The panels will initially deal with anti-social behaviour and low level criminal cases. The panels will meet in Mountfield in Bridport.

Where such panels have been tried elsewhere, they have greatly reduced the re-offending rate and helped to remove a considerable amount of anti-social behaviour and relatively low level crime from the criminal system. However, this is not a "soft option" and for the cases to be considered by a panel, the offender must accept their guilt and abide by the outcome of the panel meeting.

The police are already using similar restorative justice techniques in dealing with some juvenile crime and, through the Dorset Police Safe Schools & Communities Team, they will be providing training for the volunteer facilitators. To enable the Bridport community justice panels to start as a pilot, Dorset Police will also provide a co-ordinator for one year. It is hoped that once the pilot starts, funding can then be sought to enable the panels to be permanently established.

Anyone in the Bridport area who is interested in being trained as a facilitator, is asked to contact the Town Council.

Allotments

The Town Council is hoping to provide a number of new allotments over the next year. New sites are due to be provided at West Allington, on land to the rear of the medical centre, leased at a nominal rent from Amanda Streatfeild and on land at Priory Gardens, to be transferred at nil cost by CG Fry.

Bridport Lengthsman

It is hoped that the new Bridport Area Lengthsman will be starting in July. This new post will see a locally employed person carrying out maintenance tasks and undertaking minor works identified as important by the community. It will provide an enhanced service to Bridport and the surrounding areas, as parishes can also participate in the scheme.

Park And Ride

The Town Council, in partnership with West Dorset District Council, will once again be running the summer Park & Ride service from West Bay to Bridport.

The service will begin on July 17 and run (Wednesdays and Saturdays) to September 4. As in previous years, the route will be from the West Bay Road car park to outside Spar, East Street, running approximately every fifteen minutes, from 9.30 am to 2.45 pm. The cost will be £1.60, which covers the cost of four hours car parking and a return journey. Payment to be made at the Park and Ride ticket machine. The last journey back to West Bay, from outside Spar, will be at 3.00 pm. There is also a walk on fare of £1.00 return and bus passes are accepted.

Town Hall

The Architect has been appointed for the Town Hall Heritage project and work is now commencing on obtaining building control permissions and preparing the detailed design plans. This Heritage Lottery Fund backed project aims to restore this important building and make it fully accessible. The start date for the building works is likely to be

towards the end of the year, although this remains to be confirmed. There will be extensive publicity and information once the dates are confirmed. The intention will be to minimise any disruption to the public and local businesses during the work and also to ensure continued town centre toilet provision, when the existing town hall toilets are closed.

More information will also be available when the Town Hall is open as part of National Heritage Days/Dorset Architectural Heritage Week 8 - 16 September.

Grants

The Town Council's grants scheme is now open. Application forms can be obtained from the Town Council's offices or on the web site. The closing date for receipt of applications is 30 July.

Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings held in Mountfield at 7pm unless shown otherwise.

Town Council

22 June (Town Hall) and
21 September (Town Hall)

Finance & General Purposes Committee: 15 September

Environment & Social Wellbeing Committee:
1 September

Plans Committee:
5 July, 2 August and 6 September

Highways and Transportation Sub Committee
1 July (2.30pm)

Best Value & Scrutiny Sub Committee
7 September (11.00am)

Your Town Councillors

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