

2024

THE BRIDPORT DIARY

MAJOR EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRIDPORT



your local
market

VISIT BRIDPORT MARKET

Our **Weekly Wednesday and Saturday** markets take place in Bridport's three main streets throughout the year, from 8am until mid afternoon.

Bridport's large street market has a good selection of stalls selling food, clothing and hardware, flowers and plants, pictures and paintings, books and IT goods... and much more.

BRIDPORT
& WEST BAY
— Gateway to the Jurassic Coast —

April	
7	7th then Every Sunday: West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Road Car Park
24-28	From Page to Screen - Bridport's Film Festival
28	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate

May	
	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
04	Bridport Colour Day - Bridport Town Centre
06	Mayfest at Bridport Community Orchard
17-31	Love Your Local Market - Bridport Town Centre (to 1 June)
18	Bridport Community Charter Fair - Bucky Doo Square and Millennium Green
18/19	Jurassic Coast Ultra Challenge 2024 - Various routes to West Bay
25-31	Dorset Arts Weeks (to 9 June) - Various Locations
26	West Bay Pirates Day
26	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate

June	
	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
01	Bridport Colour Day - Bridport Town Centre
01	Love Your Local Market - Bridport Town Centre (from 17 May)
01-09	Dorset Arts Weeks (from 25 May) - Various Locations
5	D-Day Celebration: Talk on WW2 at Bridport Town Hall
6	D-Day Celebration: Proclamation at Bucky Doo Square
8,9	West Bay Vintage Rally, West Bay
9	Abbotsbury Open Gardens
10-23	Bridport Food Festival 2024 - Various Locations
15	Bridport Food & Beer Festival - Asker's Meadows
15-16	West Bay OMRA Race 10k Challenge
22	World Nettle Eating Competition - Dorset Nectar Cider Farm
30	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate
30	Bridport Town of Culture Concert with Wessex Military Band



BRIDSPORT!



Bridport is home to Bridport Football Club and Bridport Rugby Club.

For details on upcoming games and events visit their websites:

Bridport Football Club: www.bridportfc.co.uk

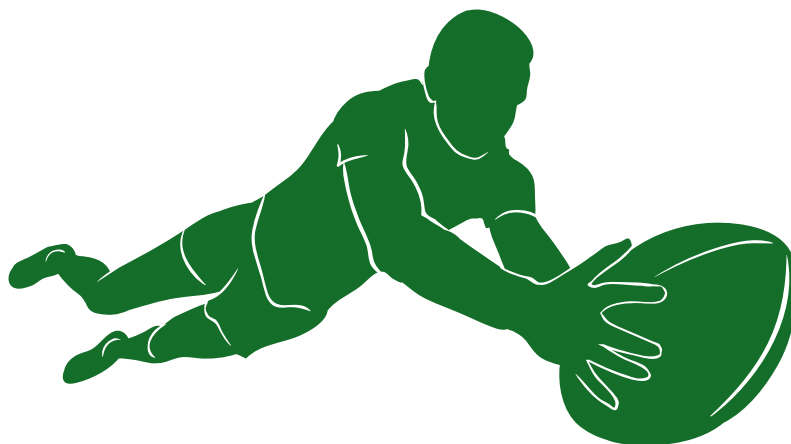
Bridport Rugby Club: www.bridportrugby.co.uk

Bridport also hosts weekly **bridge** nights, or how about a game of **snooker** at the West Dorset Club in South Street, where you will find two full size snooker tables and **pool** tables too.

Several pubs, including The Tiger, The White Lion and No. 10 Café Bar show **live sports** such as Rugby World Club and FA matches - these are advertised at the premises.

Or why not visit the **Rockburn Rock-climbing Centre**, St. Michael's Lane, hire a bicycle from **Bridport Cycles** or try **skate boarding** at our two skate board venues - one by the bus station and an indoor park at Gore Cross. There's also a wide selection of activities available at **Bridport Leisure Centre.**

Every Saturday at 9am, join **Bridport Parkrun** for a run or a leisurely walk. Check our What's On Guide for local walking, running and cycling clubs.





LIVE MUSIC IN TOWN

Bridport hosts several pubs which regularly host bands. There's a weekly **Open Mic Night** at The White Lion, and live music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at The Ropemakers as well as other nights each month. There's a monthly **Funk & Soul** night, a weekly **karaoke night, quiz nights** and lots more. You'll find folk music at The Woodman and other pubs too.

Bridport Electric Palace, Bridport Arts Centre and **Clocktower Records** regularly host live bands - tickets from Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

Check our monthly **What's On Guide** for all the latest news.

Pop along to Bucky Doo Square for live music! Performers include the **Bridport Big Band, Wessex Military Band** and many local performers including **Eve Appleton, Pete Buxton, Phoenix Youth Band, Silver Linings, The Skalatans** and many more.

Pick up a monthly programme from Bridport Tourist Information Centre!



July	
	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
06	Bridport Colour Day - Bridport Town Centre
12-14	Jurassic Fields 2024 - nr Broomhills Farm, Bridport
25	West Bay Raft Race
26-28	Bridport Folk Festival - Bucky Doo and other locations
27-31	Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week (To 2nd August)
28	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate

August	
	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
01-02	Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week (From 27 July)
03	Bridport Colour Day - Bridport Town Centre
04	West Bay Day
11-16	Burton Bradstock Music Festival - St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock
18	Bridport Carnival Torchlight Procession: Bridport to West Bay
22	Melplash Show - West Bay Field, West Bay Road
25	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate

September	
	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
07	Bridport Colour Day - Bridport Town Centre
07	Bridport Hat Festival - Bucky Doo Square, and Millennium Green
13	Harvest Show - Bridport and District Gardening Club
28,29	The Onion Johnnies from our Twin Town, St. Vaast Le Hauge. Bridport
29	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Field

October

	Every Sunday - West Bay Car Boot Sale - West Bay Car Park
TBC	Apple Juicing in Bridport Community Orchard
26	Bonfire by the Beach - West Bay
27	Bridport Vintage Market - St. Michael's Estate

November

03-09	The 20th Bridport Literary Festival - Various Locations
10	Remembrance Day Parade
16	Highlands End Makers Market - Highlands End, Eype

December

tbc	Christmas Tree Festival - Bridport United Church
tbc	Bridport Big Band Christmas Concert - Electric Palace
1	Wessex Military Band Christmas Concert - Electric Palace
1	West Bay Christmas Tree Event
4	Bridport Christmas Cheer - Bridport Town Centre
6-8	Symondsburys Christmas Market
8	Santa Visits Bridport - Bridport WI Hall
15	Bridport Christmas Market, WI Hall
26	The West Bay Wallow - Boxing Day Swim

EVEN MORE EVENTS

This diary should be read in conjunction with our monthly **What's On Guide**, where you will find dozens of other events such as Open Mic nights, pub quizzes, concerts, events at Bridport Arts Centre, Electric Palace and Marine Theatre Lyme Regis and much much more! Also updated at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/events



YOUR LOCAL BOX OFFICE



ELECTRIC PALACE

BRIDPORT
ARTSCENTRE

Bridport Tourist Information Centre is the box office for

Bridport Arts Centre

Bridport Electric Palace

Marine Theatre Lyme Regis

Bridport Literary Festival

Burton Bradstock Music Festival

and many other events.

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BRIDPORT
TOWN
COUNCIL



BRIDPORT
a Rights Respecting Town
*Striving for a fair, safe and
kind community*

SOMEWHERE TO STAY



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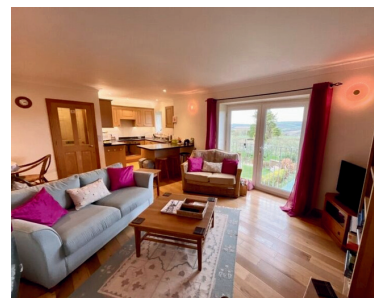


Strongate Cottage, Apartment and Orchard

If you are you looking to explore the amazing Jurassic coastline and Dorset countryside then Strongate Cottage, Apartment or Cabin are the perfect places to stay.
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Ammonite & Tiger Cottages are two cosy, Grade II listed rope workers cottages situated in the heart of Bridport.
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