



BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



I am very pleased to present Bridport Town Council's annual report for 2024-25. The report provides a summary of the projects delivered by the Town Council over the past year, followed by more detailed information on its operational services, organisation and accounts.

Councillor Anne Rickard, Town Mayor and Chairman 2024-25



2024-25—A Year of Change

The municipal year, which runs from May, saw major changes for the town and the council. At the start of the year we were just a month into changes that almost doubled the size of the council, and a change programme to adapt to these new arrangements was in the process of being delivered. Elections to the newly expanded council, also in May 2024, saw eleven new councillors elected and inducted onto the 20-seat council.

Whilst these changes necessarily meant resources were focused on the council's governance, a number of key projects were delivered, day-to-day services were maintained, and a full calendar of events was delivered.

During the year, we approved a new five-year council plan 2024-29, including a commitment to addressing the affordable housing crisis affecting Bridport.

Some of the councillors elected on 2 May 2025, at the election count in Weymouth. We thank these outgoing councillors for their service—Geoff Ackerman, Rose Allwork, Sandra Brown MBE, Karen Hunt, Barry Irvine, Maggie Ray, and Martin Ray.

Town Council Projects 2024-25

Some of the projects undertaken this year include:

Town Centre 20mph. In July 2024, our application to reduce the speed limit across the town centre to 20mph was implemented. The zone covers the main shopping streets, and side roads leading from them.

Bridport FC Car Park. A £100,000 grant from the government's Shared Prosperity Fund, and income raised from car park charges, we laid a permanent and marked surface on one of our two car parks, at Bridport Football Club. We aim to make this the main long stay car park for the town centre and to surface the remaining area when further funding can be obtained.

Bridport 24—Town of Culture. As Dorset's first 'Town of Culture', we delivered a six-month programme of cultural events and activities aimed at engaging new audiences in our longstanding reputation as 'Dorset's Eventful Town'. Some 8-10,000 people attended events and activities in the Bridport 24 programme, many of them new to the town's arts and culture offer.

Court Orchard Play Area. Working with a group of local residents, we refurbished Court Orchard Green, adding a completely new play area and landscaping.

D-Day 80 and VE Day 80. We delivered commemorative events as our civic contribution to marking these important anniversaries.

Skatepark. When the old skatepark at Plottingham Fields was found to be unsafe, we delivered a replacement in weeks to ensure this important facility wasn't lost for long. A project to refurbish Plottingham completely, including an Olympic-standard skatepark, remains an objective when the significant funding needed is available.

Town Centre Parking and Tree Bases. We worked with Dorset Council to introduce new, flexible parking arrangements on market days, so that areas not occupied by stalls on wet days can be used for parking. We also laid new rubber-mulch matting around town centre trees, to address unsightly weed growth.

Ward Clerks and Ward Meetings. As part of our new governance arrangements following the council's expansion, we introduced area-based meetings and other local engagement activities across the five new 'ward' areas of the council. Each of the areas has its own 'ward clerk', an officer responsible for overseeing the activities, engaging with ward residents, and delivering local improvements. Three of these—Amy, Jo, and Sandy—joined us from the former parish councils.

West Bay Discovery Centre. The Town Council took over responsibility for West Bay Discovery Centre—including its manager Macarena Styles and 40+ volunteers—in October 2024. This was the result of a long-planned arrangement with the previous operator, Bridport Area Development Trust.

Town Council Services 2024-25

Allotments: The Town Council has 209 allotment plots and at the current time there are 109 people in the parish on the waiting list. The Town Council works closely with the Bridport and District Allotments Society on all aspects of the management of the allotments.

Asker Meadows: The open space and adjoining the New Zealand site are overseen by a well-supported community group. In the last year the showground has been widely used, hosting the Food and Beer Festivals, the Circus, and Action Challenge. The meadows continue to be a location for tree planting and other biodiversity initiatives, part of the local response to the climate and ecological emergency.

Beach Wheelchair Scheme This scheme provides access to West Beach using dedicated beach matting, and three specialised wheelchairs that extend this access to other areas of the beach, and into the sea.

Borough Gardens: The Borough Gardens community group, supported by the Town Council, has met regularly on site, making continued improvements to the Gardens.

Bridport Football Club: The Town Council has the freehold ownership of this land and the Football Club has recently a 99-year lease. The proceeds from parking charges are split equally between the Football Club and Town Council. The multi-use games arena on the site is free to use during the day and continues to be very popular.

Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP): The Town Council continues to support BLAP and continues to meet the majority of the cost of administration, with smaller contributions from member parish councils. In the past year, BLAP has continued to work on projects, looking at homelessness and health & wellbeing. It has also worked with parish and town councils, considering issues of common interest, and future town and parish council engagement with Dorset Council.

Car Parking: The Town Council owns the public car parks at Plottingham and Bridport Football Club. The management of pay and display parking is undertaken by Dorset Council on our behalf. We also provide a limited number of parking permits at The Grove in Rax Lane. We have installed 'solar car ports' at Plottingham, to generate electricity for the local grid and for electric vehicle charging.

Cemetery: The Town Council manages Bridport Cemetery, which is such an important and highly regarded asset for the town.

Climate Emergency: The Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and published an action plan in the same year. Actions from the original plan have been delivered, including the Energy Champions initiative that aims to address fuel poverty and reduce the carbon footprint of local residents, solar car ports, and replacement windows at Mountfield. An updated action plan was published in 2023.

Civic and Ceremonial: The Town Council elects and supports the Town Mayor, who carries out civic roles on behalf of the town. In the last year the Mayor attended 76 engagements, and raised funds for Bridport Youth and Community Centre, Bridport Read-Easy, and Home-Start Wessex. The Mayor also publishes a regular 'blog'.

Communication: The Town Council provides monthly reports from all five of its wards, and a council-wide article, for The Bridge magazine each month. It also issues an annual report on its work. The Town Council hosts its own web site and a community web site, and the TIC has a wide social media presence. We also maintain a Town Council-specific Facebook page with over 2,500 followers. The Council, through the TIC, is able to take online bookings for events on its community web site. A weekly Town Council bulletin is issued to all town councillors. All of our formal council meetings are open to the public, and town councillors and the Town Clerk regularly attend meetings of other organisations and groups to provide updates on our work. In 2023 we introduced new 'meet the council' outdoor events around the town, giving people an opportunity to chat informally with councillors and officers. In 2024 we introduced regular ward meetings and other ward-based engagement activities.

Community Transport: The Town Council's round-Bridport bus replaces one cut by the former Dorset County Council, and provides access to the town centre for residents of Bridport and three of the surrounding parishes. The service is currently operated on our behalf by Dorset Community Transport.

Consultation: The Town Council responds to important public consultations affecting Bridport, such as those issued by central government or Dorset Council. We also consult on all of our own major strategies, policies, and plans.

Town Council Services 2024-25

Democracy - Working with Young People: The Town Council continues to support the Bridport Youth and Community Centre, and engages local schools in the Rights Respecting project, led by the Town Council. In 2024/25, the Mayor adopted the Youth & Community Centre as one of her chosen charities for fundraising, and we focused part of the Town of Culture initiative on engaging young people in the town's arts and cultural offer.

Events: Bridport's wonderful calendar of community events continued in 2024-25. The Town Council provides essential logistical and other support to the Food Festival, Beer Festival, Jurassic Fields, Folk Festival, Carnival, Torchlight Procession, Hat Festival and Christmas Cheer, and during the year delivered events in support of D-Day 80 and VE Day 80.

We also provide the Community Charter Fair, street music in Bucky Doo Square, and the Remembrance Sunday Parade in November, and we support a host of smaller events throughout the year. The Town Council provides flags and bunting for the town centre in summer, puts up Christmas lights and erects promotional banners on town centre lamp posts and elsewhere.

In 2024-25 we oversaw the programme of events for the town's terms as Dorset's first 'Town of Culture'. Among the highlights was the George Biles exhibition, which celebrated the work of the eponymous local signwriter and artist.

Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee: This committee's main business this year has been the ongoing delivery of its Climate Emergency Action Plan, Bridport 24—Town of Culture, community resilience, the development of a new community bus service, and management plans for council-owned land. It has also provided continued support for tree planting and other biodiversity enhancements, river monitoring, and food security, and has maintained the Bridport Sculpture Trail, and the Greta Berlin sculpture collection. The committee has been at the forefront of the Council's work on beach matting, beach wheelchairs, and the cost-of-living crisis.

External Funding: We routinely seek external grant funding to assist with projects. During 2023-24, the Town Council secured external funding for a range of projects including £100,000 for improvements at Bridport FC Car Park, grants totalling £25,000 for a new community bus service, and £15,000 match funding for the Town of Culture initiative.

Finances: The Best Value and Scrutiny Sub-Committee received reports during the year on all aspects of the financial management of the Town Council, including reports from the Council's Internal Auditor. Town councillors received regular budget monitoring reports and the Town Council's Budget Working Group looked in detail at the budget. The Town Council agreed its budget for 2024-25, taking into account a number of factors including the incorporation of the work of three adjoining parish councils that now form part of our area, and proposed projects. The Council's Internal Auditors make three visits during the year and it was pleasing that there were no issues reported, either as part of the internal or external audits. The Auditors also work with the Council to update an annual Corporate Risk Assessment, which is reported to members. The Town Council has also agreed a capital budget to support the delivery of projects in the next 3 years, and a medium term financial plan.

Foundry Lea Working Group: This working group brings together local councils and other stakeholders, with the developers of Foundry Lea, with the aim of achieving the best possible development for the area. In 2024-25 we liaised on the initiation of housing element of the development, including the Miles Cross junction and construction traffic management. We also continued our discussion with the developers on issues of local concern such as tree felling and flooding.

Governance: The Town Council has a series of policies that regulate its proceedings, including a Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders etc. It also has a number of other key documents that it reviews each year, including its Asset Register, Risk Management Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Investment Strategy.

Grants: The Town Council agreed to continue funding (supported by a service level agreement) for the Leisure Centre, Citizens' Advice, Bridport Area Development Trust (for the LSi and West Bay Discovery Centre), Bridport Museum, Bridport Arts Centre, 2020 Skate & Ride, the Lyric Theatre, and Bridport Youth and Community Centre. We also agreed new funding support for Precision Football Arena and Jurassic Amateur Boxing Club, and provided one-off funding for community groups to support the delivery of projects – through our community and car boot sale grant schemes. In total, the Town Council awarded over £80,000 in grant funding in 2024-25.

Town Council Services 2024-25

Highway Verge Maintenance: The Town Council continued to maintain the highway verges, as part of a Service Level Agreement with Dorset Council. The Town Council receives a grant from Dorset Council to assist with the work, and has adapted the cutting regime to promote biodiversity. In 2024 we added new responsibilities arising from the expansion of the council boundary.

Lengthsman: The Lengthsman scheme's work includes gully clearing, repairing notice boards, removing fly posting, grass cutting, weeding, repairing benches, and similar tasks. We also undertake some additional 'one-off' work for other organisations through the scheme. This work sits alongside our wider grounds and verge maintenance responsibilities.

Markets: The Town Council manages the street market, a major tourist draw and an important local facility. In 2024-25 we saw a continuation of good attendance by stallholders, and other speciality markets have continued in West Bay and elsewhere. We also manage the West Bay Car Boot Sale.

Market & Business Liaison Working Group: This working group includes representatives from the Bridport & District Tourism Association, Bridport Business Chamber, other business organisations, market traders and the Bridport Local Area Partnership. The working group considers reports on the tourism, markets, and town events, and co-ordinates town publicity and promotion.

Mountfield/Millennium Green: The Town Council continues to work with the Millennium Green Trust on the delivery of its management plan for the area, and general grounds maintenance. The gardens at Mountfield continue to be popular as a venue for community events during the year, including the Community Charter Fair, theatrical productions, and even a circus.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Town Council worked with Allington, Bothenhampton & Walditch, Bradpole and Symondsburry Parish Councils to develop the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. Since April 2024 the changes to council boundaries mean that the area is now just two parishes—Bridport and Symondsburry. The delivery of the Plan is overseen by a Joint Committee of participating councils, supported by a Project Manager. The Plan forms part of the statutory planning framework.

Priory Lane - Community Orchard: We provide support to the Bridport Community Orchard Group which manages the Orchard site and hosts a number of popular events during the year, including the Apple Day and Wassailing events. The Orchard Group also manages the land at the top of Park Road, known as Jubilee Green. The sites are managed in partnership with the Council.

Partnership Working: The Town Council continues to work with a large number of partners, including local community groups, Bridport Local Area Partnership, the Police, Bridport Business Chamber and other business groups, Bridport Area Community Housing, Bridport Food Matters, Tourism Association, Dorset Council, Magna Housing, the Western Area Transport Advisory Group, and other local councils. During 2024-25 we continued to work closely with the business community on the Bridport Investment Plan and associated projects. The Town Council appoints representatives to over 30 local and regional bodies, and officers also attend networking meetings, including the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC), Society of Local Council Clerks etc.

Planning: The Town Council is a consultee for planning applications. Over the past year, 206 applications were reported to its Planning Committee and comments passed to Dorset Council. The committee also responds to relevant planning policy consultations on behalf of the council, and lobbies for change. From April 2024, the committee's work expanded to incorporate applications from the newly extended parish boundary. Committee members may also speak at meetings of Dorset Council's Planning Committee, when significant Bridport items are considered.

Play Areas: The Town Council maintains a number of play areas, including the award-winning and fully accessible West Bay Play Area. The Town Council has a programme of improvements that saw new equipment installed at Court Orchard Green in 2024-25. We also delivered a replacement skate park at Plottingham Fields.

Riverside Gardens: The Town Council owns and maintains the Gardens in accordance with a management plan developed in consultation with the community. The gardens are home to a prestigious collection of sculptures to the gardens, gifted to the town by artist Greta Berlin, and a tree nursery.

Salt House: This community hall in West Bay continues to provide a popular venue for local events, meetings, exhibitions, and activities. In 2024-25, Weldmar Hospice Care used the building as a base for its 'Stampede by the Sea' fundraising elephant sculpture trail.

Sitting Out: We administer sitting out licences in Bridport, with over 30 establishments now licensed to serve refreshments in support of a café culture.

Staff: The Town Council has 27 members of staff, who support the delivery of our services and are listed overleaf.

Town Council Services 2024-2025

Tourist Information Centre: The Town Council runs Bridport TIC, having taken it over from the then District Council in 2017. As well as providing a huge range of information and services to visitors and residents, the TIC provides Box Office services to local organisations, and manages the Town Hall, Bucky Doo Square, the Bridport and West Bay web site, the Mayor's Secretarial function, and the production of the Town Guide. The TIC is very popular and visitor numbers remain very high.

Town Council Five-Year Plan: The plan provides a framework for the development of the Town Council's policies, schemes and budgets. A new plan for the period 2024-29 was published in January 2025.

Town Hall: The Town Hall is usually open to the public six days a week and bookings are taken through the Tourist Information Centre. Bookings remained strong in 2024-25.

Weather: The Town Council is part of the county Emergency Planning arrangements, playing its part in responding to severe weather events such as flooding or snowfall. In addition, the Town Council provides and fills a number of grit bins around the town. In 2024-25 our team of volunteer Flood Wardens, along with the Council's grounds team, were the first line of the community response to flooding.

West Bay: The Salt House is owned by the Town Council and made available for public use. The neighbouring Water Sports Centre is used by the Canoe Club and the Gig Club. The Council continues to support the West Bay Forum and we also work closely with the Harbour Master. We provide free public WiFi across the centre of West Bay, and manage the land either side of the cycle/foot path on the Old Railway Line, West Bay Play Area, Fisherman's Green, and Harbour Green including the 'welcome hub' seating area.

West Bay Discovery Centre: The Council took on the management of the Discovery Centre, including its manager and 40+ volunteers, in October 2024.

West Bay Car Boot Sale: The Council runs the weekly car boot sale on Sundays from Easter to October. Income from pitch fees is distributed in the form of grants to community groups.

Youth and Community Centre: The Town Council continues to provide funding for the running costs of the Centre and also to support the provision of a Youth Club. The Centre continues to be very well used, and now hosts five different youth clubs.



Report of the Town Mayor

I was pleased to have been elected to the council again at last year's election, and when asked to take on the role of Mayor, being one of the 'old guard', having the experience of being a councillor and also of having been Mayor once before, under the circumstances it felt appropriate and I was very grateful to my co-councillors for putting their confidence in me.

However, I wouldn't have taken it on but for the assurance that I would have my husband as my trusty Consort by my side and he has proved to be so much more than that – he is my support, historian, driver, and sat-nav (and slave). Thank you, Dave – couldn't do it without you.

My year as Mayor has been very busy and so rewarding – a true privilege and pleasure. Over the year I have had the opportunity to visit so many other towns and local organisations - every one of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. We learn from them, and they learn from us.

If you follow the Mayor's Blog on our website, you will know what I've been up to over the past year so. However, I will mention our own Civic Day which was the highlight for me.

This was ably organised by the team, and we showed our guests some of the things we have 'saved' or maintained where they have been lost in some other towns – e.g. the Tourist Information Centre, our Youth Centre, the Discovery Centre, and whilst we were in West Bay, we also showed some examples of how we are embracing our Rights Respecting status (still the only town in the country!) by installing safe beach to sea access for the disabled and our "Changing Places" toilets for disabled residents and visitors.

Bridport gets and deserves the acclaim it gets for 'showing the way' and being somewhat inspirational – it's lovely to hear, and I recognise it is the time, effort and love of the town that our residents, and our entire BTC team give, who all deserve the highest praise for making and keeping Bridport special.



Cllr Anne Rickard, Mayor of Bridport 2024-25

Report of the Leader of the Council

Here at Bridport Town Council we are undergoing a period of change. The Community Governance review created a single Council amalgamating the parishes of Allington, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole, and Bridport, to give us the Bridport Town Council we know today. Whilst there have been some minor teething problems it is fair to say the transition to a single council has been carried out extremely smoothly.

The departure of three senior members of staff, Finance & Office Manager Paul Fuszard, Project Manager David Dixon, and Town Clerk Will Austin sees an additional level of change.

As a newly elected Council our first tasks were to produce a Five Year Plan and a budget. After considerable deliberation we achieved both and now have an ambitious plan to set about delivering and some of the budget identified in order to enable us to do so.

Affordable and Social housing for local people, has been identified as our number one priority. This Council unanimously agreed a motion to do all we can to encourage and work with external agencies including Dorset Council to deliver on this. To that end we have set up a cross party Working Group to carry out this work and I look forward to reporting on progress towards achieving our shared housing goal over the coming years.

Going forward we need to be brave enough to stand up for all that is good, approach changes and opportunities with an open mind, and reject and dispense with all that is misleading and bad.



Cllr Ian Bark, Leader of the Council 2024-25



Bridport FC Car Park, surfaced and lined



New skate park at Plottingham



Opening of the George Biles Exhibition, part of the Town of Culture programme

Bridport Town Council

The Town Council, as a democratically elected body, works in partnership with other agencies and community bodies to represent and promote the town, ensure the delivery of high quality services in response to local needs and improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of its area.

The Town Council offices are located at:

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The Mountfield offices are open:

Mon-Thurs, 9.00am to 5.00pm
Friday, 9.00am to 4.30pm

The Tourist Information Centre is open:

Monday to Saturday,
April to Oct, 9am - 5pm
Nov to Mar, 10am - 3pm

Staff:

Town Clerk: Will Austin
Town Surveyor: Daryl Chambers
Finance & Office Manager: Lisa Pinch
Project Manager: Caroline Pearce
Ward Clerks: Sandy Goldsmith, Jo Hughes, and Amy Stephenson
Property Manager: Claire Peters-Way
Clerical Officer: Steven Yarde
Tourism, Markets and Events Manager: Terri Foxwell
TIC Assistant Manager: Becky Jones
TIC Assistants: Jill Beed, Gracie Jones, Charlotte Hicks, Grace Mynard, and Billy Shearer
West Bay Discovery Centre Manager: Macarena Styles
Works Manager: Ed Wootton
Grounds Supervisor: Sean Coombs
Grounds team: George Foster-Grellis, Jake Brook, Tim Smith, and Pete Ward
Market Superintendent: Ken Hussey
Cemetery Superintendent: Paul Violet
Town Hall Caretaker: Darryl Hills
Mountfield Cleaner: Clare Violet
East St Car Park Toilets Cleaner: Lisa Craig

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How the Council Works

The Council comprises 20 councillors - split across five wards.

All Councillors meet as the full Council to take the major decisions and oversee all activities of the Town Council. The Council appoints three main committees - Planning, Finance & General Purposes and Environment & Social Wellbeing. These are supported by a number of sub-committees, ward meetings, and working groups. Councillors are also appointed to serve on local outside organisations.

The full Town Council meets six times a year at 7.00 pm on a Tuesday. The Planning Committee meets monthly on Mondays. The Finance and General Purposes and Environment and Social Wellbeing committees meet four or five times a year. The Council's Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee meets quarterly. Agendas are normally issued a week before the meetings and are posted on public notice boards and on the Council's website.

The press and public are welcome to attend all ward, committee, sub-committee and full Council meetings and the public may put questions or make statements on any matter on the agenda, in public forums at the beginning of all of these meetings. The minutes are published on our website and can also be viewed at the library or at our Mountfield office. The calendar of meetings for the year is on the Town Council's website (www.bridport-tc.gov.uk) and on noticeboards. Please contact the Town Council for any additional information regarding Council meetings.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2024/2025
CURRENT ASSETS		
Payments in advance	18,380	
Debtors	59,207	
Stock	17,541	
Money Market Deposits	17,172	
Cash at Bank	550,853	
TOTAL ASSETS		663,153
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	107,664	
NET ASSETS		555,489
REPRESENTED BY:		
General reserve as at 1 April 2024	289,887	
Funds introduced - Allington PC	701	
Funds introduced - Bradpole PC	4,992	
Funds introduced - B&WPC	45,105	
Stock introduced - West Bay Discovery Centre	7,765	
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	0	
Net surplus / deficit for the year	-61,387	
General reserve as at 31 March 2025		287,063
Earmarked reserve as at 1 April 2024	276,295	
West Bay Discovery Centre	80,370	
Contribution to reserves	36,120	
Earmarked funds released	-129,594	
Transfer to General Reserves	0	
Earmarked reserve as at 31 March 2025		263,191
Capital reserve as at 1 April 2024	5,235	
Receipts during the year	0	
Payments during the year	0	
Capital reserve as at 31 March 2025		5,235
TOTAL RESERVES		555,489

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2024/2025
INCOME		
Precept		1,032,114
Interest and investments		29,658
Allotments		6,818
Cemetery		26,217
Sitting Out Licences		5,250
Market		93,218
Amenity Areas and Playing Fields		53,915
Mountfield		59,706
The Grove		41,695
W.I. Hall		12,133
Salt House		11,605
Town Hall		20,912
Tourist Information Centre		281,034
West Bay Discovery Centre		6,764
Parish Clustering		1,360
Events		6,900
Town Plan Projects		145,694
West Bay Car Boot		6,366
Salary Contributions		956
Community Infrastructure Levy		21,120
		1,863,435
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	439,134	
Office Expenses	31,840	
Mountfield	42,928	
The Grove	76,303	
W.I. Hall	12,728	
Salt House	5,389	
Town Hall	16,532	
Tourist Information Centre	466,628	
West Bay Discovery Centre	7,458	
Cemetery	23,449	
Civic	6,996	
Members' Allowances	12,512	
Market	12,614	
Amenity Areas and Playing Fields	425,999	
Grants and Donations	94,099	
Community Bus	1,187	
CCTV	0	
Town Plan Projects	203,955	
Other Services	45,071	
		1,924,822
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		-61,387

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of Bridport Town Council as at 31 March 2024 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.



Community Grant and West Bay Car Boot Sale Grant Recipients 2024-25

Recipient	Award
Age UK North, South & West Dorset	£500
ASCape (x2)	£1,000
B Sharp	£500
Bridport Boys Dance	£350
Bridport Dance Festival	£300
Bridport Food Matters	£500
Bridport Literary Festival	£500
Bridport Millennium Green Trust (x2)	£900
Bridport Stage Company	£500
Bridport Youth Dance	£500
Bridport Youth Dance (x3)	£1,500
Emerald Ant CIC	£500
Equintervention	£500
Friends of the Lyric CIC	£400
Home-Start Wessex	£950
Loders Youth Club	£250
Ripple Workshop	£500
St. Catherine's Pre School	£250
The Bank of Dreams & Nightmares	£500
The Cowshed	£250
The Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group (x2)	£1,000
Thriving Wild CIC	£500
West Bay Community Forum	£100

Service Level Agreement-Supported Funding 2024-25

Recipient	Award
2020 Skate & Ride	£5,000
Bridport Arts Centre	£7,500
Bridport Citizens Advice	£10,000
Bridport Leisure Centre	£5,000
Bridport Museum	£7,500
Bridport Youth & Community Centre	£15,000
Coopers Wood & Field Community Group	£600
Friends of the Lyric Theatre CIC	£5,000
Literary & Scientific Institute (Bridport Area Development Trust)	£6,250
Precision Football Arena	£3,000
Pymore Village Management Company	£600



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