

SWANAGE AREA FORUM NEWSLETTER

Community News from Swanage and the Surrounding Villages



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Hello everyone. Welcome to this Summer (July & August) edition of The Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum Newsletter. When reading through this edition you cannot fail to notice two dominant, yet contrasting, themes that recur. The first theme reflects the Summer season we are coming into, with the volume and variety of joyful events on offer to residents and visitors alike. The second one reflects the painful economic period we are all going to have to deal with this autumn: it shows the increasing number of voluntary groups who are preparing varied initiatives to assist many folk in our communities, particularly the vulnerable, - of all ages - for it will be they who will probably suffer the most from the ravages of spiralling inflation. A contrast of themes indeed.

Finally, please pass on this newsletter to your friends and colleagues so that as many local people as possible are kept up to date with what will be going on in Purbeck during these coming months.

Mel Norris

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Swanage & Purbeck
Development Trust

We've had a very busy few months:

THE GREENGAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT is going from strength to strength. It has been transformed, with all the beds being tidied and edged with wood. Our raised beds are full of flowers or veg which always grow well at Greengage. We now have a pond, thanks to Rob and Pete, which already has newts, a wildflower garden, a herb bed and a greenhouse full of tomatoes and more!

We still try and maintain areas for wildlife leaving sections uncut for slow worms, frogs and small mammals and we use no weedkiller or pesticide at all. We try and sustain this balance between tidiness, order and the natural - and there is always the discussion about what we should leave and what we should trim... This is very much the case on Prospect Green where we feel a good compromise has been achieved.

GREENGAGE



Inside the Greenhouse

The greenhouse is where almost all our plants are grown and excess is made available outside the greenhouse and is increasingly popular with allotment holders and passers by.

The removal of the enormous leylandii trees is perhaps one of the most significant changes we have made, because they were dominating the plot. Our plan is to replace them with a native hedge in the autumn with shrubs and native trees.

We have also just started as a hub for donations of fresh produce to the **Herston Village Hall Community Pantry** and **Swanage Food Bank** and we hope that this will be an opportunity for those who have much to donate for those who have little.

We were delighted to have a stall at the **Swanage Hospital Summer Fete** and we have also again prepared the hanging baskets and containers for the hospital. We were invited to the recent **National Open Garden at Whitecliffe Manor Farm** where we had a plant stall and a lovely 2 days.

None of this would have been possible without our fantastic team of volunteers who really are special. We are all different with different skills but work together very well to develop Greengage.



Valuable cleared space after Leylandii removed

Please come and see us and perhaps see whether you'd like to join us - but just come and see us anyway! Our project day is Friday but there is normally someone there most afternoons and the kettle is almost always on and we normally have biscuits!

We would again like to register our grateful thanks to Swanage Rotary Club, Swanage Town Council, and the De Moulham Trust for their valued and continuing support and the Co-op for the donation from their community fund as one of their chosen causes. We couldn't do it without you all.

For the time being weeding, sowing, potting on, pricking out and harvesting will keep us all busy - *Phew!*

We'll talk again in September...

Bob Walters, Greengage



Swanage Hospital Summer Fete: in glorious sunshine, Bob and volunteers at the Greengage stall, chatting to customers - of which there were many!



July Update from the Chair of Wareham Hospital Friends

The Friends of Wareham Hospital have now had it confirmed by the Acting Chief Executive of Dorset Healthcare that the proposed and promised Integrated Hub on the old Middle School site will not be built, but Wareham Hospital will be maintained with the intention of extending further the range of services offered from the building and within the Purbeck Community.

Our role as Friends is now much clearer and we can continue to try to increase the profile of Wareham Hospital and its staff hoping that the Trust will now keep its promise and invest in the hospital and as importantly in local community services. There are already plans to renovate some clinical areas and as Friends we will wish to support this work as best we can with the purchase of new equipment when needed. We have also been told that the Vaccination Centre will be maintained at the hospital for the near future.

We are holding a **Garden Party in the hospital grounds on Saturday 2nd July 2022 from 2-4** when we aim to celebrate the NHS in Purbeck over the last 74 years with tea and cakes, scones, jam and cream. We will have a raffle, bric a brac, books and cakes for sale with a musical interlude from our committee member Di. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the main

reception from 20th June and will be drawn at the Garden party.

We are now seeking volunteers to help in the garden to give the hospital grounds some extra TLC (tender loving care) so we can all enjoy the lovely area even more. Please do contact us or the hospital team if you have some spare time and can help.

The Friends can be contacted through Wareham Hospital, Streche Rd. Wareham. 01929 422433 or by email friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy Friends Chair

Charity Number 252073

*Celebrating 74 years
of the NHS in Purbeck
Garden Party
Wareham Hospital Grounds
2nd July from 2pm-4pm*

*Please join us to support
Wareham Hospital and
Purbeck Community Services*

Charity No 252073

Who Are We?

We are a group of local people in our local Communities who experience depression or anxiety. We are not experts, but we know how it feels. For many people, this is still a very stressful time. And for many of us, we feel we still cannot safely meet face-to-face at the moment, but that may change ...

We find that a problem shared is a problem halved.

To find out more please contact us - with confidence

To get in touch please contact Nick at nickviney@hotmail.com or phone **01929 439121**, or Mary at mary.ann.bevis955@gmail.com or phone her on **01929 426896**

REMEMBER: THERE'S LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Swanage & Wareham
Depression Support Group



Message from the new Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster

On the 23rd May I had the great honour of being elected Mayor of Swanage having served as a Town Councillor for 3 years and Deputy Mayor for the last year. It was a privilege to be working alongside Avril Harris and I thank her for her wisdom and friendship.

My Deputy for the coming year is Councillor Chris Moreton, so I hope we can be a good team to assist the work of the Town Council and its staff. We are lucky to have such a dedicated band of Councillors who always consider the best interests of the town and its residents as priority.

I was very much thrown in at the deep end with many events taking place for the first time since the Covid lockdown and, of course, the Jubilee. What a wonderful weekend and such a showcase for Swanage. The Jubilee organising group led by Linda Walsh was amazing and perhaps could make a better job of running the country!

While walking around the town with my 'Mayoress', (although he prefers the title, Mayor's Consort) we were stopped frequently and given praise for the town, its beach, greenspaces, decorations and mostly the friendly atmosphere. No better accolade for us all. Smiles, thank yous and even a few requests for selfies, made us proud to represent Swanage. Even being captured by the Pirates on Sandpit Field on the Saturday was a mark of respect, although slightly intimidating!

So far, I have been present in my mayoral capacity at the launch of the Jazz Festival, the opening of the new – very orange – water dispenser on the seafront, the Jubilee Evensong in St Mary's Church and handing out the cups and medals at the Rowing Regatta.

The big event at Durlston Castle was the Lighting of the Beacon which was an important ceremony organised by Dorset Council and attended by its Chair and the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset. Making my speech after these dignitaries was daunting, but to see so many Swanage residents support the event was gratifying. Thank you to all those who attended and gave the three cheers for her Majesty.

I hope throughout the upcoming busy summer we can continue to enjoy our town and make everyone smile. Please stop me as I walk about the town, as I want to hear your opinions on your Council and how we can make Swanage the best it can be.

Cllr Tina Foster



The Mayor of Swanage, Cllr Tina Foster and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Chris Moreton



'Artisans at the Market' is held on the first Friday of every month from 1st April to 7th October from 8.00 a.m. until approximately 1.00 p.m. in Main Beach Carpark in Victoria Avenue, Swanage

Come along and browse the wonderful selection of lovingly crafted items on sale including jewellery, ceramics and furniture

Swanage Food Bank



Looking Back – and Forward

As I prepared a brief annual report for a coming AGM for Swanage Churches Together, it was a useful reminder of what a year of increase it has been for Swanage Food Bank:

- our costs for fresh and other food items and fuel charges have almost doubled
- our number of clients has risen considerably to 1,441 adults and children (which works out to 30,261 meals).

Fortunately, we have sufficient financial reserves to meet the growing demands for the time being, although we are having to revert to Agency referrals

only (not self-referrals) for energy top-ups of up to £40.

We have continued to receive generous help from the community, for which we are really grateful, and this week is the first to be supplied with fresh produce from the **Swanage Greengage Community Allotment Project**, which was wonderful.

Food shortages are inevitable, and at present we are struggling to keep stocks of instant coffee, sugar, fruit drinks, tinned fruit – and baked beans and soup (what happened to our mountains of them?).

Our hard-working Team has now been awarded a Certificate from Dorset Council as 'Community Heroes' for its voluntary work especially during the pandemic lockdowns.

There will be a fruit tree-planting later in the summer to honour all the voluntary support given then, so in time SFB may well be picking fruit for its clients!

Until next time ...

Pauline Werba, Chair SFB

SWANAGE TOWN BAND - SEE YOU AT THE BANDSTAND!

Do join the Swanage Town Band for their remaining summer 2022 concerts in the bandstand. The concerts last for about one hour and you will be rewarded by a toe-tapping selection of popular musical treats for all ages! Their varied repertoire includes a selection of tunes from the Beatles to Bernstein with a bit of Broadway and Movie magic thrown in for good measure. This year the Band has chosen to support the Swanage Food Bank with their bandstand collections.

The Band has over 40 players of all ages and has grown from a small group of 8 musicians brought together by Eric Gosney and Eddie Wright in 1995. At the moment they are rehearsing in the Swanage Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings and a warm welcome awaits any new players.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Dave Cook on 01929 422909.

For all other enquiries, please phone Liz Roberts on 01929 481419.

SWANAGE TOWN BAND PLAYING IN THE BANDSTAND SUMMER 2022 WEATHER PERMITTING

Wednesday 6th	July	7.00 pm
Saturday 16 th	July	2.30 pm
Wednesday 10 th	August	7.00 pm
Saturday 20 th	August	2.30 pm



FRIENDS OF SWANAGE HOSPITAL

<https://www.friendsofswanagehospital.org.uk/>

Fond Farewell to Jan Turnbull, Retiring Chair

Our May committee meeting saw us say “Goodbye” to Jan Turnbull who has been the Committee Chair of Friends of Swanage Hospital (formerly League of Friends) for over 23 years, during which time she has worked steadfastly, both behind the scenes as well as leading community campaigns, to ensure that Swanage Hospital continues to deliver a range of services for our local community and never forgetting the contribution of the hospital staff to the success of the hospital.

Having been Matron at the hospital in the early 2000’s I am very privileged – although slightly daunted - to have been asked to follow on from Jan as Chair of the Friends of Swanage Hospital, to take forward the Committee in working with Dorset HealthCare University Foundation Trust (DHUFT). As we all become used to “living with Covid” we must ensure that we enable the hospital to start to return to offering a variety of services to support our local community.

We were delighted to be able to hold our Summer Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 11th June and thank all of those who braved the walk up the hill to support us. Despite two gazebos being blown inside out whist we were setting up in the morning - luckily with no one injured! - the sun shone for the afternoon enabling all to enjoy browsing the stalls as well as enjoy the magnificent afternoon tea in the garden, which thanks to our volunteer gardener Dave was absolutely stunning. A total of £1,614 was raised, thanks to your generosity, which will be spent on improving services for the community as well as supporting our hospital staff.

Deirdre Selwyn Chair, Friends of Swanage



Jan Turnbull (right) retiring Chair after 23 years, with Deirdre Selwyn the new Chair



Photo courtesy of Bob Walters, Greengage: Some of the visitors to our Summer Tea Party at the Hospital



Very Important Date for your Diary!

The Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust is delighted to announce that the life-sized statue of Trevor Chadwick, The Purbeck Schindler, brilliantly created by local Sculptress, Moira Purver, will be unveiled on the Monday Bank Holiday, 29th August at 3pm.

The adjoining children's play park close to the Bandstand, has recently been completely revamped and named 'The Trevor Chadwick Playground'.

Fundraising has proved rather difficult, not only because of lockdown, but the financial pressures many of us face today. However, we are nearly there. We are about £10,000 short of the total required of £80,000. Two events have been planned, for which we are very grateful.

Royal British Legion Quiz Night 14th July

We are delighted to announce that The Royal British Legion has generously offered to sponsor a Quiz Night on Thursday 14th July in aid of raising additional funds for our project, for which we are very grateful.

Summer Gala Concert at The Bandstand 16th July

A Gala Summer Concert will be held at the Bandstand on the recreation ground on Saturday 16th July. A similar event was held last year which was highly successful and we have various local artists including Karen Grant, Swanage Town Band, Harmony Rocks and Phoenix Rock and Roll...

All are welcome and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Further information can be obtained from our website <https://trevorchadwick.uk>

John Corben

Chair, Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust



Mayor Tina Foster digging the first shovelful of earth where the Trevor Chadwick statue will stand.

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT -

Tickets for all live shows and movies are now 100% bookable on www.themowlem.com without being redirected to Ticket Source. Give it a go!



LIVE SHOWS

- **Tons of Money** -1st + 2nd July - 7.30pm
- **Swanage Jazz Festival** - [More info](#) Fri 8th Sat 9th Sun 10th July
 - Working in partnership with **Purbeck Film Festival**, we have two films for the Friday evening - *Admission is FREE to Swanage Jazz Festival ticket holders.*
 - The Mowlem is also excited to host several live acts during the festival. More information can be found [in the detailed programming here](#) **Swanage Jazz Festival tickets are required.**
- **Young Purbeck Musicians in Concert** - Tuesday, 12th July - 6.30pm
- **Tonight at the Musicals** - Thursday 28th + Friday, 29th July - 7.30pm



MOVIES

The Northman (15)

- 5th - 7th July - 7.30pm
- **Soul (PG)** - (*Free to Jazz Festival Ticket holders*)
 - Friday, 8th July - 5pm
- **Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool (15)** - (*Free to Jazz Festival ticket holders*)
 - Friday, 8th July 8th - 8pm
- **Everything Everywhere All at Once (15)**
 - Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th +Thursday 14th July - 7.30pm
- **Elvis (12A)**
 - Friday 15th + Saturday 16th - 7.00pm
 - Monday 18th July at 2.30pm
 - Monday 18th - Thursday 21st July - 7.00pm
- **Jurassic World: Dominion (12A)**
 - Friday 22nd to Wednesday 27th July - 7.30pm
- **Minions: The Rise of Gru (U)**
 - Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th July - 2.30pm
- **Lightyear (PG)**
 - Saturday, 30th July to Sunday, 7th August 7th - 2.30pm

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Monthly

- Tuesday, 5th July - **Making Memories** (*Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Group*) meets in the Show Bar cafe for coffee and cake from 10am, with a movie showing of **Annie Get Your Gun** from 11am.
- Tuesday, 19th July from 10am - **Making Memories Dementia Friendly Cafe** (*no film showing*).
- Thursday, 21st July - The monthly **Flower Club** meets in the Community Room from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Weekly / Bi-Weekly

- **Health Qui Con Community** meets every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Community Room.
- We welcome the **Swanage Arts & Crafts Market** back every Saturday and Sunday outside the Mowlem to October.
- **Slimming World** meets every Thursday, at 6.00pm in the Community Room.

Kristian Wingfield-Bennett
PR + Marketing Director

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble of Luckley House School

Choral music from Rutter to the Beatles
Plus popular classics for Wind Ensemble to include music by Grieg, Bizet & Tchaikovsky

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1AZ

SUNDAY 3RD JULY
AT 5PM



Free entrance with donations to The Sanctuary Foundation, Ukraine



Emmanuel Concert for Ukraine

On Sunday 3rd July at 5pm, Emmanuel Baptist Church are staging a Special Concert for Ukraine Refugees performed by the pupils of Luckley House School, who have given their time to support this Charity, Sanctuary Foundation, Ukraine.

The Concert is **FREE** to attend so no tickets are required. There will be an opportunity to put donations in buckets by the front doors - with all donations going to supporting Ukrainian families.

There will be light refreshments served following the Concert.

We do hope you will be able to attend.



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans



CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Keep your brain active with this monthly Brain Workout puzzle.
Answers in the article somewhere!

"SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY SATURDAY. What day comes three days after the day which comes two days after the day which comes immediately after the day which comes two days after Monday?"

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations: PUBLIC CONSULTATION:
Over the coming few months the Parish Council will be updating the rules and regulations for Gods Acre Cemetery, but before we change anything we would appreciate your feedback on the following topic, "Should we allow Non-Fresh Flowers?" Currently only fresh flowers are allowed. If say linen or plastic flowers are allowed they would be removed when they fade

or get damaged.

Playground: It has been drawn to our attention that the slide which forms part of the new play equipment has recently been affected by bird droppings. New playground legislation meant we had to install the slide on a North facing side of the playground, as sunlight hitting a metal object could heat up to the point where it may cause injury. Whilst we appreciate with the close proximity of the trees this is not ideal, this was the best location for a slide. The Parish Council have recently applied for a Treeworks Order to enable us to prune the Ash Tree, along with asking our Caretaker to clean the slide weekly. Whilst we appreciate neither of these actions will solve the issue entirely given the playground equipment is in an outdoor rural setting, we are hopeful this will go some way to help.

End of Year Accounts: The Parish Council and Internal Auditor have approved the 2021/22 accounts for inspection by the External Auditor in line with regulations. Full details of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return can be found on the website or for a small fee to cover cost of postage and packaging a copy can be sent to you. *Please contact the Clerk to request a copy.*

Annual Parish Meeting: The Parish Council is legally obliged to ensure an Annual Parish Meeting is held. However, in the current format unless a resident has a particular issue they wish to hear or speak about, they may choose not to attend. Moving forward we would like your feedback on what you would like to hear and see happen at the Annual Parish Meeting. For example, its main focus could be on showcasing Parish groups and /or including choirs, music and drama. This is a meeting for the residents about the community not the Council. *Please let the Clerk know what you think.*

Refugees: Over the last several years the UK has welcomed refugees from all over the world, with the South of England housing 6.5% of refugee entering the UK. Corfe Castle Parish Council wish to offer networking and communication support where possible to local families opening their doors to a refugee, no matter where they are from. If you are hosting a refugee family *please let the Clerk know if you would welcome help.*

Planning Application & Treework Application update: The following application has been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council:

- **P/LBC/2022/01833** – 30 East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EQ

Recommend: No objection

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Dorset Council Update:

Affordable Homes: In the last 12 months ending March '22 there has been a 75% increase in affordable homes built in Dorset mainly by Housing Associations after securing grants from Homes England, with 529 families, couples and single people have been able to move into much needed new homes.

Household Support Funding: Now open for applications. Available through Citizens Advice, applications are taking on average 10 working days to process application. *Further Information can be found on the Dorset Council website.*

Information Shop in Weymouth: Is now open and offers advice on health care, social care, wellness, community groups, volunteering & tourism.

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Dorset Strategic Alliance Conference: The Conference is being held on the 5th July at Lytchett Minster School. The conference is for representative from across Dorset to come together and share ideas, opportunities and work together to progress activities and actions for young people with families. *Further information and to book a space at the conference visit the Dorset Council website.*

Innovation Park (Wool): A new facility was formally opened a couple of weeks ago by the Minister of Defence Procurement. Bringing together military personnel, academic institutions & private sector companies to trial and experiment cutting edge technologies.

Fibre Broadband: Dorset Council won part of a £5 billion bid for the national gigabit which will enable the roll out of full fibre broadband across key public sector services, such as schools, libraries and visitor attractions. Another 35 sites across Dorset are also set to benefit where there are no commercial plans already to roll out full fibre broadband.

Brain Teaser Answer: Tuesday! Work backwards from Monday: Two days after Monday is Wednesday. The day immediately after Wednesday is Thursday. Two days after Thursday is Saturday. Three days after Saturday is Tuesday.

National Trust Corfe Castle updates

Quinquennial works: The first round of essential maintenance (category A) has been completed to the castle and the NT have identified and planned in the next round of works (category B) to commence after the summer holidays.

Weddings in the castle: The NT had the very first licensed wedding in the castle on Saturday 28 May '22. The NT is looking at the commercial viability of hosting more weddings but have no current plans, in the near future, to have any more until a business case has been completed and signed off by the General Manager

Half Term: There were over 16,000 visitors during the 9 days of half-term and the Jubilee weekend. The castle opened it gates to the local community to watch the Beacon lighting and counting stopped at 1519 visitors to the castle that evening.

Summer activities: As per last year there will not be any large-scale re-enactors within the castle grounds for the duration of the summer holiday instead focusing on more small scale enjoyable medieval type games and activities.

May Day 'For the Village, by the Village': The National Trust is happy to say that they will be opening the castle on May Day next year to the local community for the May Day Bank Holiday. More information on this will be sent out in 2023.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 11th July 2022 (meetings are held on the second Monday of each month), at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. Meeting starts with a public half-hour, so please join us and have your say.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

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email clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or

write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC> Website - <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Michelle Harrington, Clerk

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. ... Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



This is still a very unsettling time. It is stressful for many people in many new ways. Some people turn to alcohol to help them cope and get through it. This can be more of a danger than a help to some of us. If you think you have a problem with alcohol we can help:

IF DRINK IS COSTING YOU MORE THAN MONEY then we can help you.

Please telephone our free Helpline today: 0800 917 7650



Purbeck - out and about again

Following the disruption caused by the pandemic over the last two years, it has been wonderful to return to hitting the road again.

With Geography field trips, History visits and many summer sports fixtures commencing once more, there has been plenty for our students to learn about beyond the classroom. Here are just two examples:

Year 10 university experience

On Thursday 16th June, nearly fifty of our Year 10 students spent the day soaking up academic life at Bournemouth University. Through stimulating and interactive sessions led by undergraduate ambassadors, students learned all about the world of university, including insights into accommodation, student support and extra-curricular opportunities. They also evaluated the merits of spending student loans upon takeaways or bulk bought food items in a very interesting budgeting workshop – our staff were also making notes during this session!



The Purbeck group was also fortunate enough to tour the campus. During this we visited a range of highly impressive departments such as the music and media suites as well as lecture halls and seminar rooms. We also came to appreciate what a welcoming and diverse environment Bournemouth University is.



Year 8 Cricket Team Success

The Year 8 cricket team won their first ever match for the school in the county cup away at Twynham in Christchurch. It was really lovely to see the students getting the opportunity to represent the school in Cricket as we have had no Cricket fixtures for 2 years due to Covid issues.



Our Paramedic Ambulance Car GOOD NEWS



Swanage Town Council has received an email to the effect that the Ambulance Trust expect to fully staff the Swanage-based, 24/7 emergency response Ambulance Car 'by September'.

Full staffing would mean that there are five full-time permanent Paramedics, or Advanced Ambulance Technicians staffing the Car. These are the staff grades clinically-trained to deliver care to serious emergency patients as lone workers.

Given the very low staffing of the Ambulance Car last year, and the increase in emergency response times, well beyond targets, over the same period, the Town Council will need to monitor both staffing and the emergency response times, and a 6 monthly report giving has been requested.



Cllr Debby Monkhouse
Co ordinator Save Swanage Ambulance Car campaign



Scam Alert Service

Fake energy bill rebate scheme

It's not taken too long for scammers to jump on the back of soaring energy bills. Emails using the logo of energy regulator Ofgem claim to offer an 'energy bill rebate scheme' worth up to £450 per household. The links direct recipients to a fake online portal where victims are urged to share personal and payment details in order to claim their refund. The fake website was registered just days ago but has already prompted urgent warnings from the genuine Ofgem. [We have screenshots of the email and website to look out for.](#)

Santander impersonation text scam exposed

Most of us receive dodgy texts but it's always worth knowing the latest one doing the rounds. This scam begins with what appears to be a warning text from Santander about so-called suspicious activity on your account. The warning is then meant to lure you into clicking a URL to notify Santander if it wasn't you. [Our investigation video shows you step-by-step how this works](#) and the red flags to watch out for.

Bombarded by phoney 'market research' calls

A member got in touch to tell us they've been receiving at least one call a week from a 'market research' company requesting personal data. The aim in this initial call is to gather enough information about you to attempt further scam calls. It's likely these would take the form of a fake alert 'from your internet service provider', claiming you have a virus on your computer or a problem with your broadband. [Read more about scam call centres](#) and what to do if you believe you've been targeted.

There's now a much easier way to make us aware of scams directly with our [scam sharer tool](#). Tell us your experiences of phishing emails, fake texts, cold calls and other types of fraud.

Which? Scam Alert team

PS Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbours – anyone who may find it helpful. Alternatively, they can [sign up here](#) to receive this directly to their inbox.



Exciting Opportunities at Swanage Lifeboat Visitors Centre

- Are you interested in volunteering for the RNLI?
- Have you ever thought about joining the Swanage Lifeboat team?
- Do you like engaging with and meeting new people from all over the world?
- Have you got 4 hours spare one afternoon a week and looking for an opportunity to support the local community?
- Are you outgoing, enthusiastic, young at heart and keen to try something new?

If so then you are exactly the type of person we are looking for.

We are currently recruiting for members to join our acclaimed Swanage Lifeboat Visitor team. The primary role of a Visits Team volunteer is

- To welcome visitors to the Swanage Lifeboat Station and visitor centre
- To inform them about the day-to-day operations of the RNLI and in particular Swanage Lifeboat
- To answer any questions, they may have about our Lifeboats, shouts, history or just about the RNLI in general
- To host organised group visits (Adult groups and Schools) to the station
- To encourage, when opportunity arises, donations to Swanage Lifeboat through providing visitors with an excellent and informative visitor experience

No prior experience is needed – just a willingness to learn, be over 18, and have a passion for engaging with members of the public. If that's you and you are interested to find out more, please send us an email to....

Roger Murphy

Swanage Lifeboats Visits Officer

Email: whey13@sky.com

And we'd be happy to give you a call back to tell you more, or simply pop up to the Lifeboat station any Monday to Friday afternoon between 13:00 and 16:00 to chat with us.

We look forward to hearing from you

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Purbeck Coast Radio will be hosting a Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at **Stoborough Village Hall**, on the 4th Monday of every month - ***Do come and say hello!***



Hello from Sustainable Swanage

With the season picking up, we have been really busy working on a variety of projects addressing litter, food waste, repairing clothes, footpaths, surveying wildlife and coming up, a bike repair event and a wonderful tree trail. Here are some updates:

- In early May we worked with Town Council and Swanage Beach Buddies on an exciting project to remind everyone that it should always be [#OnlyRainDownTheDrain](#) and nothing else, with great pavement artwork along Shore road from Dorset artist, Claire Nuttall.
- The [Swanage Community Pantry](#) is off to a good start thanks to the dedication of a fantastic group of volunteers. Over 200kg of food has so far been saved from the bin and redistributed for the community. We are seeking to work with more local businesses. If you are a shop or catering business and you have surplus items (non-refrigerated currently) then please get in touch. Follow us on Facebook for updates and to find out more. Also, if you would like to volunteer and join our team then contact sarah.spurling@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- Together with **Sustainable Wareham** and local artists and volunteers we have set up a new initiative for this area, the **Purbeck Repair Café** and we are planning on holding regular events. For more info on this visit [Home | Repaircafe](#) . Our next event will now be held at **Sandy Hills in Corfe Castle on 16th July at 2-4pm**. We will be offering sewing repairs and hopefully other items too, further promotions to follow. A separate bike repair event is planned in Swanage for **Saturday 9th July, 1-3pm**.
- The wildflower and butterfly surveys are underway and is a key focus of the next couple of months. Our first wildflower training session was attended by 14 new volunteers.
- As well as planting new trees for the future, our **Greening Swanage** working group is keen to help celebrate the wonderful trees we already have. We are collecting information about beautiful trees in Swanage. We would love to hear about your favourite tree(s) which any history or stories you have about them. We hope to publish a little Wonderful Trees brochure and a short tree trail to put in the Tourist Information Office for residents and visitors.

Kate Spurling



REPAIR: When a product breaks down or doesn't work properly, fix it. 'Rethink–Recycle–Repair–Reuse.'



Artwork to make you think!



Swanage Community Pantry, Herston Village Hall



It's Summertime!

Enjoy Movies in the Outdoors July and August

o **Thursday 28th July** - 2018 American post-apocalyptic horror film **A Quiet Place** (**Durlston**)

o **Friday 29th July** - The fantastic 2016 American drama **Captain Fantastic** (**Durlston**)

o **Bank Holiday Friday 26th August** - 2021 American computer-animated jukebox musical comedy **Sing 2** (**Corfe Castle**)

o **Saturday 27th August** - The latest daring mission for James Bond in the 2021 spy thriller **No Time To Die** (**Corfe Castle**)

o **Sunday 28th August** - 2021 version of the classic American musical **West Side Story** directed by Steven Spielberg (**Corfe Castle**)

Information/tickets are available on the festival website www.purbeckfilm.com

The Rotary Year Ahead

The new Rotary year begins in July. Members of Swanage & Purbeck Rotary spent an enjoyable Wednesday evening in June discussing and agreeing plans and priorities for the coming year. As ever we have a crowded programme of events and projects. These include:

- The Rotary fete on Thursday 11 August
- The Young Musicians competition for school children
- Help with the Friendly Food Club
- Environmental projects including helping Greengage and restoring the Rotary garden on Shore Road
- A host of Christmas events including the street market, Santa's sleigh and charity Christmas mail
- Christmas shoeboxes for deprived children in other parts of the world
- A pop-up shop to raise funds for various international projects including Rotary's disaster relief charities Shelterbox and Wateraid and the people of Ukraine
- Support for pre-school and primary schools in Swanage and surrounding villages
- A range of projects with Swanage School
- Initiatives to help local children get involved with various sports clubs
- The Silver Saturday tea party – an afternoon of fun and refreshment for Swanage's older residents

If you are interested in helping us or learning more about these projects get in touch! More details are on our website <https://www.swanagerotary.org/> or send an email to president@swanagerotary.org

Chris Le Fevre, President Swanage + Purbeck Rotary

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Update on Wellbeing Swanage a project of Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

Most of the Wellbeing Swanage community activities are based at Herston Village Hall and are going from strength to strength. This month the spotlight is on **The Herston Community Café that opens Mondays 10-12**, currently term times, with a range of activities and services.

We have great volunteers, - **Diane, Sue and Pat** - who welcome you, make tasty cakes and who are also involved in other Wellbeing Swanage activities at the Cafe .

Diane is part of a dedicated team who have set up the Community Pantry, a food waste project collecting good quality food that would otherwise go to waste from supermarkets and other food businesses and making it available to the community for free. They also do additional pop up Pantries when there is a glut of surplus food.

Sue, is keen to keep folk warm, as lots of us struggle with cost-of-living rises, particularly fuel costs. She and her merry band of knitters are making blankets to keep you toasty at home. New knitters and crocheters are always welcome, either at the Café or at home. Wool and needles have kindly been donated if you don't have any spare.

Pat is our latest volunteer and we are exploring ways that Pantry surplus can be turned into tasty lunches, such as soup, at the Community Café.

Keleigh is one of our Wellbeing Swanage Community Connectors and has her finger on the pulse of other community activities and local resources and can help signpost you to ways to improve your health and wellbeing

We are also pleased to host a monthly (first Monday of the month) **Citizen's Advice drop in session**, where **June and Sue** provide free, confidential and impartial advice and support. Their goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever their problem.

Purbeck Coast Radio host the Community Café every second Monday of the month, a lively bunch who bring tunes and cake and take requests for their shows.

So, if you fancy being part of our merry band or just want to come and have a chat over a cuppa and cake we would love to see you at Herston Village Hall. Jubilee Road BH19 2SF

You can call us on 07851839968 or email us on contact@wellbeingswanage.org. You can also follow us on our Facebook pages; Wellbeing Swanage Community Response, Swanage Community Pantry or Herston Village Hall

Kim Gallagher, SPDTrust



M.U.S.I.C. FOR UKRAINE

Music Unlimited Serving Independent Charities

HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE!
Come along and support our fundraising evening.

Saturday evening 23rd July 2022
Swanage British Legion Club from 5.00 p.m.

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THEIR TIME AND TALENT – FOR LOVE OF THE
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Need Advice?
We are now **OPEN** for drop-in

Herston Village Hall
Jubilee Road, Swanage BH19 2SF

10am-12noon
Next dates:
Monday 4th July 2022
Monday 1st August 2022

Or call us on Dorset Adviceline Freephone:
0800 144 8848 10am-4pm to speak to an adviser

You can also visit our website:
www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk



Harmans Cross 2022 Village Fete & Field Day: August Bank Holiday Monday 29th August

HXVH Fete and Field Day

Monday 29th August
Opens 12 Noon

Helpers - we need you:

Please contact
Richard Purchase at
richard.purchase@icloud.com
or 01929 481652

After a fantastic event last year, the Harmans Cross Village Hall team are already busy at work for this year's event.

The amazing Tuba Libres will be back, playing their own vibrant brand of live music, interspersed with Jamie Jigsaw entertaining children and grown ups alike.

The Flower and Produce Show will be back this year, so please start growing.

In addition, we plan to have all the usual fun activities:

A wide variety of community & local business stalls

Jewellery, Handbags, Scarves and Books galore - please start saving donations

Children's Games & Bouncy Castle

Raffle and Tombola

Bar, BBQ and Refreshments

Purbeck Ice Cream

We hope to make this a very special day, full of fun and celebration for everyone - visitors, locals and helpers alike.

Pop in to
Emmanuel Baptist Church
every Monday between
10 am and 12 noon 

join in a game, do a jigsaw
or have a drink, a cake and a chat

 No charge 



Website: www.swanagemuseum.org.uk

e-mail address: museumswanage@gmail.com

Swanage in Bygone Days

Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre has a new major exhibition '*Swanage In Bygone Days*' which we are sure will be of great interest to many residents and business owners of Swanage. This is a photographic exhibition showing many Swanage shops and businesses of bygone days. This display should test your powers of recognition! See if you can place the yesteryear shops with the businesses now, and find out how well you know Swanage. You will be most welcome should you wish to visit this exhibition.



Our opening hours at The Museum and Heritage Centre at The Square are from 11.00am to 3.00pm each day.

As part of this innovative venture, a team of museum volunteers are also in the process of offering copies of these relevant photographs to the businesses and shops that relate specifically to their current premises, so that they too can join in displaying in their front windows the history of their own premises.

If you would like to know more and/or would like to participate, please write to the Heritage Centre Manager at The Square, Swanage BH19 2LJ or email museumswanage@gmail.com

Studland Snippets



Studland Parish Council Studland held a very successful beacon lighting and street party for the Queen's Jubilee. Congratulations all round to the organisers. As a legacy there may well be a plaque rather like the Coronation noticeboard by the Village Hall. The Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils has presented the village with a certificate for holding the beacon ceremony.

The village seems rather quiet for this time of the year. Where are all of the visitors? Hospitality outlets are experiencing up to 50% less activity this time of the year compared with other years. Cost of living, petrol prices or what?

Questions are being asked about the opening times for the beach car parks. The National Trust has a fine balance to make between additional demands on their staff and early access. Interestingly the opening times are slightly earlier and the closing times are the same as under the former Bankes estate with the exception of the car park by the Bankes Arms public house.

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Thoughts are being shared and developed on measures for a safer Studland. Something is needed to slow down the silent speeding cyclists especially at the village cross roads. The Parish Council supports a 20mph speed limit in the village. An extra bus stop on the Swanage road before Woodhouse Hill could enhance safety for walkers from the former school or from Ballard Down.

Up until around 2009, deer management was conducted and co-ordinated through the voluntary group, the Poole Basin Deer Management Group. Landowners co-operated with this scheme which was led by the National Trust. There is a case for the re-instatement of such a group given the need to balance the damage created by the deer and the appreciation of these wild animals. The population of deer seems to be growing and coming into gardens for their tasty meals of flowers and runner beans. The deer love the fresh young growth of plants and some grasses.

Studland used to have two working BT phone boxes; one on the beach at Shell Bay and the other at the top of Beach Road, just below the bus stop on the ferry road going towards the conurbation. The Parish Council agreed to purchase both boxes for a nominal fee from BT, yet the box at Shell Bay was either stolen or removed by a contractor without the consent of the Parish Council...

Driving through the village or riding on the number 50 bus you cannot but notice the apparently illegal A Board notices advertising businesses. It is understood that these are not normally supported by Dorset Council as the highways authority and the police regard them as potential distractions for vehicle drivers. A case for action, maybe?

Question: Do the villages (like Studland) need to follow the potential lead of Swanage and Arne in creating neighbourhood plans?

The Purbeck Society The Dorset Council heritage assets list can still be used for individual, groups and local councils to record their heritage assets. This recording is broader than the earlier work of the Purbeck Society on non-listed heritage assets outside of the Conservation Areas in Swanage. Contact is being made with Swanage Town Council to support the recording of heritage assets. All of the parishes in Purbeck have an opportunity to record their heritage assets.

The committee recently agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the purpose of the Society and its potential role. Interest was expressed in the future of Swanage Museum, styles on footpaths, housing for local residents and the difficulties of accessing planning applications and tree work schemes.

Civic Voice, the national body for civic societies is holding a webinar on levelling up for coastal communities. It will be of interest to see how applicable this is for the Purbeck coastal communities.

As there appears to be no one sole agency for looking after the area of Purbeck, it was agreed that thought would be given to a meeting in the autumn to examine this matter. Purbeck is precious yet is under increasing pressures that could well change the area for ever.

The Purbeck Society had a successful visit to the cider fields at Bushey. Future visits are being arranged for a lime kiln in Corfe Castle and Swanworth quarry. Do take the opportunity to join the Purbeck Society and experience the talks and visits.

CPRE the Countryside Charity is concerned with the silence and uncertainty on the emerging Dorset Local Plan. Despite presentations to local councils by Dorset Council on 27.05.22 there is no clarity on the exact dates for the Dorset Local Plan and no certainty that existing policies such as the five year land supply and the housing delivery test will be removed. **Dorset CPRE** supports a reduced housing figure for this rural county, along with significant emphasis on affordable housing for local residents. A Dorset Local Plan should be a plan for Dorset and its residents. Any such plan should support appropriate renewable energy, especially solar panels on roofs and the use of brownfield first building sites. Placing solar panels on good quality farming land hardly seems sensible when other alternatives exist. Measures to address the climate change agenda should feature strongly in any Dorset Local Plan.

The Purbeck Local Plan has scheduled another public examination. Dorset CPRE will be attending this event on 19.07.22 as it has concerns over the plan. It is understood that the Purbeck Local Plan if adopted will be incorporated into the emerging Dorset Local plan.

Peter Bowyer

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS EMBRACE CHANGE



National
Trust

It's been a while since I contributed to this wonderful newsletter and it's yet again a time to write about change.

We've been fortunate to add to our estate in South Purbeck, by acquiring Weston Farm in Worth Matravers. Funded through Operation Neptune, and some considerable anonymous donations, it will enable us to have a bigger, better and more joined up landscape for people and nature. Nature (and climate) needs more robust areas of land – and the stretch from Durlston to Worth is now even more impressive. The land will still be productive (there will be grazing animals), as it has been in various ways since the Bronze age. Working collaboratively we can look at where visitors go (and where they don't), where nature goes (and where it doesn't – yet) and look at how the landscape broadly can function better than it doesn't at the moment... some exciting work to come.

In the sea at Studland we've been working alongside a wide range of organisations (including the Royal Yachting Association, sailing clubs etc) to work out how we can reduce the impact boats have on the seabed (and subsequently seagrass and marine life). The installation of eco moorings should make a massive difference – for the power of seagrass as a carbon store I suggest going down a wonderful google hole.

Locally we're developing a project with St Mark's School to connect more kids with nature – more of that in the autumn!

It's exciting times, it's also concerning times. Covid is still around, and the increase in the cost of living is making times tough in many ways. We're working within the Swanage Town and Community Partnership looking at how Swanage can mitigate the impacts locally – the people on the partnership are due an immense amount of credit for the unpaid work they do. The wider impacts on Purbeck businesses can be seen through the number of vacancies that exist currently, and the struggle most businesses and organisations have when recruiting in all grades.

As ever, the best way for us all to work out the problems we have is by working together – and I'm so pleased that Swanage (and Purbeck) continues to develop stronger, better and more ambitious partnerships.

Tom Clarke

NT Senior Volunteering and Community Manager



Bee orchid on south Purbeck coast

A Great Big Thank You!

All of us in PAW would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's PAW Festival so enjoyable and successful for the community, our artists and visitors. Our collective exhibition at Rollington Barn was enjoyed by thousands of people, the Eko outdoor dance theatre event by over 1,000, and the musical events by hundreds of music lovers. This was all made possible by generous local sponsorship and by a large number of keen volunteers. A big THANK YOU to everyone!

Here are two further events for your diaries:

June 30 - 12.00 noon - celebration and unveiling of the new **Jubilee Mural** on Swanage sea front (by the existing PAW murals). This is made by children and young people from four of our local schools. All welcome!

July 12 - 6.30pm - **Young Purbeck Musicians** in concert in the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. For more information and tickets (£5 adults, students free) please go to Events at www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk, tickets can also be purchased from the Mowlem Box Office.





HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

FETE AND SHOW – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 AUGUST

Greetings again from Harmans Cross Village Hall. The team in Harmans Cross are busy with planning and preparation for our big Bank Holiday Fete, and this year we will have the Flower and Produce Show back. Entries are now welcome for that and all details of the Show and Entry Forms are available on the website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Annual-Field-Day-Fayre/> or will be available from Foleys Garage on Valley Road at Harmans Cross.

The amazing *Tuba Libres* will be back with their unique musical repertoire, together with the ever-popular *Jamie Jigsaw*. There will be a dog display, and our children's martial arts group will be demonstrating their skills.

There will be stalls aplenty with plants, local arts and crafts and all manner of goodies.. We will also have our 'pre-loved' stalls of jewellery, handbags, scarves, book and bric-a-brac – donations of these are welcomed – **please message Richard** at Richard.purchase@btinternet.com or **call/leave a message on 01929 481652 to arrange drop off or pick up.**

Full refreshments will be available, including homemade cakes and cream teas. The bar will be open and the BBQ will be going with burgers and sausages. The Purbeck Icecream van will also be there.

All of the above for an entry price of just £2 per adult, with children under 16 coming in free, and free parking as well!

The whole event cannot happen without our amazing helpers so please get involved – we offer free refreshments, a great atmosphere, our gratitude and a free helpers' party as a big thank you. Please contact Richard (above) if you can offer your time at all.

Just a reminder that between now and the Fete, we are showing two fantastic films at the Hall Tickets on the door, the Bar will be open and the films start at 7pm



'BELFAST' – TUESDAY 12 JULY

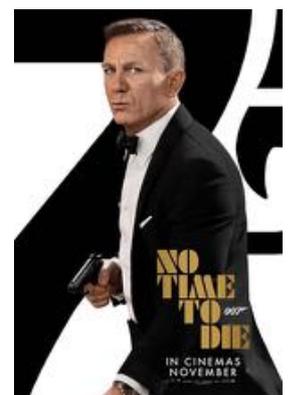
Writer-director Kenneth Branagh tells a semi-autobiographical story about growing up during 'The Troubles'. It's 1969 and North Belfast urchin, Buddy (Jude Hill), and his extended family live in a "mixed" neighbourhood and our hero is playing in the street outside his house, when suddenly Protestant gangsters march through and smash up the Catholic homes' and drive everyone, Catholic and Protestant alike to refuge. Ciarán Hinds, Judi Dench and Jamie Doran also star. Whilst incredibly tense, Belfast has amazing humour too.

JAMES BOND – NO TIME TO DIE – TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

This could be one of the best Bond films ever, and a fitting end to the Daniel Craig era. Bond has left active service and is enjoying life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist is far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

Our new sound and projection system will make this a real cinema experience.

Alison and the HXVH Committee



SWIM

Joyous Mid-Summer's Day Treat

Back in the cold dark days of January we had an idea – an idea in response to a new fund to encourage community participation in the arts, created to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee.

This was the Arts Council 'Let's Create/Jubilee Fund' – administered regionally through the Dorset Community Foundation. We applied. The competition was steep, and we were thrilled to be awarded the maximum level of grant funding.

The idea? We would tell the stories of women who swim all the year round in Swanage Bay.

We decided to collect these stories by recording conversations to make a stage piece (***In Our Own Words***) in the Mowlem which I'd compile and direct while my friend and colleague Claire Hodgson MBE would create an outdoor celebration, taking the performers onto the beach and into the sea (***In Our Element***)

Would anyone want to join us? It turned out they would.

Five months later a cast of over 50 women fulfilled our dreams and exceeded our expectations. On a beautiful sunny Mid-summer evening we shared our work with the Swanage community and it was a totally joyous experience.

We are proud that we were able to use our grant to pay five professional practitioners and donate the skills and experience of at least two others (all of whom live in Swanage and surrounding area). Also that the funding we received enabled us to make our show free to all comers, so that we could join together to celebrate our love for the sea and to talk about the remarkable experiences of some of the women in our community.

The Mowlem and **Diverse City** (co-producers of **SWIM**) are both registered charities, and if you enjoyed the event and would like to support them, you can click on the 'donate' button on the websites of both organisations.

It's not all over. You can still see and enjoy Milly Haines' glorious photographs in the Mowlem Foyer along with a wonderful showing of photos of Swanage swimmers from the past contributed by Swanage Museum. In July all of these will be transferring to the library and there'll be an opportunity to see a reading of 'In Our Own Words' and to hear some of the original recordings we made.

Most of all we hope that this unique event will live on in your memories and imaginations.

Deborah Paige

All Photos by courtesy of Millie Haynes and Claire Hodgson



The two innovators who made SWIM possible : Deborah Paige (L) and Claire Hodgson. Deborah who formerly ran The Crucible Theatre, Sheffield and the Salisbury Playhouse and who is now co-chair of The Mowlem Trustees and Claire Hodgson is an artistic director and runs the theatre company, Diverse City.



July 22 Updates

Are you Scam Aware?

Scams can affect anyone, at any age, and happen online or in person. Lots of us are facing higher bills and worrying about money, and scammers are trying to take advantage of this.

Be suspicious of unexpected contacts and remember it might be a scam if:

- It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address or a sender's email address looks suspicious
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed

Find out how to spot scams, report them and get help at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ScamsAdvice

If you think you've been scammed, call our **Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133** for support and report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040**

Household Support Fund

If you are struggling financially and on a low income, you may be eligible for the government's Household Support Fund to help with the cost of living. Citizens Advice is working with Dorset Council to administer the fund.

- You can find out more about the Household Support Fund and how to apply

at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund

If necessary, our local Citizens Advice office can help you complete your form – details of our local drop-in services are given below.

Money Management Advice Session in Swanage Library

The increase in the cost of living, combined with spiralling energy prices has resulted in many people struggling with everyday expenditure. To meet this need, Citizens Advice has face-to-face money advice sessions in local libraries thanks to Dorset Libraries and with funding from Dorset Council.

- Citizens Advice Money Management advisers are at Swanage Library on Mondays for booked appointments

Money advice sessions must be pre-booked by calling the **Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848**, or you can be referred by a Citizens Advice adviser or member of library staff.

General Advice Drop-in Sessions

We hold drop-in sessions at a number of locations across Purbeck and East Dorset including:

- **Swanage Town Hall**, 10am-2pm, Wednesdays
- **Herston Village Hall**, Swanage, 10am-12noon, first Monday of each month
- **Wareham Office**, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-12noon
- **Lytchett Matravers Library**, Fridays 10am-12noon

No appointment is needed. See www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk for full details of all drop-in locations and opening times.

Talk to an adviser on Dorset Adviceline

For free, confidential advice and support, call **Dorset Adviceline on Freephone 0800 144 8848 Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm**

We are able to help most people either by phone or by email using our website form, and a face-to-face appointment can be made if necessary.

*Visit our website for a wealth of online help and support

www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk



Purbeck - showing we care

Purbeck Connect Ukraine, a sub-group of Swanage Action for Refugees, has been continuing its work among Ukrainian refugees who find themselves in Purbeck.

On Saturday 11 June, we held our first social meeting for Ukrainian guests in a garden in Langton Matravers. It was attended by about fifteen Ukrainian women and five children. The event was generously hosted by one of our volunteers, and others provided refreshments and transport. It turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon. Our Ukrainian guests enjoyed chatting with each other in their own language, and the children were very excited about raiding the strawberry patch in the garden!

A good number of our Ukrainian guests and their hosts attended the Churches Together picnic at Rempstone Farm on Sunday 19 June.

The next social meeting is planned for the afternoon of Saturday 16 July, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Swanage. As well as refreshments and a chance to meet and get to know one another better, we are also hoping to provide art activities for children and adults. The Wardrobe Foundation, in Wimborne, is supporting Ukrainian women who are in need of clothing, and they have generously agreed to bring a clothing rack along to the meeting.

At the end of June, some of our volunteers will be starting informal English lessons for Ukrainian adults who want to learn English. The children are enrolled in a number of local schools and so will most probably pick up English more quickly than their mothers.

One of our contacts has been able to obtain refurbished bicycles for Ukrainians who want them. These have been received with delight by some of the children.

We continue our work of providing other types of practical support to Ukrainian refugees, as increasing numbers arrive in the area. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer with tasks such as providing transport to appointments or English conversation lessons.

There is still a need for host families in the area, and this need is expected to increase in the autumn. We will be pleased to provide information and advice to anyone considering becoming a host.

The next meeting for volunteers and anyone who would like to know more about the work of Purbeck Connect Ukraine will be at All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell, Swanage on Thursday 14 July, at 7 pm.

Email: purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com



Photograph by Gwenda Yeomans

Community Action Network (CAN) have been commissioned by Dorset Council to be the local infrastructure training and support organisation for the voluntary and community sector.



What does this mean for voluntary and community sector organisations in Dorset?

If you are a voluntary or community sector organisation and work within the Dorset Council area, we are here to help you.

Join CAN today for free – it only takes 5 mins and you'll be able to access lots of online support, advice, templates etc.

Need to speak to a person face to face or online?

We offer free one to one bespoke advice through our expert team.

What sort of advice or training does CAN offer?

Whether it is free one-to-one bespoke advice or through our expert discounted training and free webinars, we are here to support you to adapt, grow and thrive.

We've gathered insights into what training and information you need and will be delivering:

- Our popular 'Meet the funder' sessions
- Start-up advice and business planning; Monitoring and evidencing impact
- Writing a good funding application; Financial governance; Trading as a charity
- Being a Charity Trustee; Safeguarding; Essential policies and documents, including health and safety and GDPR

Check out our website for our new programme and to register your interest in upcoming sessions.

Do CAN offer help with applying funding?

We can help you identify the best sources of funding for your project or service, and ensure you have the right information needed for an application.

Plus through CAN's 'Meet the Funder' series, we will also be looking to put organisations in direct contact with folks responsible for making grant and funding decisions. Through these, they'll explain how they can help you and the best approach to increase your chance of success.

Who are CAN?

We want to see communities that are healthy, diverse, vibrant and flourishing. We provide expertise, support and development opportunities for the sector to help achieve our aim.

Take a look at our website today, see what we can offer you, why not join as a member. CAN membership is completely free to any organisation that is part of the Dorset voluntary & community sector.

How can we get in touch?

You can find out more on our website:

www.can100.org

or get in touch via email at hello@can100.org and telephone on 01202 466130.

Avril Atkins VCS Development Lead (Dorset)

A flyer for the Community Action Network (CAN). At the top, it says 'COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK' in a yellow banner. Below this, it states 'Supporting the sector by building resilience through providing free bespoke one to one expert advice, plus our popular training and webinars'. To the right is the CAN logo. A blue banner reads 'We're here to help'. Below this, it says 'We can support your organisation, empowering you to become strong and independent with good governance and management. Enabling you to evolve, adapt, grow and thrive.' Another blue banner reads 'What is available?'. Below this, there is a list of services: 'Free one to one bespoke advice and support', 'Discounted training and free webinars tailored to the local voluntary and community sector, including guest experts', 'Free support to find grants, meet with funders and complete applications', and 'Sharing good practice and celebrating the invaluable work of the sector and its impact on the community'. A yellow banner at the bottom says 'JOIN US FOR FREE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR CALL FOR A FORM'. Below this, it provides the website 'www.can100.org' and email 'Avril Atkins - avril.atkins@can100.org or call 01202 466130'. At the bottom left is the 'We CAN' logo with the tagline 'EMPOWER THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, ENABLE VOLUNTEERING, INVOLVE COMMUNITIES'. At the bottom right is the Dorset Council logo. At the very bottom, it lists 'Charity No: 1081381' and 'Community Action Network is a company limited by guarantee No: 4024662 © 2021'.



Summer Events coming up on Swanage Pier

Swanage Pier Wellness Weekend Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 2022

Come along and try a range of activities or simply wind down and relax on the Pier, with the beautiful views of Swanage Bay as your backdrop.

Swanage Pier Trust are excited to be launching this brand-new Wellness Weekend. Working with Yoga instructors Helen McCabe and Sandra Charlton, Paddleboard Yoga instructor Anna Barrow, Phil Palmer from Pierhead Watersports, Poet and Creative facilitator, Sarah Acton and Local Artist Heidi Steller. The Wellness Weekend will be packed with plenty of activities to suit all different interests. Choose a day pass for £30 or £55 for the whole weekend and try as many activities as you can fit in!

www.swanagepiertrust.com/wellbeingweekend.aspx



Fish and Chip Cruise Wednesday 3rd August

Embark on an early evening circular cruise to Poole Harbour with City Cruises, departing from Swanage Pier at 6.30pm. The cruise offers vast panoramas of sky, sea, and sand as you pass Old Harry Rocks, Studland Bay, Sandbanks and into Poole, Europe's Largest natural harbour.

Fish and chips will be served on the boat at Poole before heading back to Swanage, in time to watch the fireworks from the Pier

All proceeds will go towards supporting the work of Swanage Pier Trust

£22.00 per person

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