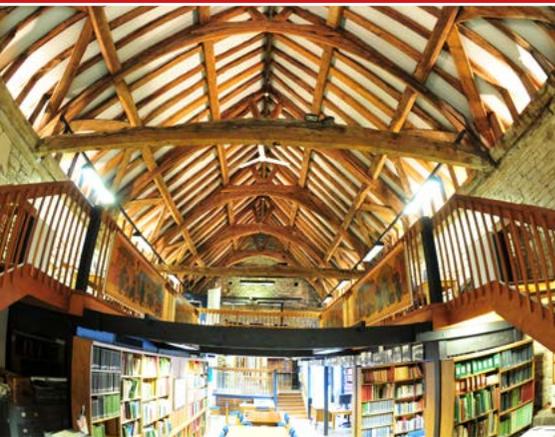




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ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEEK

A week of **free events** celebrating Dorset's rich historic environment



9th-18th September 2022



An East Dorset Heritage Trust Event
www.edht.org.uk





Welcome to... Dorset Architectural Heritage Week 2022

After two long years we are so pleased to be back and with a full programme of events too!

We are thrilled to have 'old' regulars back and are also delighted to have brand new events join us in this wonderful celebration of architecture in Dorset. In fact, we have been overwhelmed by the level of support and interest that we have received this year!

We are incredibly grateful for all the volunteer hosts who have come forward to participate in this much-loved event which we hope will once again be a great success and help put Dorset back in its rightful place on the Heritage Open Days events map.

For those who don't know - Dorset Architectural Heritage Week is a week-long celebration of the architecture of Dorset, both historic and contemporary, which until 2020, had taken place every September.

All the events within this programme are completely free of charge to visitors. Some are specially arranged events, while others offer free entry to a property that normally charges.

Our beautiful county is home to some of the most stunning examples of architecture



through the ages – from historic Castles to family homes, cemetery chapels, theatres, churches, historic mills and much more...

We hope you will find the week both interesting and enjoyable and that the events you choose to visit will inspire you to further seek out what Dorset has to offer.

Sarah Evans - Event Manager

Kim Hiett - Event Administrator

A huge 'Thank you' must go to Dr Alistair Somerville-Ford who provided sponsorship for this wonderful event back in February 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic took hold of our world. Sadly, the events in 2020 and 2021 didn't happen but we are so pleased that we are now able, thanks to his amazing generosity, to reignite Dorset Architectural Heritage Week and hopefully reach a wider audience than ever before.

A Note from Our Sponsor...

After what feels like a very long 2-year break, I am so very pleased to be able to introduce this year's Dorset Architectural Heritage Week annual event where we are looking forward to welcoming back 60 of Dorset's finest architectural wonders to be enjoyed and celebrated.

The programme of events includes a wonderful variety of activities, walks and talks and there is something for everybody to enjoy.

The DAHW team, Sarah and Kim, have been extremely busy arranging the week-long schedule of activities for you to take part in safely. As with each year, places for some of the events are limited so please book early.

I know that you will enjoy your week with us and look forward to seeing you all again.

My best wishes to you all,

Dr Alistair Somerville-Ford FRSA



Palace Court Theatre (Event 31)



The Houseboat (Event 50)



Swanage Seafront (Event 44)

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Applying for Tickets

To bring us in line with Heritage Open Days, HODS, the national event, we are doing things rather differently this year!



All events marked with a  must be booked in advance through Eventbrite

Eventbrite is a free online booking service which is easy to use for everyone.

It is a step-by-step process which can be done via your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

You will find all the bookable events on the **Eventbrite** website under the same event name that is featured in this booklet.

All other events can be visited at the individual times and dates specified, without any prior booking.

Scan this QR Code
for direct access
to the Eventbrite
booking page.



Line up the camera on your device with the QR code.

Hold the device steady until the code can be read in front of it.

Bookable tickets available at: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxzmrmd>



**Ticket bookings go live
from 9am on 5th August.**

If you are unable to book yourself or would like some assistance, we will be available here at Allendale House to assist you, so please call in!

Allendale House, Hanham Road, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, BH21 1AS

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Telephone: 01202 888992 Email: dahw@edht.org.uk

The booklet is available to view or download on www.edht.org.uk

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Bookable Events

The events listed on this page are all strictly limited in number and entry is by ticket only which are available from **Eventbrite** as detailed on page 4.

For all other events in this booklet, you are welcome to just turn up on the day.

Everyone involved in DAHW are volunteers that freely give of their time and open their properties free of charge, so please remember to respect them. Please make sure that if you are attending a bookable event that you arrive in good time and are respectful of all advice and instructions that you will have been given. Please be fair to others and do not try to enter a bookable event without a valid ticket.

If you find that you are unable to attend a bookable event, please go to the **Eventbrite** website **www.eventbrite.co.uk** to cancel your ticket. This means that others who are on a waiting list will be able to take your place.

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1 Allendale House

Open Day

NEW EVENT

**Saturday 10th and
Sunday 11th September** 10am to 4pm

Allendale House, Hanham Road,
Wimborne Minster, Dorset, BH21 1AS

www.edht.org.uk

Come join us at the home of Dorset
Architectural Heritage Week!

Allendale House, our wonderful Grade II listed
building, is open for the day to celebrate the
return of this amazing event.

With the House's connection to the railway,
come and view a scale replica model of
Wimborne's former railway system, skilfully built,
and maintained by Wimborne Railway Society.
Watch as the trains move to and fro with the
enthusiasts on hand to answer your questions.
Try your hand at train driving with models
specially devised for your interactive enjoyment.

There will also be information boards,
exhibitions, a tearoom, and tours of our iconic
Wimborne building.

Disabled Access

Full Wheelchair Access

Assistance Dogs Welcome

No Parking

Children Welcome

Accessible toilet on site



Allendale House (Events 2 & 2)



2 Allendale House Guided Tours

NEW EVENT

**Saturday 10th and
Sunday 11th September**
11.00am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Join us on a guided tour of this landmark
Wimborne building. Learn about the family that
built it with their local connections and what we
know has happened in the 200 years since.

Disabled Access

Full Wheelchair Access

Assistance Dogs Welcome

No Parking

Children Welcome

Accessible toilet on site

3 Arts University Bournemouth - Campus Architecture Tour

Saturday 17th September
2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm

www.aub.ac.uk

Location details will be shown on ticket

An opportunity to explore the AUB campus,
including some of the cultural and learning
resource that Arts University Bournemouth offers
to the public, in addition to undergraduate and
postgraduate courses. Join us for informal half
hour guided tours of the architect designed
buildings - The Innovation Studio and The
Drawing Studio - by Sir Peter Cook, and to
explore the rich collections of The Gallery and the
Library, including the Materials Library and the
Collection of Artist Books, plus visit the UK's only
designated collection in the Museum of Design
In Plastics.

Tours will be guided by student ambassadors
and members of staff will be on hand to provide
further information.

Full Disabled Access

Cameras Welcome

Assistance Dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

4 Beaminster Museum

Open Days

**Saturday 10th, Tuesday 13th,
Thursday 15th, Saturday 17th
September** 10.30am to 4pm

Sunday 11th and 18th September
2pm to 4.30pm

*Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road,
Beaminster, Dorset, DT8 3NB*

*The Museum is 2 minutes' walk from
Beaminster Square. Walk downhill from the
Square towards Bridport, past the Ollerod
Hotel, and turn left into Whitcombe Road.
The Museum is 20 metres on left. Please
park in public car parks*

www.beaminstermuseum.co.uk

Beaminster Museum is a converted chapel in the heart of West Dorset, taking you on a journey deep into the history of a small market town and its nearby villages. Lots to see, hear and do for all ages, from present times to 170 million years ago.

Your steady passage through countless generations of traditional rural craftsmen, agricultural labourers and flax dressers will be rocked by the awful excitement of fires, floods and warfare. You may spot hunters even older than Neanderthals who left behind rough tools, before you reach the farthest reaches of your imagination in the warm, shallow Jurassic seas teeming with ammonites.

Younger visitors will enjoy the many Do and Learn activities - from tracking down bees, to dressing up as farmhands or parlourmaids, and tackling a variety of puzzles. Dig for fossils, wax rubbings, working out "which is the heaviest" and "which is the bendiest".... Why is there an Arctic explorer upstairs?

Please check with museum prior to visit if access is important for you.

Partial Disabled Access

No Parking

Children Welcome

Normally open to the public

5 Belmont

Open Day

**Saturday 10th and
Sunday 11th September** 10am to 4pm

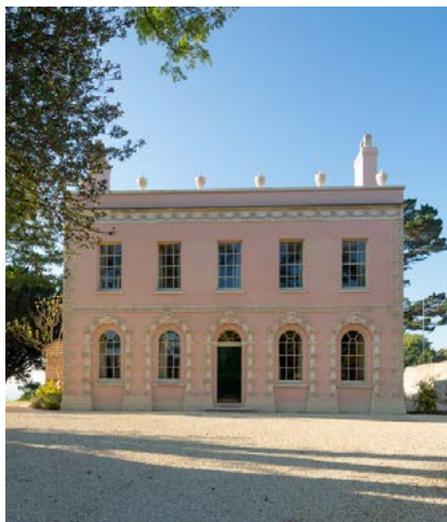
**Tickets must be pre-booked through
the Landmark Trust website:
www.landmarktrust.org.uk**

Belmont is a remarkable and elegant 18th century seaside villa, which opened to guests in 2015 after eight years of detailed research and two resolute years on site.

Come and explore this beautiful house for free and learn about its former occupants, including revolutionary businesswoman Eleanor Coade - inventor of the Coade stone you can see adorning the house, Dr Richard Bangay - a coal miner who retrained as a doctor in the 1800's, and more recently acclaimed author John Fowles.

History sheets will be provided and there is an activity sheet for children to enjoy.

If the weather is fair, why not bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds which have gorgeous views down to the Cobb.



Belmont (Event 5)

6 Blandford Fashion Museum

Open Day

Saturday 10th September 10am to 4pm
(last entry 3.30pm)

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.blandfordfashionmuseum.co.uk

An opportunity to visit Blandford Fashion Museum which is housed in a beautiful grade II* listed Georgian building, built by the Bastard Brothers for their sisters following the Great Fire of Blandford 1731.

Visit the museum's attractive tearoom serving cream teas, homemade cakes, tea and coffee. There is also a gift shop stocking crafts by local crafts people.

No Disabled Access

No Parking

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome

Normally open to the public

7 Blandford Forum Cemetery Chapel

Open Day

Friday 9th September 10am to 2pm

*Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset,
DT11 7UX*

www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk/services/the-cemetery

Blandford Forum's cemetery chapel was built in 1855 and is an important surviving example of both an unaltered early cemetery chapel and of Anglican church design in mid-nineteenth century Dorset. It was vandalised by an arson attack in September 2013 and has since been fully restored by the Town Council.

Full Disabled Access

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair/pram friendly

Parking available at the Cemetery

Dogs Welcome on leads

Children Welcome

Blandford Forum Cemetery Chapel (Event 7)



8 Blandford Forum Guided Heritage Walk

Sunday 11th and
Sunday 18th September 11am

Facebook@The Blandford & District
Civic Society

Meet in the car park at the Marsh & Ham car park, Blandford (behind Morrisons supermarket, DT11 7AW). Signed off West Street, Blandford (follow signs from Blandford bypass A350/A354 junction to Blandford town centre, enter town over town bridge and car park is immediately on right. Flexi permits can be used in this car park and in the Stour Meadows car park (follow signs from Blandford bypass A350/354 junction to Blandford town centre, take third exit at mini-roundabout, then straight over the next to car park beyond the skate park and follow the footpath over river footbridge into Marsh & Ham car park

A guided walk taking approximately two hours of the town centre, totally rebuilt after the Great Fire of 1731, examining the history and detail of its Georgian and other architecture.

See the Grade I listed parish church (currently under restoration), the Town Hall and Corn Exchange, other fine buildings designed by architects John and William Bastard and other places of note, including the birthplace of sculptor Alfred Stevens who designed the Wellington Monument in St Paul's Cathedral.

Dogs Welcome on leads.

Wheelchair users may find some areas restricted (narrow pavements) and a few hills (similarly pushchairs and prams and mobility scooters!)

Disabled toilets and parking are in the Marsh & Ham car park only.

Partial wheel access

Accessible toilets available

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Disabled parking onsite

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome on leads

Children Welcome

9 Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation - Synagogue Prayer Hall

Guided Tour

Tuesday 13th September and
Wednesday 14th September 10am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.bhcsul.co.uk

Built in 1911, in a style described as a very contemporary 'Art Nouveau take on the Moorish Revival Style'. The Prayer Hall has brick walls under a pitched slate roof, designed with four symmetrical bays of barrel vault design, with the adjacent entrance via a squat tower with a square domed cupola, originally clad in lead. The elevations have visually strong arched openings and pilasters; window surrounds are in ashlar Bath stone with metal window frames and leaded light-coloured glass and stained glass, producing a strong composition.

The building complex has undergone many extensions and alterations. The Prayer Hall itself re-opened in 1962, following extensions of 3 bays to the south, a side extension to the west and incorporating the original Entrance to the north, all sympathetically carried out to reflect the style of the original. The visit will last approximately 45 minutes.

Full Disabled Access. *Wheelchair access available from Wootton Gardens entrance, by prior arrangement.*

Accessible toilet onsite

Parking available on-site but is limited

No Dogs Allowed

Children Welcome

Exterior photography only

Not normally open to the public



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10 Bournemouth Natural Science Society

Guided Tour

Wednesday 14th September

11am and 2pm

*Bournemouth Natural Science Society,
39 Christchurch Road (near Derby Road),
Bournemouth, BH1 3NS On main bus routes.
Approx ½ mile from Bournemouth station.*

<https://bnss.org.uk/>

Guided tour of a Grade II listed Victorian villa (1880), looking at its architecture externally and internally, and a chance to view the Victorian natural history and antiquarian collections throughout the building.

The villa was constructed in the Italianate style for a wealthy merchant John Cassels. This tour looks at the detailed features and history of the building.

We are open Tuesdays 10.00am-4.00pm. See the website for details of additional opening during school holidays.

**Partial Disabled Access only
for non-commercial use.**

Parking Facilities on site but limited

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Accompanied Children Welcome

Donations Welcome



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Bridport Quaker Meeting House (Event 11)

11 Bridport Quaker Meeting House Open Day

Saturday 10th September 10am to 4pm

97 South Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3NZ

www.bridportquakers.org

Please use public car park on the east side of South Street, a short walking distance from the Meeting House. Proceed south down South Street and look for the Quaker sign on the left, opposite St Mary's Church. Bicycles can be left in the bike rack in the courtyard near the front door. Please make sure they are locked.

Visitors can explore the Meeting House which has been in use by Bridport Quakers since 1697, follow a timeline exhibition of the building's history, and see how the building is used today by Quakers and the local community. The Peace Garden will be open for quiet relaxation and picnics.

Refreshments available; donations to charity welcome. A book detailing 300 years of Bridport's Quaker History will be on sale at £5, which will be donated to charity. Historical postcards free. Leaflets on Quakerism today free to take away, and current members of the Meeting will be on hand to answer any questions.

Full Wheelchair Access

Accessible toilets onsite

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair/pram friendly

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome





Bridport Town Hall (Event 12)

12 Bridport Town Hall

Open Days

Friday 9th, Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th September 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10th and 17th September
10am to 3pm

Bridport Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall, Market House, East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LF

www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/town-hall/

The Town Hall is in the very centre of the town. Daytime entrance to the Town Hall is normally via the lift in the TIC. You can ask the TIC to open the main door for stair access.

A former courthouse, this listed Georgian Town Hall holds a significant collection of paintings by Fra Newbery (former Director of Glasgow School of Art). The paintings depict aspects of the town's history, particularly the rope and net industry. Memorabilia from HMS Bridport (both ships) is also displayed. Audio Guides and Children's activities will be available.

Full Disabled Access.

*Please use public car parks
- there is NO on-site parking.*

13 Castleton Waterwheel Museum Open Day

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th
September** 11.30am to 3.30pm

Oborne Road, Sherborne, DT93RX

www.sswc.co.uk

Sherborne Steam & Waterwheel Centre brings alive the history of the supply of drinking water to Sherborne and surrounding villages. The large waterwheel and Hindley steam engine will be running. There is a picnic area with tea and coffee available. See website for more information.

Parking, Limited on site, nearby parking on Oborne Road

**Disabled Access
with partial wheelchair access**

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

Donations welcome

14 Christchurch Priory Church

Church Tour

Tuesday 13th September 2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.christchurchpriory.org

The Priory Church in Christchurch is over 900 years old and is the longest parish church in England, larger than 21 Anglican cathedrals throughout the country. Come and enjoy tour around the church. Great Quire with ancient Misericords, and 2 crypts if mobile (a dozen steps) 4 Chantries, miraculous Beam. Cloister Way with stained glass story of church.

Parking at Priory House or main Priory car park, both accessed from Quay Road.

**Disabled Access
Partial Wheelchair Access**

Accessible toilet on site

Cameras Welcome

Assistance Dogs Only in Church

Children Welcome

15 Christchurch Priory Tower

Tower Tour

Tuesday 13th September 2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.christchurchpriory.org

The Priory church in Christchurch is over 900 years old and is the longest parish church in England, larger than 21 Anglican cathedrals throughout the country. Come climb the 176 steps of the tower of the tower and enjoy spectacular views around the countryside as far reaching as Salisbury.

Walking shoes advised (Uneven steps)

Parking at Priory House if space (Honesty box) or main Priory Carpark, both accessed from Quay Road.

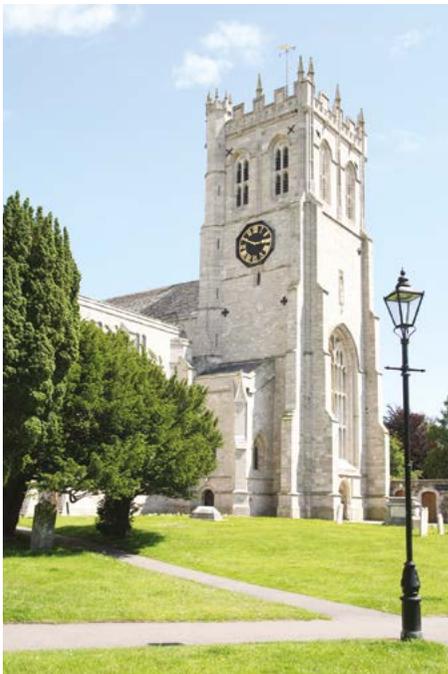
No Disabled Access

Accessible toilet on site

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome over 8



16 Church of our Lady, Queen of Martyrs & Ignatius

Open Day

**Friday 9th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th
and Sunday 18th,** 2pm to 4pm

*North Road, Chideock, Bridport DT6 6LF
Chideock is on the A35, 2 miles west of
Bridport.*

*Turn into North Road by St Giles Parish Church
and the church is quarter of a mile along the
lane on the right, with carpark beyond.*

www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk

Built in 1874 by Charles Weld of adjoining Chideock Manor, this beautiful, Grade II* Italian Romanesque Church is a gem of English Catholicism. It is the Shrine of the Dorset Martyrs, a Marian Shrine, and has a small museum attached showing local history and village life through the ages. The Sacristy will be specially opened to view the wall paintings, the Fra Newbery painting of the Chideock Martyrs, and the site of the original barn chapel where mass was said secretly in penal times. Donations for upkeep are very welcome.

Partial Wheelchair access

Cameras Welcome

Parking Available on Site

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome



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Christchurch Priory (Events 14 & 15)

17 Clavell Tower

Open Day

Saturday 17th & Sunday
18th September

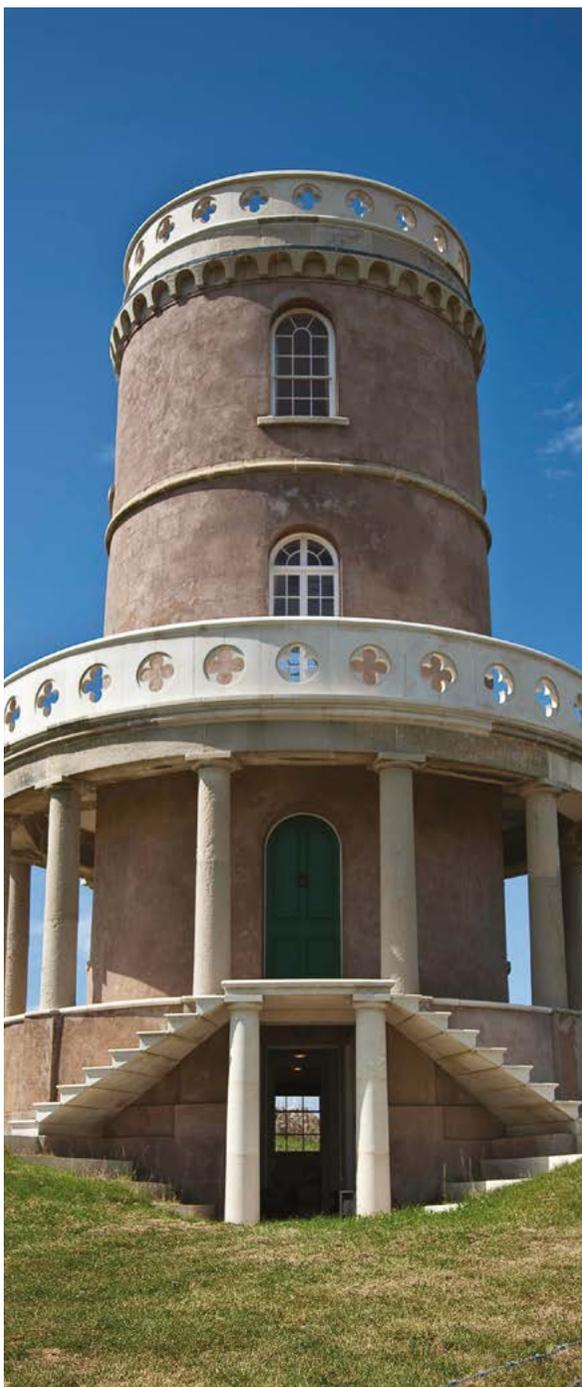
10am to 4pm

Tickets must be pre-booked through the Landmark Trust website: www.landmarktrust.org.uk

Clavell Tower is a circular tower high on the cliffs above Kimmeridge Bay on this Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, above one of Dorset's most striking bays. A rare chance to see inside this well-loved landmark, normally let for holidays.

Built in 1830 for unknown purpose by John Richards Clavell, an elderly clergyman who inherited the Smedmore Estate on which it stands, Clavell Tower has captivated many, including writers like Hardy and P. D. James. The tower was in danger of falling off the crumbling cliff until the Landmark Trust carried out a dramatic rescue in 2007, dismantling it piece by piece and re-erecting it further back from the edge. Despite a steep climb up from Kimmeridge Bay, Clavell Tower has been one of Landmark's most popular holiday lets ever since, with stunning views of the coastline. The Southwest Coastal Path runs past the door.

Admission to the tower is free although Estate access charges to Kimmeridge Bay apply - £5 cash per car. Free leaflets are provided on the building's history.



Clavell Tower (Event 17)

18 Corn Exchange, Town Hall and Council Chamber

Open Day

Saturday 17th September

11.30am to 1pm

Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7AG

Visitors will be able to visit the Town Hall and Council Chamber, where a variety of items and information will be exhibited. The Corn Exchange will be hosting a Community Expo on the day and visitors will be most welcome to visit. Refreshments will be available.

Disabled access to the Corn Exchange only (Town Hall and Council Chamber are accessible only via steep steps).

No Parking please use public car parks

No dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

(Town Hall and Council Chamber)

19 Deans Court Guided Tour

Tuesday 13th September

10am, 12pm and 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.deanscourt.org

This one-hour tour brings to life the 1,300-year story of a manor house at the centre of a rural English community. Beginning with an introduction to the history of the house and the Hanham family, visitors are guided through the rooms where 500 years of ancestral portraits still grace the walls. Visitors will experience the history of the house as it passed from the Saxon Church to a family of adventurers, politicians, churchmen and soldiers.

No Disabled Access

No Parking available please use public car parks

No Dogs

No Children

Not normally open to the public



Blandford Forum Town Hall (Event 18)



Dorchester (Event 20)

20 Discover Dorchester

Sunday September 18th 11am to 4pm

<https://discoverdorchester.co.uk/whats-on/hod22-discover-dorchester/>

A great opportunity to Discover Dorchester - Explore our historic market town, the county town of Dorset, with its wealth of heritage and historic buildings.

Dorchester's main high street will be closed to traffic to give visitors the chance to enjoy the most listed buildings in any British High Street - there are only two buildings that are not listed!

There will be FREE "Astounding Inventions" displays and activities in Keep Military Museum, Shire Hall Museum, Dorset Museum, and the Ancient Wessex Network will be at the Roman Town House. There will be guided tours of the High Street and Dorchester Prison as well as craft demonstrations, live performances, and trade stands.

Full Disabled Access

Cameras Welcome

Children Welcome

Dogs Welcome



21 Dunshay Manor

Open Day

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th
September 10am to 4pm

Tickets must be pre-booked through the Landmark Trust website:
www.landmarktrust.org.uk

For most of the 20th century, Dunshay Manor, near Harman's Cross, was home to a remarkable artistic family: George and Hilda Spencer Watson, and their daughter, renowned sculptor Mary Spencer Watson, who bequeathed the house to the Landmark Trust.

Dunshay Manor breathes history, lying hidden in its own hollow a couple of miles from the Dorset coast. This ancient house received an Arts & Crafts refurbishment in the 1900s, giving it a friendly, open feel. Newly restored and refurbished, this is a rare chance to see the house and find out more about the Spencer Watsons. Corfe Castle appears across the fields and the Swanage Steam Railway passes close by.

On Saturday 17th September we will be hosting our 'New Wave' event, aimed at young people aged between 18 & 25. This event has been created by young people for young people and will focus on the building's artistic connection. Demonstrations and hands-on activities laid on by artists in different media will form the basis of this event. More details to come so watch this space!

22 Eventide Homes Almshouses at Edgecombe Gardens

Guided Tour

Tuesday 13th 10am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.eventidehomes.co.uk

The Eventide Homes' founder, JR Edgecombe became increasingly aware of the growing number of cases of extreme hardship in the area. This was particularly so amongst women, who through no fault of their own, were left homeless and without adequate means of support. In 1933, he was elected as Mayor, an office which he held for three years, becoming an Alderman, and it was during this time that JR Edgecombe envisaged a community of small villas where the needy could find security in the latter part of their lives. The Homes are a striking testimony to the Architect, Philip Hardy, whose work is a testimony of skill. Philip Hardy was married to Ethel Mary Bright. Ethel was the daughter of Percy Bright, of Bright's Stores, which today is 'House of Fraser' in Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. Percy Bright was Mayor of Bournemouth immediately before our founder Alderman Edgecombe. Philip Hardy also entered into a partnership with architect A. J. Seal to form 'Seal and Hardy', whose work included, the very different, art deco Echo offices on Richmond Hill in Bournemouth and the Westover Road Ice Rink. As well as a tour of our grounds and assembly hall (which was made possible thanks to the kindness of a donation from Sir Alexander Maclean, of toothpaste fame), History students from Bournemouth University have curated an exhibition space displaying and presenting our heritage material.

No Disabled Access

Limited Parking

No Cameras

No Dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

No wheelchair access into the exhibition space. We would ask that visitors do not take photographs of any residents, their friend's family and visitors etc.

23 Highcliffe Castle

Open Day

Monday 12th September

10am to 4pm (last entry 3pm)

Highcliffe Castle Rothesay Drive Christchurch Dorset BH23 4LE 01202 093 377 For travel information, please visit - www.highcliffecastle.co.uk/visit/directions/

Visit Highcliffe Castle for free during this one day special event.

Highcliffe Castle highlights include the Stained Glass Studio, our temporary exhibition 'Cabinet of Marvels' showcasing paper sculpture artist, Pippa Burnard, plus fun family activities such as our dressing up area and indoor trails. Please note, our car park is pay and display and can get very busy during peak times.

Parking available onsite payment is by coins or via one of the following parking apps: PayByPhone, RingGo or JustPark You can find more information on our website - <https://www.highcliffecastle.co.uk/carpark>

Partial wheelchair access

Accessible toilets onsite

Parking available on site

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair pram friendly

Disabled parking – charges apply

No dogs



Eventide Homes (Events 22)



Highcliffe Castle (Events 23 & 24)

24 Highcliffe Castle

Guided Tour

Monday 12th September

11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Visit Highcliffe Castle during this one day special event, and sign up to our complimentary behind the scenes guided tours to discover areas not usually on the visitor route.

Highcliffe Castle highlights include the Stained Glass Studio, our temporary exhibition 'Cabinet of Marvels' showcasing paper sculpture artist, Pippa Burnard, plus fun family activities such as our dressing up area and indoor trails.

Guided tours are suitable for children aged 8 and above and the route does include some uneven floors. There is a platform lift available to travel

between floors. If you have any questions about accessibility, please email enquiries@highcliffecastle.co.uk or call us on 01202 093 377, and we will be happy to assist.

Parking available onsite payment is by coins or via one of the following parking apps: PayByPhone, RingGo or JustPark You can find more information on our website - <https://www.highcliffecastle.co.uk/carpark> Alternative parking nearby (Steamer Point Car Park BH23 4TA and Cliff Top Car Park BH23 5DF) and use public transport whenever possible.

Partial wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance Dogs Welcome
Pushchair pram friendly
Disabled parking
No dogs

25 Keepers Lodge - a house through the passing of time

Open Day

Saturday 10th September

10.30 am and 3pm

Sunday 11th September

10.30am and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Recent archaeological investigations have revealed that this site has been utilised since the Neolithic period. It was part of the Saxon royal estate, called 'Cyninges tun', (mod. Kingston), established in the 8th century and was granted to Sherborne Abbey by King Stephen in the mid-1100's when it became known as 'Rabbys farm (Abbey's Farm). The house as seen today was built in 1563 by Thomas Hall, a gentleman farmer, who farmed 1260 acres on the manor of Kingston Lacy. The house reflected not only his wealth, but his social position also and is a fine example of a Tudor/Elizabethan timber-framed construction in an area where this form is uncommon.

Partial wheelchair access

Accessible toilets onsite

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair / pram friendly

Disabled parking onsite

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public



Keepers Lodge © Monica Brown (Event 25)

26 Manor House Ruins

Thursday 15th September

11am to 1pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Visit the ruins of a 13th century Scheduled Monument within a peaceful garden, by a pristine Dorset chalk stream. A tour around the ruins of a substantial 13th Century Manor House in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The ruins have been recently restored and stabilised, and include 3 fine first floor stone window seats, on the banks of the River Allen.

No Disabled Access

Parking On the road outside property and nearby within the village.

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

No Children

Not normally open to the public

27 Morgan Carey Architects, The Goods Shed

Open Studio

Thursday 15th September

10am until 4pm

Morgan Carey Architects, The Goods Shed, Sandford Lane, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4DX

www.morgancarey.co.uk

A chance to see a working Architects Practice in full swing and visit their converted railway goods shed studio. This is a working office, and we will be busy so please do not be offended if you are left to look around on your own! No Parking on site but very close to Wareham railway station

Please report to reception and a member of the team will show you around. Please note that many documents and projects in the studio will be confidential so please ask before taking photographs.

No Parking

Disabled Access

Full wheelchair access

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

28 Museum Of East Dorset

Open Day

Sat 17th September 10am to 4.30pm

23-29 High Street, Wimborne Minster,
BH21 1HR

www.museumofeastdorset.co.uk

Step into our historic house and discover the fascinating stories of the people who lived and worked here over the centuries. During your visit, we invite you to explore the numerous collections and themed exhibitions and find out more about Wimborne Minster and the surrounding areas of East Dorset.

Here at the Museum of East Dorset, there really is something for everyone, from the stunning Roman wall paintings and ancient archaeological artefacts to the beautifully preserved kitchen that takes you back in time. However, you might just want to relax, take in your surroundings and watch the world go by. Why not enjoy a refreshing drink, delicious cakes, seasonal refreshments and more in our Tea Room which overlooks the beautiful garden. Last entry to the Museum is 4pm Last orders in tearoom is 4pm.

Full Disabled Access

Accessible toilets onsite

Only assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair / pram friendly

No Parking please use public car parks

Children Welcome



Museum Of East Dorset (Events 28 & 29)

29 Museum Of East Dorset

Guided Tour

Wednesday 14th September 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Discover some fascinating facts and wonderful stories as our guides share their wealth of knowledge with you on a guided tour of the museum.

For more than 400 years, many different families lived and worked in our Grade II* listed townhouse. Step inside and discover some fascinating, and often quirky, architectural features including an enclosed stone courtyard, timber-framed walls, Georgian panelled rooms and a kitchen extension dating back to the mid-1700s.

Full Disabled Access

Accessible toilets onsite

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair / pram friendly

No Parking please use public car parks

No Dogs

Children Welcome

30 Nothe Fort Cold War Bunker

Nothe Fort, Barrack Road, Weymouth,
Dorset, DT4 8UF

Sunday 11 September 10.30am to 4pm

nothefort.org.uk

Take a tour of Nothe Fort's nuclear bunker.

Nothe Fort has a Cold War era bunker - a communications centre for the area. From here the local authority would have directed operations if there had been a nuclear attack. See the control centre and the living accommodations and imagine the blast doors closing behind you!

Lift has a maximum size of

1150mm X 850mm, so may not fit the largest mobility vehicles

Full Disabled Access

Assistance Dogs

Children Welcome

Parking onsite

31 Palace Court Theatre – Arts University Bournemouth’s Sleeping Beauty

NEW EVENT

Saturday 17th September 9.30am,
10.30am and 11.30am

Location details will be shown on ticket

<https://aub.ac.uk/latest/arts-university-bournemouth-supports-local-arts-and-culture-with-purchase-and-restoration-of-bournemouths-iconic-palace-court-theatre>

Noted for its exceptional acoustic qualities, the Palace Court Theatre was designed in 1931 by architects Seal & Hardy, who also designed the Bournemouth Daily Echo offices, Westover Ice Rink and Palace Court Hotel (now Premier Inn). The venue was an important cultural focal point in Bournemouth for over fifty years, firstly as a base for the Bournemouth Little Theatre company, later as a cinema, and most recently as a church. Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) purchased the building in 2021. These small group guided tours will provide an opportunity to see inside the auditorium and to meet the team who are working on refurbishment plans to bring the 400 seater playhouse back into use for students and the wider creative community. This event marks the beginning of a history and heritage gathering exercise. Anyone who worked in or visited the building is welcome to contribute their memories and memorabilia.

Please note, this is a building site with stepped access and no toilet facilities.

A health and safety briefing will be given, and all restrictions must be followed.

No Disabled Access

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public



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32 Pavilion Theatre Building and Stage Tour

Friday 9th September 10am
Monday 12th 10am & 1pm
Wednesday 14th September 10am
Thursday 15th 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.bournemouthpavilion.co.uk

Your experienced tour guide will cover the history of the building and changes over the years. They will discuss the architecture of the building and the workings of the stage machinery. Tours start from the main foyer and last 1.5 - 2 hours. The tour includes accessing areas that include steep stairs. Please note the tour will include quite a lot of walking throughout the building.

The Pavilion is surrounded by a council public car park - charges apply

No disabled access

Cameras Welcome

No dogs

Children Welcome

33 Poole Guild Hall

Open Morning

13th September 10am to 12pm

*Poole Guildhall, Market Street, Poole
BH15 1NF*

www.societyforpoole.org

Entry to the inside of Poole Guildhall where The Society for Poole will display images of the old building and talk about the development of the building and its place in the history of the town.

Disabled parking at the front of the building with public car parks nearby.

Full wheelchair access

No onsite parking

Cameras Welcome

No dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

34 Poole Town Cellars Building

Guided Tour

Sunday 18th September

10am, 12.30pm and 2.45pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Join us for a tour of Oakley's Mill and the Town Cellars to find out more about these significant quayside buildings and plans to restore and redevelop Poole Museum. Museum staff will be joined by appointed architects ZMMA and you can find out first-hand about the exciting plans to restore and redevelop these wonderful buildings for even more people to discover Poole's rich maritime heritage. You will hear about the innovative and sympathetic ways that the buildings are being made more energy efficient to futureproof them for future generations.

The Town Cellars on Poole Quay is a building first constructed circa 1300. In the late 18th Century Thames St was cut through the building and today it forms part of Poole Museum to the East and the King Charles Pub to the West. Please note that this tour is not underground.

No Dogs Allowed

Children Welcome

Cameras Welcome

Please use public car parks

35 Regent Open Day

NEW EVENT

Tuesday 13th September 10am to 3pm

51 High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AS

www.regentcentre.co.uk

Smell the greasepaint, tread the boards and lap up the limelight when you join one of the Regent Centre's exclusive tours. This is your chance to explore parts of the Regent that are normally off-limits to the General Public, including the Projection Box, the Dressing Rooms, the Lighting and Sound Booths and behind the scenes in the backstage area.

Please note – Backstage tours are limited to 25 people per tour and include a lot of stairs.

There will be a chance to ask questions about the Regent, its history, future plans and about its place at the heart of entertainment in Christchurch.

Please call 01202 499199 to book.

No Disabled Access

Regent Centre (Event 35)



36 Richmond Hill St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Open Morning

Thursday 15th September 10am to 1pm Coffee Morning starts at 11.00

St Stephens Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6JJ

www.bournemouth-urc.org.uk/church_bournemouth.html

This 'Cathedral of Congregationalism', as it was once known, mainly dates from 1891, designed by local architectural practice Lawson & Donkin in the classic Gothic style and, able to seat over 1000, has probably the largest capacity of any church in the town. Following the first World War, the Magnificent South Window was re-glazed in stained glass by the renowned firm Clayton & Bell in memory of the 24 members of the congregation who died in the war. The two main themes of the window are Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress, and Sir Galahad and the quest for the Holy Grail: 'They were Great- Hearts and Helps these lads of ours'.

Particular features of the church are the concentric pews in the front half of the church, which give it a particular intimacy and warmth: and the large painting of the 'Good Shepard' central to the apse. Also worth seeing is the 1950's St Andrew's Chapel, complete with its stained-glass windows, one of which is Holman Hunt's 'The Light of the World'.

Our Pause for Prayer Service in St Andrews Chapel will be held at 10.30

Full Disabled Access

37 Saint Dunstan of Canterbury Orthodox Christian Church

**Thursday 15th and Friday 16th
September** 10am, 11am, 12pm,
1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.saint-dunstan.org

Guided tour around early 20th century Arts & Crafts Free Byzantine Church, grade II* listed, with artwork by Eric and MacDonald Gill, including the 1922 War Memorial and most of the carved oak panelling and doors, door furniture by Ernest Gimson and bronze artefacts by William Bainbridge Reynolds.

Refreshments (coffee/tea/soft drinks) on-site can be booked in advance.

Disabled Access

Partial Wheelchair Access

Accessible toilets onsite

Pushchair/pram friendly

Limited parking

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome

38 Scaplens Court

Guided Tour

Sunday 18th September
11.15am, 1.45pm and 4pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Join Poole Museum staff in a tour of Scaplens Court. This wonderful hidden gem has been granted funding by Historic England to help restore the building, open it up to wider audiences and make it fully accessible for the first time via a new lift. You will get a first glimpse at newly conserved rooms previously unseen by the public and hear about some of the meticulous conservation work that has been carried out so far.

The building dates back to the 15th Century when it was a merchant's mansion. It retains elements of Medieval, Elizabethan and Georgian phases. There is a delightful garden at the rear of the building.

Only assistance Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

Cameras Welcome

Limited Disabled Access.

Uneven floors and no lift.

Not normally open to the public



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39 St Andrews Church

Open Days

**Friday 9th and Saturday 10th
September** 10am to 12pm

**Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th
September** 11am to 3pm

Millhams Road, Kinson, Bournemouth
BH10 7LN

www.standrewskinson.org

Inside the church there are a number of historic artefacts, including a 13th century font, Hanoverian royal arms on canvas, prayer boards, a clock installed in memory of Queen Victoria in 1904, beautiful stained glass windows, a WW1 memorial plaque and WW2 memorial bound book.

On Sunday 11th and 18th September visitors are also welcome to attend our Church Service which starts at 9.30am & finishes around 11am. (No dogs please at the Sunday services - except assistance dogs)

Parking available on-site. Please drive past the Church and park in the car park behind and use inclined path to the Church For wheelchair access please park at roadside at the front of Church on Millhams Road and use level footpath. Please note - Access may be restricted due to funerals or other church services.

Disabled access
Accessible toilet onsite
Assistance Dogs Welcome
Pushchair/Pram friendly
Cameras Welcome
Children Welcome

40 St James Church

Guided Tour

Saturday 17th September
11.30am and 1.30pm

Meet at church porch facing Thames Street,
Poole, BH15 1JN

www.stjameschurcpoole.co.uk

The present church of St James in Poole's old town was built on the site of a medieval church pulled down in 1819. It houses many fascinating survivals from Poole's rich history.

No on-site parking
No Dogs Allowed

41 St Stephen's Church Bournemouth

Open Day

Thursday 15th September 10am to 1pm

St Stephen's Church, St Stephen's Way,
Bournemouth, BH2 6JZ

www.btcp.org.uk/who-we-are/st-stephens

Sir John Betjeman claimed it was 'worth travelling 200 miles and being sick in the coach to have seen inside this many vista'd church'. St Stephen's has been described as 'a French cathedral found behind the Town Hall'. It is a small version of Truro Cathedral which is also by architect JL Pearson. St Stephen's was completed in 1898 as a memorial to the town's first vicar Alexander Morden Bennet. His son Alexander Sykes Bennett was the first vicar. A successor was composer Anthony Caesar and directors of music include composers Percy Whitlock and Cyril Knight. Short talk at 12 noon. Coffee will be available.

Disabled Access
Full wheelchair access
Pushchair/pram friendly
No Parking
Children Welcome

42 Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust, Museum and Mill

Open Day

Friday 16th September 11am to 5pm

Close to the A357 Blandford to Sherborne Road. Approximately quarter of a mile west of Town Bridge.

Recently discovered evidence suggests this mill largely dates from 1566, on a more ancient milling site which could date back to 1016.

Powered by a 100 year old turbine the machinery will be running and a supervisor will be in attendance to give extra information. There are picnic tables, a mill shop and a pub nearby.

No Dogs Allowed

Parking is available onsite

Children Welcome

Cameras Welcome

Disabled access to ground floor only.

Unsuitable for Coeliac and Asthma sufferers because of the flour dust



Sturminster Newton Museum and Mill (Event 42)

43 Swanage Methodist Church Open Morning

Saturday, 10th September

10am to 12pm

Sunday, 18th September at 10.30 am for our normal Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The present Swanage Methodist Church is one of several smaller buildings constructed over the years following the visit of John Wesley in October 1774. The congregation began meeting in a small cottage but when this became too small, a new chapel was built in 1807. The present church (with its magnificent spire) was opened in 1886. Sadly, the original large, stained window was damaged in 1941 during WW2, but its replacement in 1948 (representing the Ascension) is well worth seeing. When the church was refurbished in 1997 the wooden pews were replaced with comfortable chairs, providing a light, welcoming, peaceful worship area. We look forward to welcoming visitors on Saturday, 10th September between 10 am and 12 noon when it is expected that our organist will be playing. Light refreshments will be available together with a children's activity. Visitors will also be welcome on Sunday morning, 18th September at 10.30 am for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. ... and, of course, any other Sundays during the year.

Disabled Access

Full Wheelchair Access

Accessible toilets onsite

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair / Pram Friendly

Disabled parking onsite

Carpark available on site

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome



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44 Swanage Seafront - A Promenade of Projects

NEW EVENT

Friday 16th September 1pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

A short guided walking tour of recent (and some older) projects by Morgan Carey Architects along the Swanage seafront conservation area to include the underground rowing club, new Pier Head buildings, beach huts, kiosks and a cliff-top studio. This will be an informal promenade and chance to hear about the design evolution and history behind the projects.

Please use the town car parks but preferably arrive by bicycle, train or bus!

Disabled access
Partial Wheelchair access
Cameras Welcome
Dogs Welcome
Children Welcome

45 The Church of the Assumption Open Day

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th
September** 10am to 4pm

*Holnest Church, Holnest, DT9 5PU on the
A352 Sherborne to Dorchester Road*

www.friendsofholnestchurch.wordpress.com

A chance to enjoy the Grade 1 listed Church with many notable features, including the box pews and rare candle sconces. The church is also home to the Drax Family Mausoleum and an exhibition of local pottery and other historic finds will be on display.

No disabled access
Parking at the church
Refreshments available on the day
Cameras Welcome
Dogs Welcome
Children Welcome

46 The Church of the Assumption, Holnest

Guided Tours

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th
September** 11am and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.friendsofholnestchurch.wordpress.com

Tours of a 14th century Church with boxed pews Jacobean pulpit, site of the former Drax Mausoleum. Exhibition of local pottery and other historic finds.

No disabled access
Parking at the church
No disabled access
Refreshments available on the day
Parking at church
Cameras Welcome
Dogs Welcome
Children Welcome

47 The Boat House

**Wednesday 14th and Thursday
15th September** 10am, 11am, 12pm,
2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

The Boat House was built in 1936 to accommodate the Second-Class drawing room and officers' cabins from the great Cunard liner RMS Mauretania launched 1907. She was the fastest ship afloat for nearly twenty-two years. During WW1 she was painted in dazzle camouflage and served as a troop and hospital ship. Taken out of service in 1934 she was berthed at Southampton docks and her beautiful interior fittings sold at auction. During WW2 the Boat House was part of the Coastal Defences Zone.

No Disabled Access
No Parking
No Cameras
Children Welcome
Not normally open to the public

48 The Guildhall, Lyme Regis

Open Day

September 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th September 10am to 5pm each day

The Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT73QA The Guildhall is on the A3052 in the very centre of the town. Long stay car parks on approach roads to the town and some limited short stay parking in the town centre.

www.lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk/guildhall

The Guildhall can be dated to the sixteenth century. The main chamber, however, with its curved ceiling and extensive panelling was refurbished, in 1887, by the same architect who built the Philpot Museum. The Guildhall is still used for Town Council and other meetings, but it is not normally open to the public unless booked for special events.

Please note: *The main chamber is up a flight of stairs but there is a lift for anyone who cannot manage stairs. An accompanying person will need to go to the main chamber and ask the attendant to arrange access.*

Full Wheelchair access

No Parking onsite – please use nearby pay and display public car parks

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

49 The History of The Tivoli

Talk

Wednesday September 14th 11am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.tivoliwimborne.co.uk

Originally built as a combination Cine/ Theatre in 1936, the Tivoli Theatre in Wimborne was rescued from demolition and restored to its former glory by a team of volunteers.

Come and join the theatre Manager Charlie North-Lewis to hear the journey of this iconic theatre in the heart of historic Wimborne Minster.

Please use public car parks

Assistance dogs only



The Houseboat (Event 50)

50 The Houseboat

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

This project was a challenge to create a new house on the same site as our 1930's listed Boathouse (please see event 47).

The house was built by developer Solidspace with Mole Architects and much collaboration work with the Owner/Architect.

The design developed from an idea of two upturned boat hulls sitting on a sea wall to a curved butterfly plan with boat hull sections.

Locally crafted with Douglas Fir timber and concrete with special finishes, which all combine to create a unique, dramatic and contemporary home.

Shoes to be removed on entry.

No Disabled Access

No Parking

No Cameras

No Dogs

Children Allowed

Not normally open to the public

51 The Keep Military Museum

Sunday September 18th

10am to 4.30pm

www.keepmilitarymuseum.org

The Keep Military Museum is a striking landmark in the centre of Dorchester, and a Grade II listed building. Built in 1879 and designed to resemble a Norman Castle, the building originally functioned as the entrance to the military barracks. The building has been the regimental museum since the 1960s, and still has many of its original features, including an original military cell. Join us with a new guide to the museum building alongside our exhibits and see the evolution of The Keep from barracks to regimental museum! **This event is part of Discover Dorchester - Event 20**

52 The Minster Church of St Cuthberga, Wimborne Minster

Open Day

Tuesday September 13th to Thursday September 15th 10am to 4pm

The Chained Library - Tuesday September 13th to Thursday September 15th 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm

The Minster Church, High Street, Wimborne Minster, BH21 1HT

Situated in the centre of Wimborne.

Opening times may be restricted due to funerals, weddings or other special services please the website

<http://www.wimborneminster.org.uk/137/visitors-start-here.html>

The current Minster Church dates from the 12th century however there has been a place of worship on this site for over 1300 years from the time when St. Cuthberga founded a nunnery here in 705 AD. Be sure to see the Astronomical clock, Beaufort tomb and Saxon chest as well as visiting the Chained Library which was one of the earliest public libraries in the UK.

Access to the Chained Library is via a spiral staircase.

Please use public car parks, King Street being the nearest.

Disabled access

Partial wheelchair access

Assistance Dogs Welcome

Pushchair/pram friendly

Children Welcome



The Minster Church of St Cuthberga © Colin Parry (Event 52)

53 The Torpedo Trail - Astounding Inventions

Sunday 11 September

10.30am to 4pm



Nothe Fort, Barrack Road, Weymouth,
DT4 8UF

nothefort.org.uk

Discover the hidden history of torpedoes in Weymouth and Portland.

Explore the astounding invention of torpedoes at Nothe Fort, Weymouth Museum and Portland Museum and see where they were tested in Weymouth Bay. Find out about Robert Whitehead and the factory he built in the 1890s, and hear how divers brought early torpedoes up from the deep to rescue our military heritage. And discover the surprising link between the Whitehead Torpedo and the Sound of Music!

You'll be able to see exhibits at three museums and follow a trail to see where the torpedoes were built and tested.

Partial Disabled Access

Assistance dogs

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

54 Tudor House

Open Day

**Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th
September 11am to 3pm**

Trinity Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TW.
Just off the Old Harbour.

www.weymouthcivicsociety.org

Come visit Tudor House it is one of the UK's best preserved 17th Century buildings. Visitors can explore the house and receive a guided tour from our volunteer guides.

Disabled access to ground floor only



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55 Walk Around Wimborne

Tuesday September 13th 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.wimbornecivicsoc.org.uk

We shall walk round several of the streets of Wimborne's town centre, looking at some of the interesting or unusual buildings, including a bit of history, a bit of reminiscence and a visit to the eighteenth century Gazebo used for the Civic Society's committee meetings.

No Disabled Access

Please use public car parks

Cameras Welcome

No Dogs

Children Welcome

Not normally open to public

Lots of walking and standing with roads to cross & kerbs to negotiate. Not suitable for most people with mobility issues (the Gazebo is accessible only up a steep flight of steps).

56 Weld Memorial Chapel

Open Day

**Friday 9th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th
and Sunday 18th 2pm to 4pm**

North Road, Chideock, Bridport DT6 5LW. .
Turn into North Road by the Parish Church and the Chapel is just beyond on the right. Limited parking available on site.

www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk

This stunning Grade II* Memorial, or Mortuary, Chapel was built by Charles Weld of Chideock Manor in 1852, in memory of his parents. It is built in a cruciform style and surrounded by a graveyard. Inside the wall paintings show rich artistic details of saints and bible scenes and are of considerable quality, showing ideas that led to the Arts and Crafts Movement. It is a rare example of a complete mid-19th century Mortuary Chapel. Donations for upkeep are very welcome.

No disabled access

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the public

57 West Bay Discovery Centre

Open Day

Sunday 11th September 11am to 4pm

West Bay Discovery Centre Chapel on the beach West Bay, Bridport Dorset DT6 4EN, next to the Bridport Arms Car Park on East Beach. Detailed directions are on our website.

www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk/directions-to-west-bay/

Visit our beautifully restored Methodist Chapel which is now a multi award winning Visitors Centre and for one day only, we are offering access to our small mezzanine level to enable high level views of the interior and West Bay. Our exhibition and displays on the ground floor are also worth seeing and appeal to all ages. The former West Bay Methodist Chapel known locally as “the Chapel on the Beach” is a Grade II listed building that dates from 1849 and ceased as a place of worship in 2006.

Local charity, Bridport Area Development Trust who help to restore and revitalise historic buildings in Bridport and the neighbouring area secured funding in 2017 to restore and adapt the building. There are various car parks in West Bay.

Disabled Access only to ground floor

Partial wheelchair access

Assistance Dogs Welcome

No onsite parking

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome



West Bay Discovery Centre (Event 57)

58 Weymouth Town

Guided Walk

Saturday 17th September 11am

Weymouth Civic Society will again offer its popular Town Walk. Meet by the front entrance to Weymouth Pavilion on the Esplanade.

Join the Society on a guided 2-hour tour of the Georgian seafront, old harbour and historic town.

Disabled Access is Limited

Wheelchair users will require assistance to visit the churches en-route

Please use public car parks

No Dogs

Children Welcome

59 Wimborne Minster Bell Tower

Guided Visit

Monday 12th September

2.15pm and 3.15pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

wimborneminsterbellringers.wordpress.com

A rare opportunity to visit the Bell Tower of Wimborne Minster which was built in 1464. Sit in the Ringing Chamber and watch the ringers in action.

Discover the history of the bells and hear about ringing for special events such as The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please note Children must be over 7 and accompanied by an adult. Participants need to be able to climb the 72 uneven spiral stone steps up to the Ringing Chamber.

No disabled access

No onsite parking – please use

King Street car park

Cameras Welcome

Dogs Welcome

Children Welcome

Not normally open to the Public

60 Wimborne Model Town - A Miniature 70th Anniversary History

Wednesday 14th September 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.wimborne-modeltown.com

A seated audio-visual presentation of the 70-year history of Wimborne Model Town including the reasons for its inception, early development, closure, move and rebirth in a field! There will be an orientation of the old and new sites. The presentation will last approximately 50 minutes after which you are free to wonder around at your leisure. Donations welcome.

Disabled Access

Full wheelchair access

Accessible toilets onsite

Assistance Dogs Welcome

No onsite parking public parking opposite

in King Street car park

Pushchair/Pram Friendly

No Dogs

Children Welcome

61 Woodsford Castle

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th
September 10am to 4pm

**Tickets must be pre-booked through
the Landmark Trust website:
www.landmarktrust.org.uk**

Woodsford Castle is the surviving part of a 14th-century castle, a rambling wing of great interest and charm, deep in Hardy country just outside Dorchester. Its roof has one of the largest expanses of thatch in the county.

The Woodsford Castle we see today dates from 1370 - 90 and was probably added to an existing group of buildings. In 1335 William de Whitefield, then lord of Woodsford was granted a licence to "crenellate the dwelling place of his manor" - in today's terms, planning permission to fortify his house. We don't know whether he actually did this, because so much of the castle has disappeared.

Information sheets and children's activity packs will be available.



Woodsford Castle (Event 61)

62 WW2 Air Raid Shelter

Saturday September 17th
10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

Built at a time in our history when the country was under constant threat. This WW2 air raid shelter remarkably survives 80 years later. Situated in a lovely garden and kindly made available for you to experience.

Please note - Visitors must be confident to manage the narrow tread brick steps which lead down into a dark unlit space. Bring a torch!

No Disabled Access

Parking for several cars

Cameras Welcome

No Children

Not normally open to the public



East Dorset Heritage Trust

We are a small educational charity celebrating more than 30 years as part of the Wimborne community.

Our home is Allendale House – it's the place to learn something new or brush up on old skills.

Take a course to improve your French or Spanish conversation or writing skills; learn about famous artists or holiday Italian, computing, iPads or even phones....

There is something for everyone! There are heritage events throughout the whole year, with guided walks, talks or visits to interesting and unusual places.

The house itself is a beautiful historic building with elegant rooms for hire which are light and airy - the perfect place for training or meetings.

**Call in and we will be happy to help.
We are open Monday to Friday
9.00am to 5.00pm.**



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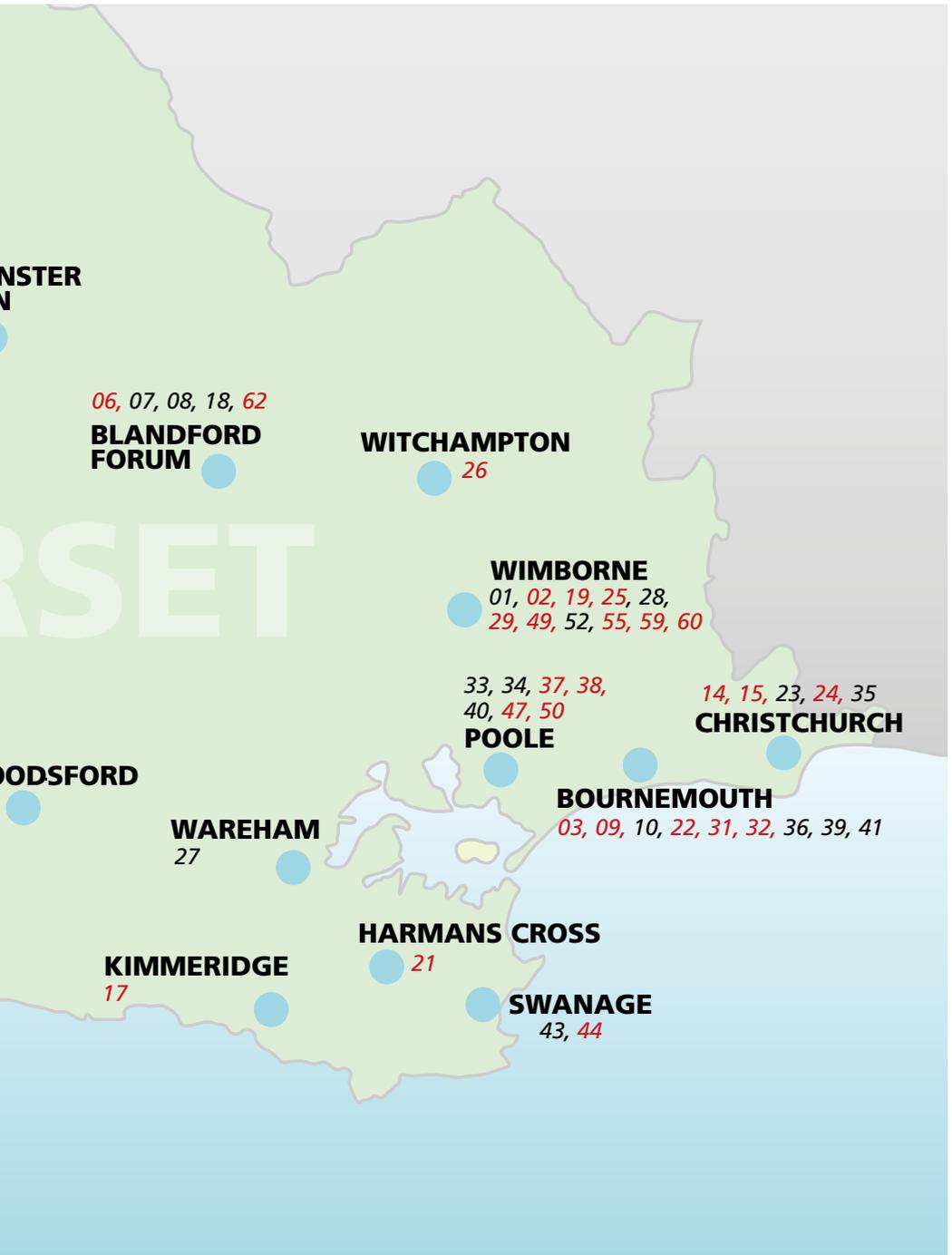


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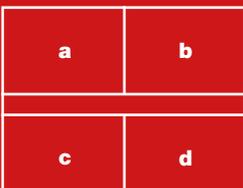
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