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DORSET ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEEK

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





6th - 15th September 2024



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







Welcome to... Dorset Architectural Heritage Week 2024

We are delighted to be back again this year with another full programme of events.

We are so pleased to have the 'old' regulars back, but we are also excited to have brand new events join us in this wonderful celebration of architecture in Dorset.

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, putting Dorset 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 **Kerry Halliwell** - Event Assistant





Behind the scenes...

As you can imagine, a lot of work goes into the organisation of Dorset Architectural Heritage Week - from compiling the programme to the design and production and distribution of the booklet, plus setting up the ticketing system and registration.

The DAHW ball starts rolling in March and gradually builds up momentum in April and May. June is a blur of activity, while the booklet is created, then in July it is printed and distributed. August is a frantic time of ticketing, until the week starts in September. Then it is all over!

All of the events are completely free, but the extensive work that goes into organising this event incur significant costs, which East Dorset Heritage Trust cannot meet alone.

This year we have been very lucky to have been sponsored by RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) plus we have also received a private donation from an enthusiastic supporter for the second year running, which is just amazing. Last year we also received a grant from Dorset Council which arrived after the booklet had been printed, so we were very grateful for that financial boost, and we hope to receive the same from them again this year.

We sadly still don't have a main sponsor, but we continue to look for funding from new sources or new sponsors, so if you represent an organisation that would be interested in helping us to continue this wonderful annual event for the future, please do get in touch with us.

Rest assured we will do our utmost to ensure that Dorset Architectural Heritage Week has a future!





Event 18 - Deans Court, Wimborne



Event 63 - Wimborne Minster Chained Library

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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 TicketSource as detailed on the opposite page.

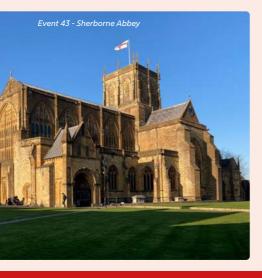
For all other events in this booklet, you are welcome to just turn up on the day.

Everyone involved in DAHW are volunteers that freely give of their time and open their properties free of charge, so please remember to be respectful. Please make sure that you arrive in good time and take note 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

Cancellation

To cancel your tickets contact us at dahw@edht.org.uk or call O12O2 888992.

Ticket sales change constantly so please keep checking for the latest information.



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Applying for Tickets

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

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

It is a quick step-by-step process which can be done via your laptop, tablet or smartphone. You will find all the bookable events on the TicketSource website:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/dahw2O24

Scan this QR code for direct access to the TicketSource 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.



Ticket bookings go live from 11am on Friday 2nd August



If you are unable to book them 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: O12O2 888992 Email: dahw@edht.org.uk

All other events can be attended at the times and dates specified in this booklet without any prior booking.

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

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE to all of the events taking place during Dorset Architectural Heritage Week...

Friday 6th

All Saints Church, Wyke Regis

Arts University Bournemouth Campus Tour (3)

Bridport Town Hall

Dorset Houses Talk (3)

Morgan Carey Architects, The Goods Shed

Pavilion Theatre Tour (3)

St Peter's Church

Tivoli Theatre Talk (3)

Saturday 7th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Blandford Forum Masonic Hall

Bridport Town Hall

Church of our Lady and St Ignatius Open Day

Clavell Tower Open Day (3)

Dunshay Manor Open Day (3)

Hardy Monument

Literary and Scientific Institute, Bridport

Max Gate, Hardy's House

Pavilion Theatre Tour (3)

Sherborne Abbey (3)

Sherborne Steam & Waterwheel Centre

Open Day

Skinner Street United Reformed Church

St Mary's Church

St Michael and All Angels Church

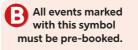
St Peter's Church

Tudor House Open Day

Wimborne Minster Chained Library (3)

WW2 Air Raid Shelter

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Sunday 8th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Blandford Forum Guided Heritage Walk

Church of our Lady and St Ignatius Open Day

Clavell Tower Open Day (3)

Dunshay Manor Open Day (3)

Hardy Monument

Max Gate, Hardy's House

Sherborne Steam & Waterwheel Centre

Open Day

St Peter's Church

Tudor House Open Day

Weld Memorial Chapel

West Bay Discovery Centre

Monday 9th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Bridport Town Hall

Christchurch Priory Church and

Tower Tours (3)

St Andrews Church

St Peter's Church

Wimborne - Big Town, Little Town (3)

Wimborne Minster Bell Tower Visit (3)

Tuesday 10th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation (3)

Bridport Town Hall

Eventide Homes Almhouses (3)

Palace Court Theatre (3)

Sherborne Abbey (3)

St Peter's Church

Wimborne Guided Walk (3)

Wimborne Minster Guided Tour (3)

Wednesday 11th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation (3)

Bournemouth Natural Science Society

Bridport Town Hall

Deans Court Tour (3)

Guildhall Poole

Museum of East Dorset Tour (3)

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum (3)

Sherborne Abbey (3)

St Michael and All Angels Church

St Peter's Church

The Boathouse (3)

Walford Mill - Talk and Tour (3)

Wimborne - Big Town, Little Town 🚯

Wimborne Minster Chained Library (3)

Thursday 12th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Bridport Town Hall

Highcliffe Castle Open Day & Guided Tours (3)

Richmond Hill St Andrew's United

Reformed Church

Sherborne Abbey (3)

Skinner Street United Reform Church

Poole Open Day

St Andrews Church

St Peter's Church

The Boathouse (3)

Walford Mill -Talk and Tour (3)

Wimborne Minster Guided Tour (3)

Friday 13th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Arts University Bournemouth Campus Tour (3)

Blandford Forum Cemetery Chapel

Bridport Town Hall

Palace Court Theatre (3)

Portland House

Scaplen's Court - The Archaeology (3)

Sherborne Abbey (3)

St Peter's Church

Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust Mill

Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust Museum

Wimborne Minster Guided Tour (3)

Saturday 14th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Allendale House Open Day and

Guided Tours (3)

Belmont Open Days (3)

Blandford Fashion Museum (3)

Bridport Quaker Meeting House

Bridport Town Hall

Lyme Regis Cemetery Chapel

Lyme Regis Mural

Portland House

Portland Port - An Historic Tour (3)

Skinner Street United Reformed Church

St James Church Poole

St Michael and All Angels Church

St Peter's Church

Tudor House Open Day

Sunday 15th

All Saints Church Wyke Regis

Belmont Open Days (3)

Blandford Forum Guided Heritage Walk

Discover Dorchester (3)

Heather Hay Houses Health Guided Walk (3)

Lyme Regis Cemetery Chapel

Lyme Regis Guildhall

Lyme Regis Mural

Nothe Fort Open Day

Portland House

Shire Hall Museum Museum Guided Tours (3)

St Michael and All Angels Church

St Peter's Church

The Keep Military Museum Open Day

Tudor House Open Day

WW2 Decoy Bunker



1. All Saint's Church, Wyke Regis **Open Days**

Friday 6th to Sunday 15th, 9.30am to 5pm

All Saints Church, Portland Road. Wyke Regis, Weymouth, DT4 9ES

www.parishofwykeregis.org.uk

An important example of the Perpendicular style of architecture and is still essentially the building as completed in 1455. Sculptured heads of Henry VI. king when the church was built. and his gueen, Margaret of Anjou, face each other across the nave. The font is of the same date as the church. The west tower, looking out over Lyme Bay, continues to be a notable landmark. There will be an opportunity for a tower tour on Saturdays 7th and 14th to learn more about the history of the church, please contact the church via the website to book. Donations for the upkeep are very welcome.

No parking on site, limited parking in Portland Road Partial wheelchair access Accessible toilet onsite Cameras welcome Dogs welcome Accompanied children welcome



2. Allendale House **Open Day**

Saturday 14th, 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.

Find out about East Dorset Heritage Trust, what we do and what we offer. Meet our lovely tutors and discover something new.

There will be information boards, an exhibition, a tearoom plus tours of our iconic Wimborne building.

Full Wheelchair Access Assistance dogs welcome No Parking **Accompanied Children Welcome** Accessible toilet on site

3. Allendale House Guided Tours 🕒



Saturday 14th. 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3pm

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.

Partial Wheelchair Access Assistance dogs welcome No Parking **Accompanied Children Welcome** Accessible toilet onsite.



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4. Arts University Bournemouth Campus Tour **3**

Friday 6th and Friday 13th, 11am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.aub.ac.uk

AUB campus - a living, breathing, academic environment for creativity with head turning architecture hosting a community of likeminded makers and thinkers.

Some of our spaces are more than unique such as our Drawing Studio and the Innovation Studio, designed by Alumni Sir Peter Cook.

Parking is limited, if you require a parking space, please request one by emailing reception@aub.ac.uk

Full Wheelchair Access
Cameras Welcome
Assistance Dogs
Accompanied Children Welcome



5. Belmont Open Days 3 Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

Pre-booking is preferred but not essential via the Landmark Trust: https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/belmont-open-day-24/

This fine 18th-century maritime villa in Lyme Regis is listed Grade II* and once belonged to the remarkable businesswoman, Mrs Eleanor Coade, who devised a formula to mass produce architectural embellishments and the house has been restored to that time. More recently Belmont was home to world-famous author, John Fowles and you are welcome to sit in his former writing room with its wide views of sea and sky. In the garden there is a Victorian observatory tower, with hatch and revolving roof. Most of the garden is left wild and it tumbles down to the esplanade, with a pebble beach and the Cobb beyond. Leaflets on the building's history and children's activity sheets with be available. Families are welcome and can picnic in the grounds if the weather is fine.

Please drop any guests with limited mobility at the house and then return your car to the pay and display car park located 100m away.

Please note: Due to the nature of our historic buildings, some may be unsuitable for those with limited mobility. We do all we can to enable access, but if you have any concerns, please contact our Booking Enquiries team on 01628 825925 (Mon to Fri - 9am to 5pm) or email booking@landmarktrust.org.uk.

No Disabled Access Assistance dogs welcome No Parking Cameras Welcome No Dogs

6. Blandford Fashion Museum (B)



Open Day

Saturday 14th, 10am to 4pm (Last entry 3.30pm)

Location details will be shown on ticket www.blandfordfashionmuseum.co.uk

Blandford Fashion Museum is located in Lime Tree House, a beautiful Grade II* listed Georgian building, built by the Bastard brothers for their sisters after the Great Fire of Blandford in 1731 as a showcase for their capabilities and skills. As well as being a fine example of a Georgian building the museum houses a collection of historic costume and textiles. currently showcasing the textile collection of Elisabeth Frink.

The museum also houses a welcoming traditional tearoom.

Partial Disabled Access Accessible toilets onsite No Parking assistance dogs welcome/ dogs welcome in tearoom only Cameras welcome Children Welcome

7. Blandford Forum Cemetery Chapel **Open Day**

Friday 13th, 10am to 2pm

Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum. Dorset DT11 7UX

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.

Parking on site Cameras Welcome **Accompanied Children Welcome** No dogs

8. Blandford Forum **Guided Heritage Walk** Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th, 11am to 1pm

Starting from the flood defence wall at Marsh & Ham car park, Blandford (behind Morrisons supermarket, DT11 7AW).

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, including the Grade I listed parish church, Town Hall and Corn Exchange (currently under restoration) and other fine buildings designed by 18th century architects John and William Bastard. See also other places. of note, amongst them the birthplace of sculptor Alfred Stevens who designed the Wellington Monument in St Paul's Cathedral.

https://blandfordtownmuseum.org. uk/events/civic-society-guided-townwalks-2024/

Full wheelchair access Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Disabled parking onsite Cameras welcome Dogs Welcome on leads only Accompanied children welcome





9. Blandford Forum Masonic Hall Open Day

Saturday 7th, 10am to 1pm

While the entrance to this building may be modest, behind it lies an impressive Masonic temple. This little-known and esoteric building was originally built circa 1770 and, as the Blandford Assembly Rooms, hosted Franz Liszt for a performance during his acclaimed tour of Europe in 1840-41. It has been in constant use as a Masonic Hall from 1869 to the present day. Come and visit this historic building with its fascinating temple and numerous Masonic artefacts. Discover more about the history of

27 West Street, Blandford, Dorset, DT11 7AW

Rooms are at first floor level - No Wheelchair Access but there is a stairlift.

Freemasonry in Blandford and about some of the well-known local characters who were

No Cameras No Dogs Parking in nearby public car park Not normally open to the public

members of the organisation.

10. Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation - Synagogue Prayer Hall

Guided Tour

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th, 10am

Location details will be shown on ticket www.bhcshul.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 by prior arrangement.
Accessible toilet onsite
Parking available on-site but is limited by prior arrangement only
Assistance dogs welcome
No dogs allowed
Accompanied Children welcome
Exterior photography only

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11. Bournemouth Natural Science Society

Guided Tour

Wednesday 11th, 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. Meet at the front of the building.

www.bnss.org.uk

Guided tour of a Grade II listed Victorian villa (1880). The villa was constructed in the Italianate style for a wealthy merchant John Cassels. This tour looks at the detailed architectural features externally and internally as well as the history of the building. After the tour there is a chance to view the Victorian natural history and antiquarian collections in the building. Donations welcome.

Partial wheelchair access
Disabled parking onsite
Parking available on-site but is limited.
Cameras Welcome for non-commercial use
Accompanied Children Welcome
No Dogs
Disabled access to ground floor only



12. Bridport Quaker Meeting House Saturday 14th, 10.30am to 3pm

95 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NZ

www.bridportquakers.org

Bridport Quaker Meeting House has been used by Quakers since 1697 and has a well recorded history of its architecture and use to the present day, which is represented in an exhibition of the building development and offers observational hunts for accompanied children. Refreshments available. Current Quaker members on hand to answer any questions about Quakerism today.

The adjacent Quaker Peace Garden is open to the public every day. Visitors are welcome to join us in the garden at 3pm for afternoon tea and fun activities for children and adults to celebrate the 4OOth birthday of George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, who visited Bridport Quakers in 1655.

Public carpark nearby.

Full wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Cameras welcome
Dogs welcome
Accompanied children welcome
Not normally open to the public

13. Bridport Town Hall **Open Days**

6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 10am to 3pm

The Town Hall is in the centre of Bridport at the junction of East, West and South Streets.

Entrance via the Tourist Information Centre on the south side of the building in South Street.

www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/town-hall

A former courthouse, this listed Georgian Town Hall holds the significant collection of paintings by Fra Newbery (former Director of Glasgow School of Art) which depict aspects of the town's history particularly the rope and net industry. There is also a large sculpture by Greta Berlin.

No onsite Parking Full Disabled Access



14. Christchurch Priory, Church Tour Monday, 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 a tour around the church which includes the Great Quire with ancient Misericords, and two crypts if mobile (a dozen steps), four Chantries, the Miraculous Beam and Cloister Way with stained glass story of the church and other parts not normally open to the public.

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

Partial Wheelchair Access
Accessible toilet on site
Cameras Welcome
Assistance Dogs Only in Church
Accompanied Children Welcome over 8
years
Normally open to the public

15. Christchurch Priory, Tower Tour Monday 9th, 2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket www.christchurchpriory.org

Come climb the 176 steps of the tower and enjoy spectacular views around the countryside as far reaching as Salisbury. Walking shoes advised (Uneven steps)

Parking see event 14.

No Disabled Access Accessible toilet on site Cameras Welcome No Dogs Accompanied Children Welcome over 8 years

16. Church of Our Lady & St Ignatius Saturday 7th, 2pm to 4pm and Sunday 8th, 2pm to 4pm

North Road, Chideock, Bridport, DT6 6LF www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk

Built in 1874 by Charles Weld of adjoining Chideock Manor, this beautiful Grade 2* Italian Romanesque Church is a gem of English Catholicism. Also the Shrine of the Dorset Martyrs, a Marian Shrine, it has a small museum showing local history and village life through the ages. The Sacristy will be specially opened to view the wall paintings, Fra Newbury painting of the Chideock Martyrs, and the site of the original barn chapel where masses were said secretly in penal times. Donations for upkeep are very welcome. Please note Some steps into church, ramps in the porch available for wheelchairs

Chideock is on the A35, 2 miles west of Bridport. Turn into North Road by St Giles Parish Church and continue quarter of a mile along the lane. Church is on the right with carpark beyond.

Partial Wheelchair access
Assistance dogs welcome
Carpark available next to church
Cameras welcome
Dogs welcome
Accompanied children welcome
Normally open to public





17. Clavell Tower 🕒

Open Day

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 10am to 4pm

Clavell Tower, Kimmeridge, Dorset, BH2O 5PE

Pre-booking is preferred but not essential via the Landmark Trust:

https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/newsand-events/upcoming-events/clavell-openday-24/

Clavell Tower is a four storey, circular tower standing high on the cliff above Kimmeridge Bay overlooking one of the most striking bays on the Dorset coast. Here is the Jurassic Coast, England's first natural World Heritage Site, and the South West Coastal Path runs past the door.

High up on the cliff, the tower, built in 1830, is a well-known landmark and its location enables you to witness the changing light, weather and sea and has captivated many, including writers like Hardy and PD James. Leaflets on the building's history and children's activity sheets will be available.

Pre-booking is preferred but not essential and we welcome drop in visitors on the day.

Please note: - There is no parking in the village at all. The Smedmore Estate on whose land Clavell Tower stands has a parking area which costs £6.00 for the day (card payments only) and this give access to the coast line and to the property. Once parked, Clavell Tower can only be reached on foot up a steep coastal path.

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

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18. Deans Court 😉

Guided Tour

Wednesday 11th, 12pm and 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

https://www.deanscourt.org

This 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.

Generally, access to the historic house comes with its share of challenges, especially as the building is so old. Access into the house is not level and there is no lift inside and it is surrounded by loose gravel that can also be difficult to traverse safely.

Regrettably mobility scooters are not permitted inside the house, as they are too large and lack the level of manoeuvrability needed for safe entry and exit.

No Disabled Access
Pushchair / pram friendly
Disabled parking onsite
No cameras
No Dogs
Accompanied Children
Not normally open to the public





19. Discover Dorchester B

Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

https://discoverdorchester.co.uk/whats-on/ Booking for these events is via each individual venue please see details below.

A great opportunity to discover Dorchester! Explore our historic market town, the county town of Dorset, with it's wealth of heritage and historic buildings. Here are a few of the events that are happening!

Dorset Museum & Art Gallery: will be offering two tours of their Collections Discovery Centre at 11am and 3pm and a Thomas Hardy themed tour at 1pm – all tours are free but do not include general access to the museum. Book via https://www.dorsetmuseum.org/whats-on/

The Keep Military Museum: will be offering free entry all day. Please see event number 54 on page 29

Shire Hall Museum: Shire Hall Museum will be offering free, bookable guided tours throughout the day (places are limited) and will give visitors an insight into Shire Hall's fascinating history from the architectural value of the building to the important stories of people who were tried at Shire Hall. Please book via

www.shirehalldorset.org/whats-on/ or call O13O5 261849

Dorset History Centre: an exhibition of architectural plans which shaped Dorset, alongside a selection of Dorset's archaeological finds curated by the Portable Antiquities Scheme. A family activity and behind the scenes tours will run every hour from 10.00am – 3.00pm

Guided walks: The Blue Badge guides will offer a rolling programme of themed tours throughout the day focusing on historic buildings and significant people from Dorchester's past. Please go to https://discoverdorchester.co.uk/whats-on/to find out more.

20. Dorset Houses 🕒

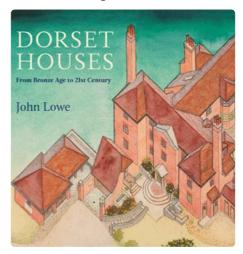
Talk NEW!

Friday 6th, 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket Wimborne Minster. Dorset

John Lowe's new book "Dorset Houses" is an invitation to explore some of Dorset's finest houses and learn how they were designed, used, and constructed - from the Bronze Age to the twenty first century. His talk is based on the book, illustrated with reconstruction paintings, photographs and historic images. The works of some of the most significant architects and designers will be shown together with the controversies behind some of their designs. The book offers new research and observations bringing surprising twists to the understanding of these historic buildings and helping to ensure the survival of this rich and beautiful legacy.

John Lowe has had a long and distinguished career as an architect, supporting the conservation of historic buildings, first at Burnley, Lancashire, then at Dorset County Council. He is author of Burnley (1985, Philimore) and Dorset Houses (2024) and was the founder and original manager of Dorset Architectural Heritage Week.



21. Dunshay Manor 🕒

Open Days

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 10am to 4pm

Tickets must be pre booked through the Landmark Trust website: - https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/dunshay-manor-opendays-2024/

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 building preservation charity, the Landmark Trust. 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.

There is no parking on site. Please park in the carpark opposite Harman's Cross Village Hall - this operates on an honesty box system with a suggested donation of £1 per car.

Please note: Due to the nature of our historic buildings and places, some may be unsuitable for those with limited mobility. We do all we can to enable access, but if you have any concerns, please contact our Booking Enquiries team on 01628 825925 (Mon to Fri - 9am to 5pm) or email booking@landmarktrust.org.uk.

Limited Disabled Access
Assistance Dogs Welcome
Cameras welcome
Dogs Welcome
Accompanied Children Welcome
Not Normally Open to the Public

All events marked with this symbol must be pre-booked.

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22. Eventide Homes Almshouses at Edgecombe Gardens

Tuesday 10th, 10am to 12:30pm

www.eventidehomes.co.uk

Location details will be shown on ticket

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. In the partnership 'Seal and Hardy', his work also included the 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.

Limited Parking on site, please park off site or Castlepoint car park

No disabled access
Accessible toilets onsite
Disabled parking on site
No dogs
Accompanied children welcome
Not normally open to the public
We ask that visitors do not take photos
of any residents, their friend's family and
visitors etc.





23. Guildhall (Poole) Open Morning

Wednesday 11th, 10am to 12pm

The Guildhall, Poole, BH15 1NF

www.societyforpoole.org

A two-storey brown brick building designed in "Palladian taste" style, and enhanced with limestone dressing, was built in the Coronation year of King George III (1761) to house the administration prescribed by Queen Elizabeth I who made Poole a county separate from Dorset.

The building has been considerably adapted but externally the alterations have been sympathetic and the elegant front elevation has been retained. The elegant Hall of Justice with its judicial bench remains intact and is now a wedding hall.

The Society for Poole will be hosting a viewing with a presentation in the Hall at 10.30am.

There will also be displays of pictures of old Poole and a chance to buy the Poole Flag.

Full wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance dogs welcome
Please use public car parks no onsite parking
Cameras welcome
No dogs
Accompanied children
Not normally open to the public



24. Hardy Monument

NEW!

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 10.30pm to 3.30pm

Black Down, Portesham, Dorset, DT2 9HY

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The Hardy Monument was built in 1844 in memory of Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy, Flag Captain of HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. The National Trust became owners of the site in 1938 and have maintained it ever since. In a prominent position high on Black Down this impressive monument commands far reaching panoramic views across Dorset. Come and discover this Dorset landmark, climb the 120 steps to the viewing platform or take part in the family nature trail.

No toilets Accompanied children welcome Dogs are not allowed in the monument



25. Heather Hav Houses Health (3)



A guided walk through the history of Ashley Heath village

Sunday 15th, 10am

Location details will be shown on ticket

Starting at "the longest railway halt" in Britain, and finishing at "the smallest High Street", there will be stops to consider various subjects including the natural history of the Great Southern Heath, the dramatic impact of the Victorian railway system, and what remains of the original roads and buildings designed and built by William Webb, the so-called "Father of Ashlev Heath". Webb (1862-1930), a Surrey estate agent already well known for his successful 'Garden First' housing development on the edge of South London, moved to Bournemouth in 1920, bought 1500 acres of heathland near Ringwood, and began to build the 'Hampshire Heath Garden Estate'. His book 'Heather Hay Houses Health' was published in 1929 to explain his vision for the new village.

A level walk of 2-2.5 hours mostly on macadam, but with some gravel paths that could be muddy after rain. Please wear sensible shoes. Bring umbrellas if likely to rain!

Camera welcome Children welcome No dogs Normally open to the public

26. Highcliffe Castle **Open Day**

Thursday 12th, 10am to 4pm (last entry 3pm)

Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch BH23 41 F

www.highcliffecastle.co.uk

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

Highcliffe Castle highlights include the Stained-Glass Studio, 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. Alternative parking nearby at Steamer Point Car Park BH23 4TA or Cliff Top Car Park BH23 5DF. Please use public transport whenever possible.

Partial wheelchair access Accessible toilets onsite Parking available onsite Pay and display Assistance dogs welcome Pushchair and pram friendly Disabled parking - charges apply No dogs

27. Highcliffe Castle 🕒

Guided Tours

Thursday 12th. 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.highcliffecastle.co.uk

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. Highlights include the Stained-Glass Studio, 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 O12O2 O93 377, and we will be happy to assist.

Please note, our car park is pay and display and can get very busy during peak times. Alternative parking nearby at Steamer Point Car Park BH23 4TA or Cliff Top Car Park BH23 5DF. Please use public transport whenever possible.

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

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28. Literary and Scientific Institute, Bridport

Open Day with guided tours Saturday 7th, 10am to 1pm

Literary and Scientific Institute, 51 East Street, Bridport, DT6 3JX

www.bridportadt.org.uk

This impressive town centre Georgian building with an educational and philanthropic history was constructed in 1835. It has an interesting and colourful story covering practical and academic training for working people, literature, science, art and latterly as a public library, but has been renovated and repurposed for the needs of today. The open day offers you the opportunity to have a guided tour of the building.

Partial Wheelchair Access
Accessible Toilets
Assistance dogs welcome
Parking - East Street Pay and Display
No dogs
Cameras welcome
Accompanied Children welcome
Not Normally open to the public



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29. Lyme Regis Cemetery Chapel Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

Lyme Regis Cemetery, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3DW/DT7 3DR

https://www.

lymeregismuseumresearchteam.co.uk

This small Church of England Chapel is a hidden, little seen gem, built in the 1850's in the Council Cemetery. The Chapel was decorated in 1892, paid for by Rev. Charles Myers. The beautiful, stencilled paintings on the ceiling and the walls were restored in 2019 by a local conservation artist, Adrian Everitt.

Public carpark nearby. Two spaces at the entrance to the Charmouth Road Cemetery, 100 yards from the Chapel. Disabled people can be dropped off approximately 30 yards from the chapel, but they will need to be able to walk 30 yards up a slope. Accessible to electric buggy or wheelchair.

Disabled access
Assistance dogs welcome
Cameras welcome
Accompanied children welcome
Not normally open to the public

30. Lyme Regis Guildhall **Open Day**

Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

The Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3QA

www.lymeregissociety.org.uk

The Guildhall is one of Lyme's most iconic buildings, standing on the site by the corner of Church Street and Bridge Street since the early 17th century. By the 19th century, it had fallen into disrepair and was remodelled in 1887 to mark the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The architect behind this historic building was George Vialls (1843-1912), who later designed the nearby Lyme Regis Philpot Museum. It was almost entirely rebuilt with new access, courtroom, gaol and open market space, but the Venetian style windows and panelling survived. The Guildhall is now occupied by the town council with the closed-in space of the ground floor originally the arched market. The court chamber on the first floor is now where the council hold their meetings.

Full wheelchair access Partial wheelchair access Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome

Parking – Long stay car park on the approach roads on either side of town, limited short stay parking in the town centre, blue badge parking on sea front marine parade.





31. Lyme Regis Mural

NEW!

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, 2pm to 4pm

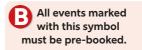
Lyme Regis Nursing Home, Pound Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HX

The only remaining visible part of a mural on the walls of the old Children's Ward of Lyme Regis Cottage Hospital, now the Lyme Regis Nursing Home. Painted by Wyndham Payne in 1935 the mural was a gift to the hospital and town as thanks for the care of two children. Hidden under hardboard and paint for many years it was rediscovered in November 2022. A lot of Wyndham's work is now held by the Victoria & Albert Museum and his illustrations include the 1927 UK edition of Wind in the Willows

Full disabled access No dogs

Not normally open to the public Disabled parking – right hand side of nursing home

There is public parking at Holm Bush car park (DT7 3HX) on the junction of Pound Street (A3O52) and Pound Road. It is a short walk from the car park. There is also on-road parking on Pound Street.



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32. Max Gate, Hardy's House **NEW! Free flowing tour**

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Alington Avenue, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 2FN www.nationaltrust.org.uk

An austere but sophisticated town house a short walk from the town centre of Dorchester. It was the home of Dorset's most famous author and poet Thomas Hardy, who designed the house in 1885, to show that he was part of the wealthy middle classes of the area, to reflect his position as a successful writer, and to enable him to enter polite society. He wrote some of his most famous novels here, including Tess of the d'Urbervilles and Jude the Obscure, as well as much of his poetry. There will be guided tours and lots of extra information about Dorset's great poet and author.

Please note: If stairs are problematic, an online video can be viewed which provides a tour of the house. There is no car park and only limited parking available on the street. Please park considerately.

Disabled Access to ground floor Disabled toilet Dogs allowed in Garden only Accompanied children welcome



33. Morgan Carey Architects, The Goods Shed

Open Studio

Friday 6th, 10am to 4pm

Sandford Lane, Wareham, Dorset, BH2O 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. Many documents and projects in the studio will be confidential so please ask before taking photographs.

Full wheelchair access Cameras Welcome Dogs Welcome Children Welcome No parking

34. Museum of East Dorset Tour **(B)** Wednesday 11th, 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.museumofeastdorset.co.uk

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 timber framed walls, Georgina panelled rooms and a kitchen extension dating back to the 1700's.

Full wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance dogs welcome
Pushchair / pram friendly
No onsite parking, nearest public car park
is King Street car park, Wimborne
Cameras Welcome
No Dogs
Accompanied Children Welcome



35. Nothe Fort **Open Day**

Sunday 15th, 10.30am to 4pm

Barrack Road, Wevmouth, Dorset, DT4 8UF

https://nothefort.org.uk

Nothe Fort is Weymouth's No. 1 heritage attraction, offering fantastic 360-degree views across Dorset's Jurassic Coast, Built as a Victorian coastal defence. Nothe Fort was used during WW2 and had a secret nuclear shelter built during the 1980s.

Nothe Fort was saved from dereliction by Weymouth Civic Society, and today is run by an army of local volunteers. Discover a maze of underground tunnels, nuclear shelter, a museum, parade ground, and large guns positioned high on the ramparts.

We recommend 2-3 hours to see everything.

NB: The carpark in managed by JustPark location number 3208.

Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome Dogs welcome Accompanied children welcome Normally open to the public



36. Palace Court Theatre



Guided Tour

Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th, 10am and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.aub.ac.uk

The Palace Court Theatre in central Bournemouth, owned by AUB since 2021. is being taken through an ambitious transformation process, to create a fully functioning theatrical performance space for the use of students and the community.

Whilst essential repairs and substantial refurbishment to the theatre have already been undertaken there is still much to do to create a vibrant, positive resource in the centre of town.

Join us for a tour of this remarkable 1930's art deco theatre build by local architects Seal and Hardy. The tour will include an insight into the building's history and a description of the future vision for the space. Within what the space currently allows, we want to be as welcoming and accessible as possible. Please wrap up warm, and let us know if you need assistance by emailing: palacecourtheatre@aub.ac.uk.

Partial Wheelchair Access Assistance dogs only Cameras Welcome





37. Pavilion Theatre Bournemouth 🕒



Friday 6th, 10am and Saturday 7th, 10am and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.bournemouthpavilion.co.uk

Join us for our popular Behind the Scenes Tour to enjoy a tour of Bournemouth's Magnificent original 1929 Grade 2 Listed Pavilion. Gain an insight into the theatre backstage world. The tour includes all front of house areas and the Ballroom, in the company of a well-informed, enthusiastic guide.

Partial Wheelchair Access Accessible Toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Disabled parking onsite Pay and display parking onsite Cameras welcome Accompanied children welcome

38. Portland House **Open Day NEW!**

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, 10.30am to 3.30pm

24 Belle Vue Road, Weymouth, DT4 8RZ

www.natioanltrust.org.uk

This is a rare opportunity to see inside the stunning 1930's, Art Deco, party house that is not normally open to the public as it is a National Trust holiday home. Overlooking the harbour at Portland, this is an extraordinary house. Looking like an Agatha Christie film set, the interiors have been lovingly put together, retaining many original features and period furniture. It's easy to believe you have stepped back in time. Why not enjoy the views and the grounds with a picnic in the garden.

Due to the nature of how this house was built into the side of a hill, there are a lot of steps to be mindful of both inside and out.

There is only a small car park onsite, so please park considerately on the surrounding roads.

No disabled access Children allowed No Cameras



39. Portland Port – A Historical Tour NEW! Guided Tour

Saturday 14th, 10am, 1pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on the ticket

A rare opportunity to have a private tour of parts of the Port at Portland, by kind permission of Portland Port Group in partnership with Excelsior Coaches. Focussing on the history of the breakwaters, the harbour, the naval defences and the maritime history of the area. A chance to walk in the footsteps of promenading Victorian tourists along 'Prince Consorts Walk' and hear about the wider history of the Port and Harbour.

Attendees must be mobile and able to walk on rough ground. Approximate tour length 1.5 hours

NB: Government issued photo ID and Car Registration is a requirement of this event.

No disabled access No dogs No children Limited camera use by permission only



40. Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church **Open Day**

Thursday 12th 10am to 1pm

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 reglazed 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'.

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'. There will be Pause for Prayer 10.30 to 11.00 and a Coffee Morning 11.00 to 12.00

Partial wheelchair access
Disabled parking onsite
Cameras welcome
No dogs
Accompanied children welcome



41. Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum **(B)**

NEW! Talk

Wednesday 11th, 11am

Location details will be shown on the ticket

russellcotes.com

Join the team who worked on the restoration of the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum's Conservatory to find out about its history and refurbishment. Built originally in 1901, this beautiful structure with its breathtaking views and exposed location had become increasingly dilapidated and has been in need of restoration for many years. Thanks to funding from Arts Council England MEND fund, local fundraising efforts and support from BCP Council, the conservatory is being conserved. Join museum staff and the historic building conservation consultants, Philip Hughes Associates, to discover the story. This talk also includes free access to the museum.

Partial Disabled access
Parking nearby in public car parks
No dogs
Accompanied children welcome



42. Scaplen's Court - The Archaeology **NEW! Guided Tour**



Friday 13th, 10am, 12.30pm and 3pm

www.poolemuseum.org.uk/

'Hard Hat' Guided Tour of Scaplen's Court and Garden. Join us for a fascinating 'behind the scenes tour' with our archaeologist who has been uncovering the layers of history within Scaplen's Court as part of the Poole Museum redevelopment. Tours last approx 60 mins.

Scaplen's Court is a live construction site, and hard hats and high vis jackets will be provided and must be worn. Please wear sensible shoes.

No disabled access **Cameras Welcome** No Dogs No children Not normally open to the public

43. Sherborne Abbey

NEW! Guided Tour

Saturday 7th, 10.30am, Tuesday 10th, 10.30am, Wednesday 11th, 2pm, Thursday 12th, 10.30am, Friday 13th, 2pm

Location details will be shown on the ticket

www.sherborneabbey.com

Discover 1300 years of history with a guided tour of Sherborne Abbey led by one of our experienced tour guides. Come and see this magnificent building, one of the jewels of Dorset. Two Saxon kings are buried here: Thomas Wyatt, Tudor courtier and poet. has his grave here; Sir Walter Raleigh worshipped here. You may even hear the heaviest peal of eight bells in the world! The Abbey Shop will be open plus children's trails available and other information leaflets. Donations are appreciated.

There is no general parking at Sherborne Abbey but disabled parking spaces outside the Abbey (DT9 3LQ) can be reserved by ringing Joanna at the Parish Office on O1395 713777. Culverhayes car park (short & long stay) in Sherborne (DT9 3ED) is just a few minutes' walk from the Abbey.

Partial Wheelchair access Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome Children welcome

44. Sherborne Steam and Waterwheel Centre

Open Day

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 11.30am to 3.30pm

Oborne Road, Sherborne, DT9 3RX

Pedestrian access to site via short driveway from Oborne Road marked by notices and flags.

www.sswc.co.uk Facebook: SherborneSteam

The Centre brings alive the history of Sherborne's water supplies and other public health measures. See the vintage waterwheel and steam engines in operation, together with other machinery, visiting attractions and audiovisual displays of restoration work. Refreshments and picnic area. Entry with donation.

Picnic area. Refreshments and drinks on sale.

Please use free parking on Oborne Road opposite entrance to site. Pedestrian access to site via short driveway from Oborne Road marked by notices and flags.

Please take note of safety notices around the site. Hot and heavy machinery running.

On-site toilet accessed via multiple steps and handrail.

Partial Wheelchair access Assistance Dogs Welcome Pushchair pram friendly Cameras Welcome Accompanied Children welcome Not normally open to the public except on occasional Open Days.

Part of Discover Dorchester

Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

Shire Hall Museum, High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1UY

Booking is required so please visit www.shirehalldorset.org/whats-on/or call 01305 261849

Shire Hall Museum will be hosting free guided tours, as part of Discover Dorchester. Discover the history of Shire Hall and the people whose lives were changed here. From hidden staircases to a nuclear bunker, find out more about the secrets of this historic building.

Partial Wheelchair access Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome No dogs Cameras welcome





46. Skinner Street United Reformed Church - Religious and Social contribution to Poole

Saturday 7th, 10.30am to 4.30pm, Thursday 12th, 11.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday 14th, 10.00am to 1.00pm

5 Skinner Street, Poole, Dorset BH15 1QR www.skinnerstreet.com

This non-conformist building, constructed in 1777, is the oldest church building in Poole. It has historical connections with the merchants and fisherman of Poole, with the Newfoundland Fishing trade as well as men in the Tank Regiments in the First World War. The Sunday School was a very important feature and there are pews in the gallery built especially for children. It is still used for regular worship today.

The history of this building and information of both the religious and social story will be available, with some guides available. Access to the gallery is with a guide only.

Tea/coffee may be available for a small charge.

Skinner Street is situated on corner of Skinner Street and Lagland Street, Poole, just north of the quay and towards the eastern end. There is limited parking on site but a public car park is 5 minute walk across the road, New Orchard Multi Story.

Partial wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance dogs welcome
Disabled parking onsite
Dogs welcome
Cameras welcome
Accompanied children welcome
Not normally open to the public

All events marked with this symbol must be pre-booked.

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47. St. Andrew's Church **Open Days**

Monday 9th & Thursday 12th, 10am to 3pm

St. Andrew's Church, Millhams Road, Kinson, Bournemouth BH10 7I N

https://www.standrewskinson.org

Visit the oldest Church in Bournemouth. Late Norman tower, 13th century chancel, nave and aisles rebuilt 1894-95 by W.H. Romaine-Walker. Inside there are 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.

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.

Full wheelchair access Accessible toilets on site Assistance dogs Cameras welcome

48. St James' Church **Guided Tour**

Saturday 14th 11.30am and 13.30pm

Meet at church porch facing Thames Street, Poole. BH12 1JN

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.

The tour includes a visit to the gallery which is unfortunately not accessible. The lower floor is accessible.

Partial Wheelchair access

Accessible toilets onsite

Please use public car parks

Cameras welcome

No dogs No children



49. St Mary's Church - Explore Regency Heritage

NEW! Open Day

Saturday 7th, 11am to 4pm

St Mary Street, Weymouth DT4 8PU

https://stmarysweymouth.co.uk/

Discover Weymouth's Regency church, a gem hidden in plain sight in the town centre. It's a Grade 1 listed building. There has been a church here since medieval times - initially a chapel, later becoming the parish church of Melcombe Regis. King George III was a regular attender in the old building during his visits to Weymouth. His granddaughter, Princess Charlotte, also attended the old church during her visits and made a sizable donation towards the construction of today's building, which was opened in 1817. Come along to admire this historic church, which includes a painting of the Last Supper by Sir James Thornhill, dating from the 172Os.

There will be tours, talks, a historical display and opportunities to ask questions about life in Regency Weymouth. Refreshments will be available.

Nearest car park: Governor's Lane, DT4 8DD

Partial wheelchair access - Ramp access to ground floor, steep stairs to balcony level. Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome No dogs Accompanied Children Welcome

50. St Michael and All Angels' Church, Colehill - A Caröe Arts and Crafts Gem

Saturday 7th, 2pm to 4pm, Wednesday 11th, 10am to 4pm, Saturday 14th, 10am to 12pm and Sunday 15th, 2pm to 4pm

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Colehill Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7AB

www.stmichaels-church-colehill.co.uk

- An opportunity to see a unique Dorset Arts and Crafts period Church with a Scandinavian twist
- St Michael's Church was designed by W D Caröe, an eminent Arts and Crafts ecclesiastical architect.
- Many fascinating architectural features and some unusual art and sculpture
- A chance to see an exhibition of other examples of the architect's work
- On display, some of the Church's needlework
- Linger and look round our environmentally friendly grounds.
- If you visit on Saturday 14th then we are running our regular Coffee Morning in the Church from 10am to 12pm.
- If you visit on Wednesday our church serves Morning Coffee and Light Lunches in the Church Centre from 10.30am to 1.30pm. (Lunches from 12 noon)
- Refreshments served in the Church at other times

Car parking in front of the Church Centre to the south of the church.

Partial wheelchair access
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance dogs welcome
Disabled parking onsite
Cameras welcome
Dogs welcome on lead
Accompanied children welcome
Limited opening hours



51. St Peter's Church **Open Days**

Friday 6th to Sunday 15th, 10am to 4pm

Hinton Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2EE

www.stpetersbournemouth.org.uk

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of architect G E Street, this year, come and visit a fine example of his Victorian architecture in the town centre church of St Peter, Bournemouth. Street is probably better known for his design of the Royal Courts of Justice on The Strand. The graveyard of the church also has the resting places of Mary Shelley, Constantin Sylvestri and Dan Godfrey amongst others.

Please note: If there is a church service taking place you are welcome but please be respectful of those taking part.

Unfortunately, there is no parking allowed for visitors in the church grounds so please park in the town centre car parks.

Partial wheelchair access (Can be dropped off onsite)
Accessible toilets onsite
Assistance dogs welcome
Please use public car parks
Cameras welcome
Accompanied children welcome
Dogs Welcome

52. Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust, Mill **Open Day**

Friday 13th, 11am to 5pm

Newton Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 2DQ

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 and a mill shop.

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

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



53. The Boathouse 🕒

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th, 10am, 12pm and 2pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

The Boathouse was built in 1936 to accommodate the 2nd 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 Boathouse was part of the Coastal Defences Zone. There is a collection of memorabilia from the liner and other liners collected and displayed by the owners.

Please note: The tours will start promptly at the set times

No Disabled Access No Cameras Not normally open to the public

54. The Keep Military Museum Open Day - Part of Discover Dorchester

Sunday 15th 10am to 4.30pm

The Keep Military Museum, Barrack Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RN

www.keepmilitarymuseum.org

Join us on Sunday the 15th of September, as part of Discover Dorchester, with a new guide to the museum building alongside our exhibits and see the evolution of the Keep from barracks to regimental museum. The Keep Military Museum is a striking landmark in the centre of Dorchester, and a Grade 2 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.

Partial Wheelchair access
Accessible toilets
Assistance Dogs Welcome
Pushchair/pram friendly
Disabled parking onsite, further parking
close by
No dogs Cameras Welcome
Accompanied Children Welcome



55. Tivoli Theatre **(B)**

Talk

Friday 6th, 11am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.tivoliwimborne.co.uk

Hear about the re-birth of this successful theatre, which recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary.

Discover the full history from the very beginning to its closure and re-opening after almost being demolished in 1980. **No latecomers please** - event lasts approx 1 hour and will start promptly.

Disabled Access
Please use public car parks
Assistance dogs only
No Cameras
No Children





56. Tudor House **Open Day**

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 10am to 3pm and Sunday 14th and Sunday 15th, 10am to 3pm

Trinity Street, Weymouth, DT4 9ES

Just off the Old Harbour

www.weymouthcivicsociety.org

Come and visit Tudor House one of the UKs 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
No onsite parking, parking available near-by
Cameras Welcome
Accompanied Children Welcome



57. Walford Mill - Another brief look at a long history

Talk and Tour

Wednesday 11th, 11am and Thursday 12th, 11am

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.walfordmillcrafts.co.uk

An illustrated talk breezing through more than 200 years of the Grade II listed mill's history and use before conversion to the craft centre that exists today. Afterwards a short tour around the building, inside and out, weather permitting. The illustrated talk will be seated in our Education Room with wheelchair access. Refreshments are available from Little Pickle Cafe. Open makers studios.

Partial wheelchair access Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome No children

58. Weld Memorial Chapel **Open Day**

Sunday 8th, 10am to 4pm

North Road, Chideock, Bridport DT6 6LF

www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk

This stunning Grade 2* Memorial, or Mortuary, Chapel built by Charles Weld in 1852. A rare example of a Mortuary Chapel. Wall paintings show rich artistic details of saints and bible scenes of considerable quality, showing ideas leading to the Arts & Crafts Movement. Donations for upkeep are very welcome.

Turn off A35 into North Road by Parish Church and the Chapel is just beyond on the right. Limited parking on the lane.

No disabled access Cameras welcome Accompanied children welcome Not normally open to the public

59. West Bay Discovery Centre **Open Day**

Sunday 8th, 11am to 3,30pm

The Chapel on the Beach, West Bay, DT6 4EN www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk

The Chapel on the Beach is a former Methodist Chapel, which is Grade II listed. It was constructed by a local shipbuilder and completed in 1849. After laying largely unused for several years it was completely restored and adapted for use as a visitor centre in 2018. Its restoration included the sympathetic creation of a small mezzanine. This is normally office space and closed to the public, but it will be accessible on the open day to enable high-level viewing of the interior and to enable views from the windows to be enjoyed. The Chapel is now West Bay Discovery Centre, a treasure trove of stories, information and activities covering local heritage and natural history. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the Centre's exhibition "A Resort to Rival Others", which features the early, ambitious, development of West Bay as a seaside resort

Please note that there is no access for wheelchairs or dogs to the small mezzanine level of the Centre.

Partial wheelchair access Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome Dogs welcome Children welcome



60. Wimborne - Big Town, Little Town (3)

NEW! Guided Tour

Monday 9th, 10am and Wednesday 11th, 10am

For the first time ever this tour brings together some aspects of the centre of todays' Wimborne followed and compared with it's unique, famous and historic 1950's Model Town. Meet in the real world and finish in a much smaller onel

A combination of interest from the Model Town, the Museum of East Dorset, and the Miniature British Buildings Archive.

Partial Wheelchair Access Accessible toilets onsite Assistance dogs welcome Cameras welcome

61. Wimborne Guided Walk



Tuesday, 10th, 2.30pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.wimbornecivicsoc.org.uk

A Walk Round Wimborne, to include most of the buildings worth looking at in the centre of this historic and attractive town, with plenty of architectural detail and including Wimborne Civic Society's unusual eighteenth-century Gazebo off West Borough. The Walk will be led by members of the Civic Society, whose predecessors rebuilt the Gazebo some forty vears ago.

People taking part need to be fit enough to walk for a period of time which will involve lots of standing to appreciate and understand the beauty of the town.

No disabled access Assistance dogs welcome **Cameras Welcome** Accompanied children welcome No dogs

62. Wimborne Minster Bell Tower

Guided Visit

Monday 9th, 2pm and 3pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

www.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.

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

No disabled access No doas Accompanied children Welcome Not normally open to the public Cameras welcome

63. Wimborne Minster

NEW! Guided Visit

Saturday 7th, 12.45 to 1.45pm and Wednesday 11th, 12.45 to 1.45pm

Location details will be shown on ticket

http://www.wimborneminster.org.uk

An introduction to one of only 4 public chained libraries in England. Early handwritten books together with early printed ones. The books cover a wealth of subjects including theology, history, anatomy, geography and philosophy. Authors include Sir Walter Raleigh, Machiavelli and Erasmus. Music from the Elizabethan era such as Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. Great seals of Flizabeth 1 and Charles 1

Access to the chained library is via a 26-step spiral staircase.

No disabled access No cameras No dogs **Accompanied Children Welcome** Normally open to the public



64. Wimborne Minster 🕒



Guided Tours

Tuesday 10th, 2pm to 3.15pm

- The Building Tour

Thursday 12th, 2pm to 3.15pm

- The Characters Tour

Friday 13th, 2pm to 3.15pm

- The Artefacts Tour

Location details on ticket

http://www.wimborneminster.org.uk

St. Cuthberga founded her double Monastery in 705 and around it the town of Wimborne grew. Sometime around 1043, Edward the Confessor re-founded the place as a College of Cannons. During the Civil War Cromwell's fighting priest started a riot here and in the nineteenth century Issac Gulliver, the smuggler, became Church warden. The Minster is full of our heritage, and we would like to share some of that heritage with you. For thirteen hundred years the Minster has been very much part of the town. It is a centre for Christian worship, a grade 1 listed building, a museum, and a place for quiet and stillness in our busy world. There will be guides available while the Minster is open to the public.

The Building Tour - A look at the structure of the Minster including the different phases of architecture and an invitation to imagine how it might have looked at various stages in the past. **The Characters Tour** - An introduction to some of the characters associated with the Minster. Including the legend of Cuthberga, the dancing nuns, Ethelred, Margaret Beaufort, the man with two left feet, Edmund Barnes, our own Dick Wittington together with other personalities from our past.

The Artefacts Tour - We look at several interesting items, be they of stone, glass, wood, or metal that relate to the Minster's long and interesting heritage.

Full disabled access
Accompanied children welcome
No Parking – Please use nearby public
car park
Cameras welcome

65. WW2 Air Raid Shelter **Open day**

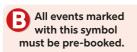
Saturday 7th, 10am to 4pm

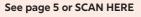
Yonder, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum, DT11 7DE

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

Please note: There is only room for 2 people at a time, so please be prepared to wait a little. 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 public







66. WW2 Bombing Decoy Bunker **Open Day**

Sunday 15th, 10am to 2pm

Moors Valley Country Park, Horton Rd, Ashley Heath, Ringwood BH24 2ET

moors-valley.co.uk

The decoy bunker at Moors Valley was used during World War2 to power and control lights to mimic the nearby RAF airfields at Hurn and Ibsley, including a 1km flare path whose location has been identified. This is an opportunity to take a closer look at the bunker which is not usually accessible to the public. Volunteers will be on-site to explain more about how the bunker was used and tell the story of its operation, as well as the scale and importance of Decoy and Deception Techniques to the war effort.

The bunker is a dark enclosed space but there is ample daylight from the entrances.

It is a 2km walk to the bunker from the Visitor Centre. Please note – access inside the bunker for mobility scooters is not possible due to space restrictions. Access for wheelchairs is dependent on the size of the chair.

Partial Disabled Access
Parking at the Visitor Centre - charges apply
Accompanied children welcome
Dogs welcome on leads only

67. Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust Museum

NEW! Open Day

Friday 13th, 10am to 4pm

Market Cross House, Old Market Cross, Sturminster, DT10 1AN

sturminsternewton-museum.co.uk

In the quaintest thatched museum, come and learn about the history of the town, plus Roman and Victorian Dorset and much more!

Partial Disabled Access Stairs to upper floor Accompanied Children Cameras Welcome STOP PRESS!





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 Italian, French or Spanish conversation or maybe improve your writing skills; learn about famous artists or poetry and literature, computing, iPads or even phones. We also have pottery courses, floristry, lots of craft workshops, life drawing and art courses too...

There is something for everyone! There are heritage events throughout the whole year, with guided walks, coach trips, 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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