

WHAT'S ON in and around WEST DORSET AREA

End Dec. &
January 2021

This listing contains a selection of events taking place across West Dorset this month. For full event information pop into your local TIC

Dorchester, Bridport, Purbeck and Sherborne are open to the public and also available for your enquiries via answer phone and email.

i	Dorchester	Mon, Weds, Thurs and Fri 9.30am-1pm: Tues 9.30am-5.30pm & Sat 9.30am-4pm (closed 1-2pm)	01305 267992	dtic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk bridport.tic@bridport-tc.gov.uk stic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk ltic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
	Bridport	Mon-Sat 10am-3pm	01308 424901	
	Sherborne	Tues, Thu, Fri Sat 10am-2pm	01935 815341	
	Lyme Regis	Closed 29 th December	01297 442138	

You can keep up with West Dorset news and events via Twitter: @BridportTIC @DorchesterTIC @LymeRegisTIC @SherborneTIC

Please check whether the venue or event you may wish to attend is running either via your local TIC or with the event organiser.

ATTRACTIONS NOW OPEN	<p>Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, Abbotsbury, Weymouth DT3 4LA. Gardens open daily 10am-4pm for pre-booked ticket entry only. A £10, C £5, U5 free. Plant Centre open 11am-4pm. www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk</p> <p>Athelhampton House, Dorchester DT2 7LG. House open Sun-Fri 11am-4pm, Garden open Sun-Fri 10am-5pm. Admission House & Gardens: A £14, U12 £4.50, Gardens only: A £9.50, U12 £2.50 www.athelhampton.com</p> <p>Shire Hall High Street West Dorchester, DT1 1XB. Mon-Sat 10am-4pm A £9.50, C £5 concession £7.50 http://shirehalldorset.org/</p> <p>Symondsbury Estate Bridport DT6 6HG Thursday to Monday 10am-3pm 01308 424116 https://symondsburyestate.co.uk/news/lockdown-update/</p> <p>The Military Keep Museum Barrack Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RN Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-4pm pre-booked ticket entry only on 01305 264066 www.keepmilitarymuseum.org</p> <p>Bridport Museum, 25 South Street, DT6 3NR. Tues, Wed, Fri 11am-2pm. 01308 458703 www.bridportmuseum.co.uk</p> <p>Chideock Manor Gardens, North Chideock, Bridport, DT6 6LF 10am-6pm Admission by Appointment Only. A £10, U10 Free, www.chideockmanorgarden.co.uk</p>
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WALKS	<p>Pre booking often required. Please check in advance</p> <p>Fossil Walks Times vary according to the tides, telephone for full details & booking information. Regular guided fossil hunting walks in Lyme Regis & Charmouth are run year round by: Lyme Regis Museum 01297 443370 www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk, Brandon Lennon 07944 664757 www.lymeregisfossilwalks.com, Jurassic Gems 01297 444405, the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre 01297 560772 www.charmouth.org, Jurassic Coast Guides Martin Curtis 07900 257944 guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk, Chris Pamplin 0845 0943757 www.fossilwalks.com</p> <p>Durotriges Roman Tours Dorchester. Booking essential. A£12, C(6-12) £6, u6 free. 07557472092. dorchesterromantours@outlook.com</p> <p>Literary Lyme walking tours available throughout the year. 07763 974569 for details & to book.</p> <p>Mary Anning Walks Lyme Regis. Old Lyme as Mary knew it with Natalie Manifold. 01297 443370. www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk</p>
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MARKETS NOW OPEN	<p>Bridport Weekly Market in the Town every Wednesday & Saturday, Farmers' Market 9th January 9am-1pm Barrack Street</p> <p>Dorchester Weekly Market in Fairfield Car Park, Weymouth Ave 8am-3pm every Wednesday, Farmers' Market Poundbury, postponed</p> <p>Sherborne Pannier Market on the Parade every Thursday and Saturday; Farmers' Market 15th January Cheap Street, 9am-1pm</p>
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Local events diary

01 New Year's Day Walk in Sherborne Meet outside Sherborne Abbey porch, DT9 3LQ 2-3.45pm Join Blue Badge Guide Paul for a guided walk around this historic town. £10 07989 453966

<https://sherbornewalks.co.uk/events/new-years-day-walk/>

05-26 Zoom sing along on-line Zoom 11-11.30am. Tuesdays only. Please contact Carol.Sweeting@alzheimers.co.uk

09 Talk: SDFHS Victorian Life in a Dorset Village Zoom 1.30pm West Dorset group meeting. Talk by Helen Doble about Loders Court Estate 1799-1916. To join Zoom session email: jferentzi@aol.com

<https://sdfhs.org/groups/west-dorset/>

12 Talk: 'Exeter in the 1700s: the golden years of the cloth industry'. Via Zoom, online portal 1.30pm for 2.30pm start. Bridport History Society talk by Dr Todd Gray. To attend email jferentzi@aol.com 01308 425710

17 Rugby Masterclass Leweston School, nr Sherborne DT9 6EN 10am-1pm Half-day master class with Premiership Rugby Team 'Bath'. 3x1hr sessions with 3 top coaches. Open to Years 6-11. All welcome. £20. Book online. <https://www.lewestonenterprises.co.uk/events/185/1831-Rugby-Master-Class-featuring-Bath-Rugby-Team>

17-18/01 Midwinter The Gallery, Symonds Estate, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6HG 10.30am-4.30pm. Mondays, Thursday-Sunday. Latest work by artists associated with Lyme Bay Arts 01308 301326

<https://lymebayarts.co.uk/wordpress/>

21 Talk: 'The Silver Thread: Silver filigree & Traditional Arts in Kosovo' on-line Zoom 6.45pm Talk for Arts Society Dorset County. Access via <https://theartsocietydorsetcounty.org.uk/Lectures/FutureLectures.aspx>

19-20/02 Fauna: Art of the Wild Sculpture by the Lakes, Pallington, Dorchester DT28QU 10am-5pm, Tuesday to Sunday. Normal entrance fees apply. <https://www.sculpturebythelakes.co.uk/newpage>

30 Teas and Talks: Transported for the rest of your natural life. Shire Hall Dorchester 1pm. Talk with Mike Randell. £6 book in advance. <http://shirehalldorset.org/events/teas-and-talks-transported-for-the-rest-of-your-natural-life/>

30 White Tara 2:1 Healing Osborne Village Hall, nr. Sherborne DT9 4LA 12.30pm. Anna's White Tara Healing & Dean's Soundbath using Crystal Singing Bowls & Vocal Overtoning. Individual sessions £50. Pre-book: 01935 389655 www.centreforpuresound.org

31 Divine Union Soundbath Osborne Village Hall, nr. Sherborne DT9 4LA 2-4pm Crystal & Tibetan bowl soundbath. Numbers restricted, COVID secure venue. £15. Please book in advance: ahiahel@live.com 01935 389655 www.centreforpuresound.org

**BRIDPORT
ARTS CENTRE**

02/12- 16/01 Exhibition Exile- A Mind in Winter
11 TAKE PART Bridport Arts Centre 22nd AGM
15 MUSIC Jazz Café January 2021- The Bossa Nova Music of Getz and Gilberto
21 FILM- This Good Earth
27 THEATRE Beauty and the Beast Living Spit
28 FILM Summerland
www.bridport-arts.com
Box Office : 01308 424 204

ARTSLINK

Sherborne Artslink are gradually reopening some face-to-face classes. **Please see website for details.** Meanwhile, current activities are:

Art at Home , Art for Memory, Art for Parents, Parkinson' Dance

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

office@sherborneartslink.org.uk

The logo for ArtsLink, featuring the word 'ArtsLink' in a stylized, green, cursive font.

Artsreach are hosting a range of music and theatre available on line. Please check link below for dates, costs where applicable and how to access events:

- **'A Christmas Carol' by David Mynne:** available from 8pm on Mon 14 Dec – midnight on Sun 27 Dec
- **A Dorset Christmas with the Ridgeway Singers and Band:** available from 4pm on Sun 20 Dec – midnight on Sun 3 Jan



<https://artsreach.co.uk/news/digital-diary>

www.artsreach.co.uk

01305 269512 info@artsreach.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN DORCHESTER

These are the services planned for Christmas but Covid 19 restrictions may affect them. Please look on Church noticeboards around the town nearer the time for updated times. **Booking is essential for some churches.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, DORCHESTER

Please note that due to the Coronavirus we are sorry that the numbers at our services need to be restricted.

ALL SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS MUST BE BOOKED with Trudy Tabone - trtabone@gmail.com

Sunday 20th December at 6pm – A Service of Christmas Poetry & Music with a small choir & Musicians. Please book by Noon on Friday 18th December

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11pm with the blessing of the Crib.

Christmas Day – 8am Said Eucharist

9.45am All Age Eucharist

Please book these by Noon on Tuesday 22nd December at the latest.

ST PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, CHURCH

20 Dec. Holy Communion 9.00am (BCP), 10.30am

Christmas Eve Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.00am

27 Dec. Holy Communion 9.00am (BCP), 10.30am

BCP is Book of Common Prayer.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, DORCHESTER

Dec 20th 08:00 BCP Communion (said), 09:45 CW Communion (said) 18:00 Christmas carols TBC.

Christmas Eve 21:00 First CW Communion of Christmas (said)

Christmas Day 08:30 BCP Communion (said), 10:00 CW Communion (said)

Dec 27th Services TBC

HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve 12.00 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8.30 am Mass

Christmas Day 10.30 am Mass

26th Dec. (Saturday) 10.00 am

27th Dec. (Sunday) 8.30 am on 10.30 am

THE STOREHOUSE CHURCH, DORCHESTER

Saturday 5th and 6th Dec South West Carols Facebook

Sunday the 20th December Christmas Service at 7pm Online - Facebook and Youtube

Christmas Eve - Facebook Live Communion 8pm

Christmas Day Online Only Service at 10am

Our Online services Can be found on our Facebook and YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/channel/UC6aSNFy-bk4k_Y2i6urAFfw

www.facebook.com/StorehouseDorch/

UNITED CHURCH, DORCHESTER

Sunday, 20th December. Carol service at 10am lasting 45 minutes and repeated at 11.15am. Booking essential.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December,. Christingle at 3pm lasting 45 minutes and repeated at 4.15pm. Booking essential.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December at 11.30pm. Midnight Communion. Booking not required.

Christmas Day Friday, 25th December.. Service at 10am lasting 45 minutes and repeated at 11.15am. Booking essential.

Sunday, 27th December. Service at 10am lasting 45 minutes and repeated at 11.15am. Booking essential.

Because of the need for social distancing, we can accommodate only about 45 people, so people have to book in advance and we repeat services as shown.

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Saturday 19th Dec. 4.30 Carols on the Piazza Hopefully featuring the Choral Society (Sunday if wet)

Sunday 20th Dec. 6.00 Carols by Candlelight On line

Christmas Day. 10.30 Christmas Celebration with our puppets on line

Sunday 27th Dec 6.00 Carols by Candlelight On line

www.dorchestercommunitychurch.org.uk

DORCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 13th Dec. 10.30 Morning Service - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 20th Dec. 10:30 Morning Service -4th Sunday in Advent

5:00PM Outdoor Carol Service

Christmas Day 10:30 Christmas Morning Service

www.dorchesterbc.org.uk for booking

www.visit-dorset.com

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