


WHAT'S ON in and around WEST DORSET AREA

September 2020

Offices are not currently open to the public with the exception of Bridport but your TIC staff are available for your enquiries via answer phone and email

	Dorchester	01305 267992	dtic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
	Bridport	Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-3 01308 424901	bridport.tic@bridport-tc.gov.uk
	Sherborne	01935 815341	stic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
	Lyme Regis	01297 442138	ltic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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

GARDENS NOW OPEN	Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens , Abbotsbury, Weymouth DT3 4LA. Gardens open daily 10am-5pm for pre-booked ticket entry only . Admission £10, Child £5, u5 free. Plant Centre open 11am-4pm. www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk
	Abbotsbury Swannery , New Barn Road, Abbotsbury DT3 4JG. Swannery open daily 10am-5pm for pre-booked ticket entry only . Admission £10, Child £5, u5 free. www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk
	Athelhampton House , Athelhampton, Dorchester DT2 7LG. Gardens open Mon-Fri & Sun 10am-3pm for pre-booked ticket entry only . Admission £9.50 (u14 free). Restaurant open from 13 th July, House open from 27 th July. www.athelhampton.com
	Bennetts Water Gardens , Putton Lane, Chickerell DT3 4AF see website for availability 01305 785150 info@bennettswatergardens.com www.bennettswatergardens.com
	Forde Abbey , Chard TA20 4LU Gardens, plant centre and shop open 11am-5pm. Admission: £12.50 Child 5-15 £5 u5 free; available at venue. Tel: 01460 220231 www.fordeabbey.co.uk
	Mapperton Gardens , Mapperton, Beaminster DT8 3NR. Gardens open Mon-Thu & Sun 11am-5pm for pre-booked ticket entry only . Admission £10, Child 5-16 £4, u5 free. <i>Live stream House tours Tues 4pm</i> – see website. www.mapperton.com
	Minterne Gardens , Minterne Magna, Dorchester DT2 7AU. Gardens open daily 10am-6pm Admission £6 (u12 free); available at venue www.minterne.co.uk
Sherborne Castle , New Road, Sherborne DT9 5NR. Gardens open daily 10am-5pm Admission £9 (Child 0-15yrs free) contactless payments only www.sherbornecastle.com	
NGS Open Gardens South West see website for details of dates and venues pre-booked ticket entry only https://ngs.org.uk/product-category/garden-tickets/south-west/	

WALKS	Pre booking often required. Please check in advance
	Fossil Walks 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 07900 257944 guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk Chris Pamplin 0845 0943757 www.fossilwalks.com Times vary according to the tides, telephone for full details & booking information.
	Durotriges Roman Tours Every day at Town Pump. A£8 C£4 from Dorchester TIC or 07557472092 Booking Essential DorchesterRomanTours@Outlook.com
	Literary Lyme walking tours available throughout the year. 07763 974569 for details & to book.
	Mary Anning Walks Lyme Regis. Old Lyme as Mary knew it with Natalie Manifold. 01297 443370. www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk
	Jurassic Coast Guides Regular fossil walks and guided tours. With award winning Marin Curtis. 07900 257944 guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk
	Ghost Walks From Kings Arms Dorchester. Thurs
	Sherborne Walks Small guided walk (max 5) with local Blue Badge Guide Cindy Chant. Fridays at 10.30am, pre-book by 6pm Thursday. £10pp. Tel: 07989 453966 www.sherbornewalks.co.uk
Historic Guided Walks Bridport Selected days 10am from Bridport Museum www.bridportmuseum.co.uk	

MARKETS NOW OPEN	Bridport Weekly Market in the Town every Wednesday & Saturday, Farmers' Market 12th Sept 9am – 1pm Barrack Street,
	Dorchester Weekly Market in Fairfield Car Park, Weymouth Ave 8am-3pm every Wednesday, Farmers' Market 26th Sept Poundbury, 9am-1pm
	Sherborne Pannier Market on the Parade every Thursday and Saturday; Sherborne Market 20th Sept 10am-4pm Cheap Street; Farmers' Market 18th Sept Cheap Street, 9am-1pm
	Lyme Regis Farmer's Market 11th Sept 9am-2pm Marine Shelters, Marine Parade

To receive the monthly What's On sheet by email, please forward your details to dtic@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Local events diary

- 06/08-05/09 Maize Maze at the Toy Barn** Blackmarsh Farm, Sherborne DT9 4JX 10am-3.30pm (book time online) Dinosaur themed Maize Maze plus climbing frames, trampolines & swing frames. £6, U4 free. 01935 815040 <https://toy-barn.co.uk/maize-maze-2020/>
- 01-30 Communifit September 100km Cycle Challenge** Complete in own time during September (a few kms a day or one long ride) In support of The Geranium Trust. A £12, C £2. <https://communifit.fullonsport.com/event/communifit-september-100-km-cycle-challenge/profile>
- 02 Sherborne Arts Society Zoom lecture** 5pm Dr Ross King - Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet & the Painting of the Water Lilies. <https://theartssociety.org/events/september-2nd-dr-ross-king-mad-enchantment>
- 03 Rogue Ropemaking** Bridport Museum fore court, Bridport 11am-1pm Thursdays. Watch the ropemakers twist their magic. Free. www.bridportmuseum.co.uk
- 03-06 Encircled- So Beautiful** Eype Centre for the Arts, St. Peter's Church, Eype, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6AL 10.30am-4.30pm. Stephen Bishop, Solo Art Exhibition. www.stephenbishop.co.uk
- 03-21 Contemporary Craft** The Gallery and The Space Symondsburry Estate DT6 6HG Handmade crafts from ironwork, willow basketry, home made quilts and jewellery. Free Thursday through Monday 10.30am -4.30pm www.lymebayarts.co.uk
- 05 Sherborne Amateur Players: Waiting for Godot** Paddock Gardens, Newland, Sherborne DT9 3JL 2.30pm AI fresco performance. Bring seating & picnic. £10 (inc glass of wine, programme & raffle ticket) on gate or online: <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/aps>
- 05 David Inshaw and Peter Robinson in conversation** 5 West Bay Rd, West Bay, Bridport DT6 4EL. 12noon, followed by lunch. Readings from *Bonjour Mr Inshaw*. £10, lunch charged separately. Booking essential 01308 459511
- 05-06 Royal Ballet and Guests** Athelhampton House DT27LG 4pm-8pm A from £50, C from £25, U17s recognised ballet school students from £20 <https://www.athelhampton.com/ballet>
- 06 Walk for Hope** Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight. Wessex Cancer Trust's sponsored walk. 5, 10 or 20 miles on your own chosen route. £10. Register online: <https://www.walkforhope.co.uk/>
- 06 Music at the Grange** The Grange at Osborne, Sherborne DT9 4LA 5pm Lynsey Docherty & Jon Valender sing arias & duets from the greats of Italian Opera. £10. e-mail: jonvalender@gmail.com
- 08 Gnora the Gnomes Daytime Disco** Bridport Arts Centre, Bridport DT6 3NR 4.30 pm with the Handlebards 01308 424204 <https://www.bridport-arts.com/>
- 08 Romeo and Juliet** Bridport Arts Centre, Bridport DT6 3NR 8pm with the Handlebards 01308 424204 <https://www.bridport-arts.com/>
- 08-09 What Lies Beneath** Hardy's Birthplace and Thorncombe Woods DT28QH 10-11.30am Geology walk with Alan Holiday. £5 Donation <https://facebook.com/events/s/what-lies-beneath-/616115232448867/?ti=ia>
- 08-30 Chroma Exhibition** Lyme Regis Musuem DT7 3QA Allan Punton Hand Cut Coloured Glass Artwork Wednesdays to Saturdays 10am-4pm 01297 443370 <https://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk>
- 09 Sherborne Arts Society Zoom AGM** 7pm See website for details <https://theartssociety.org/events/agm-9th-september-announcement>
- 11/09-02/10 Exhibition of new work** Jerram Gallery, Half Moon Street, Sherborne DT9 3LN Tues-Sat 9.30am-5pm Exhibition of new work by Richard Pikesley 01935 815261 <https://www.jerramgallery.com/exhibitions/>
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- 12 Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride** Sponsored travelling through Dorset countryside visiting local churches by bike or on foot. 01935 592185 / ericjager56@gmail.com https://www.dhct.org.uk/m/ride_and_stride.php
- 13 'Virtual Dorchester'** on-line event 10am-4pm Part of Heritage Open Days 2020 'Hidden Nature' events. Details to be confirmed. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1761367844010452/> <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>
- 13 Great Dorset Plant and Craft Fair** Athelhampton House DT27LG 10am-3pm (last entry) 5pm closure. £7
- 15 On the Trail of Wolves** Online event. 8pm Author & TV presenter Philippa Forrester introduces her new book. Ticket only: £5 + £0.82 fee or Ticket & Book: £15 +£1.47 fee from <http://winstonebooks.co.uk/events/2020/8/17/5h344glhtih10kqx7k6e3qn8ct3bl8>
- 16 Robert Harris in Conversation with Jon Snow** Online event. 7.30pm Pre-publication event about Jon Snow's new thriller, V2. Featuring audience Q&A. Ticket includes a copy of the book to be posted out after the event: £23 + £2.11 fee from <http://winstonebooks.co.uk/events/2020/9/16/b0xufrp66ic904f9h6jh5on9k7dgv>
- 17 Romeo and Juliet** Marine Theatre Lyme Regis DT7 3QB Outside Event 7pm with the Handlebards. Adults £17plus BF Under 18's £9plus BF Under 10's FREE 0333 6664466 www.marinetheatre.com
- 18/9-08/11 Autumn Mixed Show** The Old School House, Tincton, DT2 8QR 10am-5pm Friday to Monday. Featuring local artists 01305 848909 <https://tinctongallery.com/art-exhibitions/>
- 19 Bridport Arts/Crafts and Vegan Market** The Lyric Theatre, Barrack Street 9am-3pm
- 22/8 onwards Summer Exhibition** Gallery on the Square, Queen Mother Square, Poundbury 10am-4pm featuring local Artists' work. 01305 213322 <https://gallerypoundbury.co.uk/>

23 Sherborne Science Café Talk Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL 7.30pm Talk: 'The Science of Plant Diseases'. £2 donation on the door www.sherbornesciencecafe.com

24-30 Awakening Exhibitions The Gallery Symondsburys Estate DT6 6HG Local Dorset Artists Zee Jones + Pamela Allsop with Lucy de Albuquerque from North Hampshire Thurs - Mons 10.30-16.30 Free www.lymebayarts.co.uk

25 Stars from Thorncombe Hardy's Birthplace and Thorncombe Woods DT28QH 6.30-9.30pm <https://facebook.com/events/s/stars-from-thorncombe/294158668245148/?ti=ia>

27 Voice Playshop & Soundbath sessions Osborne Village Hall, nr. Sherborne DT9 4LA 10am-12.30pm Angels of Sound Voice Playshop. 2-4pm Divine Union Soundbath. Advance booking only. 01935 389655 www.centreforpuresound.org/events

29 Sherborne Historical Society talk Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA. 8pm Talk by General Sir Robert Fry: The Wars of 9/11 – an account of the wars started by the 9/11 attacks & their place in history. MEMBERS ONLY

ARTSREACH

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:

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

www.artsreach.co.uk

01305 269512 info@artsreach.co.uk



ARTSLINK

Artslink are working towards reopening some face-to-face classes in the Autumn. **More details will be announced as plans progress.** Meanwhile, current activities are:

- **Art at Home** – art activities you can do at home.
- **Art for Memory & Art for Parents.**
- **Parkinson' Dance** at home using specialist videos which are available online or via DVD.
- **Virtual Classrooms** with James Budden who offers weekly Oils and Portrait & Drawing classes.

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

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www.visit-dorset.com

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