

# BRIDPORT & WEST BAY

## OFFICIAL GUIDE & MAP

An historic market town surrounded by breathtakingly beautiful coast and countryside – recognised for its vibrant market, festivals and art scene, and renowned for its locally produced food and drink.



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The distinctive Colmer's Hill is in the village of Symondsburry. It is a near-conical sandstone eminence topped by pine trees. The hill takes its name from the "Colmer Tenement". The family were tenants of the Dukes of Somerset and Earls of Ilchester in the 17th and 18th centuries and the Rev. John Colmer was the rector from 1805-06. During World War I Caledonian Pine trees were planted on the summit by Major W P Colfox MC. *Although it is not a public footpath, the Colfox family do allow access to it up a primitive path. Visit the café in the village for directions, you can park there too.*



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# Welcome to Bridport and West Bay

## Gateway to the Jurassic Coast

Whether you're a resident or a first time visitor to this historic market town, you're in for a treat. Bridport, along with its harbour, West Bay, has a unique appeal. It is a vibrant mix of town, sea and country life, all coming together to make a special place and one that is recognised not just locally but nationally:

2016: Bridport named among the best places to live in Britain by *The Sunday Times*

2015: Bridport identified as the happiest place to live in Britain by *The Times*

2014: Bridport shortlisted in the finals of *The Telegraph's* High Street Awards

2013: Bridport came 3rd in the BBC *Countryfile* "Favourite Market Town Awards"

2013-2017 the coastline at West Bay has received much acclaim due to being the backdrop for the popular and award winning ITV Drama – *Broadchurch*

Through festivals, carnivals and events, the town celebrates its rich heritage, its unique character and its ongoing commitment to supporting the community and local businesses. These occasions bring the town and surrounding area together and showcase to visitors what Bridport and West Bay is all about. This Guide has been put together in the same spirit. If you're a visitor, have a fantastic time and if you're a local you might just discover something new. Enjoy!

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top 18 Market Towns to  
live and work from over  
400 towns in England  
and Wales...

The Sunday Times, 2017



## Things you can do for Free in Bridport & West Bay

- Visit the Museum, History Centre, Town Hall & Library
- Be entertained in Bucky Doo Square
- Explore the Art & Vintage Quarter
- Relax in the town's parks and gardens
- Walk the many footpaths and coastal paths
- Travel the cycle routes
- Play in one of the area's playgrounds or multi-play complexes
- Go skateboarding/BMX/in-line skating
- Borrow books and music from the Library
- Go fishing or crabbing on the beach or pier at West Bay
- Swim in Lyme Bay at West Bay, Eype, Seatown or Burton Bradstock
- Listen to local musicians playing in pubs in the evening

# The Town of Bridport

Bridport is an attractive and lively market town that thrives and prospers thanks to its rich heritage, community spirit and incredible variety of local businesses. Situated in rural West Dorset, the town is encircled by many beautiful hills, rolling countryside and flowing rivers. Often referred to as the 'Gateway Town to the Jurassic Coast', Bridport is a place like no other.

## The Past

Records of Bridport date back to the early Middle Ages, when the King of Wessex, better known as Alfred the Great, created the 'Burgh of Brydian' in the late 9th Century. In Saxon times 'port' meant a place of trade, not necessarily a seaport. Somewhere along the way the 'Burgh of Brydian' and the Saxon word 'port' came together to create Bridport. The area has always been known for its market and trading. In 1253 Henry III granted a Charter and made the town a Royal Borough. Later confirmed by Elizabeth I and James I. At this time the market was outside the Bull Hotel in East Street. In 1593, the "market house and scole house" were built in the middle of the junction of East, West and South Streets, designed to house butcher shops and the first purpose built school room in Bridport. Its butchery function led to it being known locally as "The Shambles", as butchers used to slaughter animals as well as butcher meat. Early maps illustrate ten covered shambles or meat market stalls. Records show that shambles also operated along the eastern edge of St Andrews Chapel, in what is now known as Bucky Doo alleyway. In 1515, local butcher John Balston was granted a lease for life of a shamble. His ancestors still run a butcher shop in the town and are acknowledged not only as the oldest family butcher but the oldest family business in the country!

Bridport's historic market has operated for hundreds of years on the three principal streets of South, East and West Street which converge at the iconic Town Hall. The present Town Hall was built in 1786 at a cost of £2000. It was built following a fire on the site of St Andrew's Chapel. The architect of the new building was William Tyler RA, who was one of the original 40 members of the Royal Academy. It is built from local bricks and Portland Stone. The timber was imported from Riga through Bridport Harbour (West Bay). Visit [www.bridporttownhall.org](http://www.bridporttownhall.org) for the history of the Town Hall. To find out about visiting the Town Hall go to page 20.



In addition to the market heritage, Bridport is world famous for its rope and net manufacturing. The Town and surrounding area has been an important centre for the production of rope, twine, netting and sailcloth, originally made from flax and hemp, from the 13th Century and possibly earlier. The earliest documentary evidence of the industry is referenced to payment for a large quantity of cordage and sail cloth in 1211. In 1213 King John demanded that Bridport produce rope and sailcloth 'night and day' for the Navy. Bridport is a town built around the rope and net industry. The town's place in the landscape and the layout of its streets and long gardens lay testament to its rope making heritage.

In the 18th Century, the industry was flourishing and many beautifully lavish houses were built throughout the town – there are more than 1000 listed buildings of historical architectural merit. The town is also famous for making the 'Bridport Dagger', the name given to the hangman's rope that gave birth to the local proverb being 'stabbed by a Brydport Dagger' which referred to anyone who had been hanged by the noose!

In the 1870s William Edwards, a local sailcloth weaver became the official supplier of tennis nets to Wimbledon and very soon after received the exclusive manufacturing rights to produce the football goal nets for the English Football Association. The first football goal net, invented by John Brodie from Liverpool in 1889, was made in Bridport and so were the goal nets used during England's 1966 World Cup victory.

Today, Bridport net makers are still at the forefront of design, production and innovation. The Bridport name is still linked with nets from Wimbledon to Wembley.

*Shopping in Bridport – a quaint old shopping experience. Plenty of shops, cafés and bars along with the weekly market selling all sorts of bygones, jewellery and collectables.*

Shopper from Beaminster



## Now

With such a successful heritage behind it, Bridport has so much to offer both locals and visitors alike: a rich, vibrant artistic and cultural community, award-winning local food producers, restaurants, a good selection of shops and innovative local businesses. All of which come together in the town to make up the fabric of life in Bridport.

There is always something going on here. If shopping is your thing, then indulge in some retail therapy in the eclectic town centre or art and vintage quarter. If you want to be entertained, the Arts Centre and Electric Palace, both in South Street, are musts. If you want a moment of calm the town is home to some fabulous open parks including the Millennium Green – which is taken over in celebration of Bridport's heritage on the weekends of the popular Ropewalk Fair, and other community events throughout the year.

The town has been nationally recognised for its unique market, thriving high street and local produce. It is classed as a Beacon Town recognised for the high quality and variety of its local food. It came third in the BBC Countryfile 'Favourite Market Town Awards' in 2013 and was shortlisted in the Telegraph's Best High Street Award in 2014.

Bridport has an excellent choice of specialist, independent businesses located within the town and on the trading estates and business parks that surround it. They offer real variety, choice and value and give Bridport its unique individuality. Many are long standing established family businesses. The oldest town butcher, started in the shambles in the Town Hall in 1515; the local brewery started brewing in 1794; the men's and women's outfitters started in 1884; the hatter in 1896; the car body shop in 1853; the manufacturer of sports netting in 1884 and Ackerman Engineering in 1885. Bridport also has an abundance of new and innovative enterprises who continue to grow the town for the next generations – a small car accessory shop that started in 1984 in St Michael's Trading Estate is now based at Gore Cross Business Park, employs 40 people and is a global supplier of car exhausts and parts. A net manufacturer also based at Gore Cross Business Park started in 1997 is now the largest manufacturer and supplier of netting products in the UK.



# Dorset's Eventful Town!

Bridport & West Bay hosts an impressive list of events throughout the year to suit all ages and tastes. The majority are organised by volunteers – another great advert for the town's community spirit! For a full list of events visit [www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk](http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk)



Month	Event	Location	Website/organiser
January	<b>Wassailing</b>	St Mary's Community Orchard	<a href="http://www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk">www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk</a>
February	<b>Pantomime</b>	Electric Palace	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/bridportpantomimeplayers">www.facebook.com/bridportpantomimeplayers</a>
	<b>Community Fair</b>	Town Hall	<a href="http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk">www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk</a>
April	<b>From Page to Screen Film Festival</b>	Arts Centre/Electric Palace	<a href="http://www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk">www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk</a>
May	<b>Ropewalk Fair</b>	Millennium Green	<a href="http://www.ropewalkfair.co.uk">www.ropewalkfair.co.uk</a>
	<b>Spring Concert</b>		<a href="http://www.bridportchoral.wordpress.com">www.bridportchoral.wordpress.com</a>
	<b>Companion Dog Show</b>	Melplash Showground, West Bay	Brit Valley Rotary Club
	<b>West Bay Pirates Day</b>	West Bay	<a href="http://www.westbay.org.uk">www.westbay.org.uk</a>
June	<b>Bridport Food Festival</b>	Various/Asker Meadows	<a href="http://www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk">www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk</a>
	<b>Bridport Beer Festival</b>	Asker Meadows	<a href="http://www.bridportroundtable.co.uk">www.bridportroundtable.co.uk</a>
	<b>MusicAthon</b>	United Church	jo@jovian.co.uk
	<b>West Dorset Vintage Tractor Rally</b>	Melplash Showground, West Bay	<a href="http://www.wdvtsec.com">www.wdvtsec.com</a>
July	<b>Jurassic Fields Music Festival</b>	Asker Meadows	<a href="http://www.jurassicfields.com">www.jurassicfields.com</a>
	<b>RNLI Raft Race</b>	River Brit, West Bay	RNLI – Bridport Branch 01308 427212
	<b>Bridport Jurassic Coast Run</b>	West Bay, Eype	<a href="http://www.bridport-runners.co.uk">www.bridport-runners.co.uk</a>
August	<b>Carnival &amp; Torch Light Procession</b>	Bridport/West Bay	<a href="http://www.bridportcarnival.co.uk">www.bridportcarnival.co.uk</a>
	<b>West Bay Fun Day</b>	West Bay	RNLI – Bridport Branch 01308 427212
	<b>Bridport Folk Festival</b>	Various	<a href="http://www.bridportfolkfestival.co.uk">www.bridportfolkfestival.co.uk</a>
	<b>West Bay Day with candles on Jurassic Pier</b>	West Bay	<a href="http://www.westbay.org.uk">www.westbay.org.uk</a>
	<b>Melplash Agricultural Show</b>	Melplash Showground, West Bay	<a href="http://www.melplashshow.co.uk">www.melplashshow.co.uk</a>
	<b>Bridport Musical Theatre Production</b>	Electric Palace	<a href="http://www.bridportmusicaltheatre.co.uk">www.bridportmusicaltheatre.co.uk</a>
September	<b>Hat Festival</b>	Bridport	<a href="http://www.bridportthatfestival.co.uk">www.bridportthatfestival.co.uk</a>
	<b>Bridport Open Studios</b>	Various	<a href="http://www.bridportopenstudios.co.uk">www.bridportopenstudios.co.uk</a>
October	<b>Apple Day</b>	St Mary's Community Orchard	<a href="http://www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk">www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk</a>
	<b>Bridport Prize Award</b>	Arts Centre	<a href="http://www.bridportprize.org.uk">www.bridportprize.org.uk</a>
	<b>Bonfire by the Beach with fireworks</b>	West Bay	<a href="http://www.westbay.org.uk">www.westbay.org.uk</a>
November	<b>Round Table Fireworks</b>	Leisure Centre	<a href="http://www.bridportroundtable.co.uk">www.bridportroundtable.co.uk</a>
	<b>Bridport Literary Festival</b>	Various	<a href="http://www.bridlit.com">www.bridlit.com</a>
December	<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>	United Church	<a href="http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org">www.bridport-team-ministry.org</a>
	<b>Christmas Concert</b>	United Church	<a href="http://www.bridportchoral.wordpress.com">www.bridportchoral.wordpress.com</a>
	<b>Christmas Cheer</b>	Late Night Christmas shopping	<a href="http://www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk">www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk</a>
	<b>Christmas tree lights switch-on</b>	West Bay	<a href="http://www.westbay.org.uk">www.westbay.org.uk</a>
	<b>Boxing Day Swim</b>	West Bay	<a href="http://www.bridportroundtable.co.uk">www.bridportroundtable.co.uk</a>

# Dorset's Eventful Town!

**Bridport Hat Festival** is a brilliant day and really shows off the Bridport community and artistic talents. Locals and visitors alike visit the town in their array of wonderful, wacky and crazy hats, many homemade, to take part in the Festival and the mass hatted photo shoot. The Festival kicks off with a hat amnesty, when you can off-load your redundant and unwanted hat to be auctioned off for charity. [www.bridportthatfest.org](http://www.bridportthatfest.org)

**Pantomime** – The Bridport Pantomime Players was formed in 1965. Every February they put on a pantomime. They make their own costumes, scenery and props and have a great support team behind the scenes, helping with make-up, front-of-house, lighting, sound and staging. They also put on an annual summer variety show “Showtime” in August. [www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk/pantomime.html](http://www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk/pantomime.html)

**Ropewalk Fair** celebrates Bridport’s ropemaking heritage and net making futures. There are a whole range of rope and net related activities for all ages, including sporting challenges, heritage walks, lively talks and discussions, skill sharing, live music and much more. [www.ropewalkfair.co.uk](http://www.ropewalkfair.co.uk)

**Carnival & Torchlight Processions** – The grand processions take place on the third weekend of August each year. The procession of floats travels up West Street, then down South Street on Saturday evening. The Torchlight procession takes place on the Sunday from Bucky Doo Square to West Bay – 1,500 blazing torches being carried by families as they snake their way to the Bay for a celebration with live music and fireworks on East Beach. [www.bridportcarnival.co.uk](http://www.bridportcarnival.co.uk)

**From Page to Screen Film Festival** gives new and classic adaptations a fascinating context with discussions, Q&As and master classes with authors, screenwriters, directors and film academics. Affiliated with the world-renowned Bridport Prize for Literature, the festival is a highlight of Bridport’s vibrant arts scene and an essential date in the cultural calendar. [www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk](http://www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk)

**Bridport Food Festival** is a much loved fixture in Bridport’s food calendar, organised by Bridport Local Food Group, a committee of dedicated volunteers, with the aim of supporting producers and promoting local food. The week-long celebration includes a variety of special food and drink events in the town and surrounding area. The week culminates with the main event at Asker Meadows when the festival joins up with the Bridport Round Table Beer Festival. [www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk)

**West Bay Days** is a small not-for-profit voluntary organisation which seeks to help the local community by running four popular annual family events in West Bay whilst at the same time supporting local charities and groups through its Annual Awards and Small Grants Fund. [www.westbay.org.uk](http://www.westbay.org.uk)



**The Bridport Prize** was founded by Mrs Peggy Chapman-Andrews as a fund raiser for the Bridport Arts Centre in 1973. The aim is to encourage emerging writers and promote literary excellence. With over £16,000 in prize money it is one of the richest writing competitions in the UK. Open to all nationalities aged 16 years and over. [www.bridportprize.org.uk](http://www.bridportprize.org.uk)

**Melplash Agricultural Show** is an annual event organised by the Melplash Agricultural Society to promote and celebrate the best of farming and produce in the area. Held on the Thursday before August Bank Holiday the day is truly a great day out for all the family. [www.melplashshow.co.uk](http://www.melplashshow.co.uk)

**Bridport Literary Festival** is an eclectic mix of writers of both fiction and non-fiction, together with poets and literary pundits, bringing intrigue, delight and possible debate to venues around the town. [www.bridlit.com](http://www.bridlit.com)

**Bridport Christmas Cheer** – organised by a team of volunteers and the Town Council, Christmas Cheer celebrates the start of Christmas in the Town. The FREE community event has something for all the family to enjoy. With lots of festive entertainment, it is a time to get in the Christmas mood, find that special Christmas gift and join in the merriment! [www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk](http://www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk)

# A great place to shop

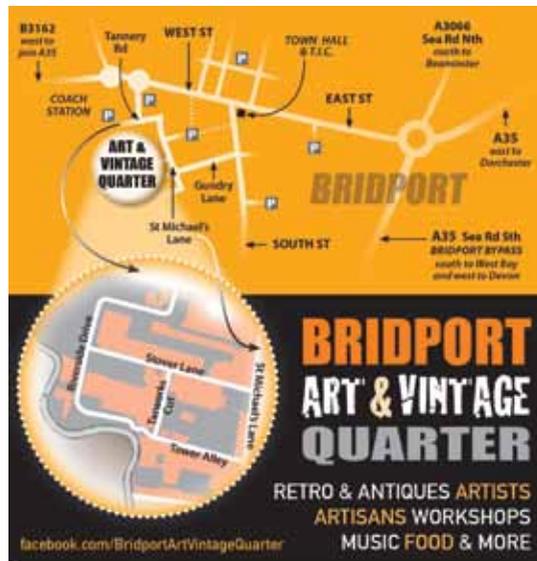
Bridport has an excellent mix of independent and multiple retailers, as well as a twice weekly street market and a monthly Farmers' Market, Craft Market, Artisan Market and Vintage Market.

The main shopping areas are in South, West and East Streets where there is a variety of independent shops that you just won't find on any other High Street making it the perfect place for all gifts and purchases. Many are family run, have been present in the town for generations and are still flourishing. This includes Hatter and Gentleman's Outfitter (Est 1896); Men & Ladies Outfitter (Est 1884); Jewellers and Clock Repairers (Est 1974); Homeware Department Store (Est 1985), an Electrical Appliances Store (Est 1984); Music record store (Est. 1976); one of the family butchers (there are three in the town and one in Bradpole) was established in 1515 and is England's oldest family business. As well as the long established, the town boasts a whole range of up and coming retailers selling bespoke, home-grown and hand-crafted items including fashion, shoes, toys, books, wool, various gifts, DIY, fancy dress, baby wear, cycle, car accessories and also food stuffs - green grocers, health food, bakers and delicatessen.

## Antique and Vintage Shopping

Over the last few years, Bridport has become a destination for vintage shopping. There is a treasure trove of shops around the town selling everything from antiques, vintage, revival and retro where you can pick up countless bargains - many of them are in and around the Vintage Quarter of St Michael's Trading Estate. The Antique Centre based there has over 45 different traders selling various wares. After successful growth the owners have expanded and opened a new Antique Showcase (open April 2017) in West Street. Similar businesses operate from St Andrew's Trading Estate and at the Custom House in West Bay.

Every Saturday in lower South Street, as part of the street market, there is always a large selection of antiques/bric-a-brac stalls to browse. The town has two independent auction houses where regular auctions are held and you can buy antiques, collectables, art, furniture, etc. There are a number of well-known charity shops in the main streets too.



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# Historic Street Market

Bridport comes alive every Wednesday and Saturday when the bustling historic market comes to town along South, West and East Street. In 1253 King Henry III granted a charter to Bridport and since then the Market has been in operation almost continually.

The lively and flourishing market runs throughout the year attracting shoppers from miles around. From 8am until late afternoon you can enjoy a diverse range of stalls selling local food and 'food-to-go', clothing and kitchen hardware, flowers and plants, pictures and paintings, books and IT goods and much more. The busy Saturday market has over 100 stalls and attracts a large number of antique and bric-a-brac stalls located in lower South Street.

On Wednesday evenings during the summer there is a late night market in West Bay (dates will be publicised).

The market is managed by the Town Council. To find out more information visit [www.bridport-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk), call 01308 456722 or email [enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk)

## Other markets

**Weekly Country Market** Bridport's only covered market offering a wide range of produce including organic meat, fruit, vegetables, free-range eggs and plants. Open on Saturdays from 9am–12 noon at the WI Hall, North Street DT6 3JQ

**The Farmers' Market** is held in the Arts Centre, South Street on the second Saturday each month from 9am–1pm. In recent years, it has been voted 'the Best Farmers' Market in Dorset'. It often attracts over 20 producers including farmers, fishermen, growers and bakers, who all share a passion for home grown products.

[www.thedorsetfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.thedorsetfarmersmarket.co.uk)

**The Bridport Artisan Market** is held at least twice a month in the theatre at the Bridport Arts Centre. Bridport has a rich vein of artisans and talents all keen to show and sell their wares, from bakers to wood-turners and artists to jewellers. Opening at 9am and running until around 2pm. [www.bridportartisanmarket.co.uk](http://www.bridportartisanmarket.co.uk)



*Where new and old, Old and young collide. Joyous music in Bucky Doo Square most Saturday mornings... Market traders of all calibres selling their wares, farmers market once a month... Snack shops and cafés, public houses entertaining the thirsty shoppers with their many delights. A sense of old days... with a twist of modern. Children laughing and dancing... A joyous time on the summer days and winter sunshine.*



**Arts & Craft Fair** This popular Fair runs monthly on a Saturday from 9am–3pm in the Town Hall during May, June, July, August, September, October and November. For bookings, call 01308 424901 or email [t.foxwell@bridport-tc.gov.uk](mailto:t.foxwell@bridport-tc.gov.uk)

**Bridport Antique & Book Fair** takes place on the first Saturday of the month starting at 10am at St Mary's Church, South Street.

**Bridport Vintage & Antique Market** takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 10am–4pm during March to October at St Michael's Trading Estate, situated within the historic art and antiques quarter. Here you will find a large selection of vintage and antique furniture, collectables, clothes and bric-a-brac.

[www.bridportantiques.co.uk/vintage-market](http://www.bridportantiques.co.uk/vintage-market)

**Bridport Vinyl Saturday Record & CD Fair** runs in February, May, August and November at the United Church in East Street, from 10am–4pm. [www.vinylsaturday.co.uk](http://www.vinylsaturday.co.uk)






## The Alleyways

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# BRIDPORT ANTIQUES

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find an antiques shop with anything from a  
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or a Regency sideboard.  
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## Bridport Town Hall

The Town Hall is the focal point of Bridport. It is a Grade I Listed Building dating from 1786 on the site of the earlier St Andrew's church. The Architect was William Tyler. The clock and the cupola, or dome above it, were added to the roof twenty years later and made the Town Hall noticeably higher than nearby buildings. The area around the Town Hall was known as The Shambles, where a number of butchers had their stalls. A butcher's shop is still situated on the ground floor of the building carrying on the tradition.

On permanent display are a number of paintings by the artist and teacher Francis ("Fra") Newbery, Director of the Glasgow School of Art 1886-1918, depicting aspects of Bridport's Rope and Net heritage. Also, memorabilia from two Royal Naval vessels that have borne the name of Bridport.

It is open all year and is FREE to visit. Please check with the Tourist Information Centre on the ground floor for opening times. [www.bridporttownhall.org](http://www.bridporttownhall.org)

## Bucky Doo Square

Where the Square gets its name is a mystery. One theory is that the name came from the site once being the town gaol, and comes from the word 'Bocado' meaning prison. Another thought is that there was a public house on the site called "The Buck and Doe".

Whichever is correct, Bucky Doo is a great place to sit, watch the 'world go by' and soak up the atmosphere, while having a coffee or something to eat from the sandwich bars close by. Most Saturdays there is entertainment to enjoy, which can include the St Swithun's Band, local musicians or community stalls and sometimes a busker or two.

## Bridport Museum

In 2016/17 the museum was redeveloped to create an exciting, modern and interactive environment. Unravelling our town's fascinating history • 180 million years of rocks and fossils • 2,000 years of people • 800 years of rope-making.

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## Local History Centre

Research your family history, view parish records and census returns, study over 10,000 historic images of the town and surrounding area.

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The Coach House, Gundry Lane DT6 3RJ [www.bridportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk) 01308 458703



*Bridport Museum – Refreshing, high quality exhibition and free! What a refreshing and uplifting experience. This beautifully restored and presented building and exhibits provided an hour or so of culture and interest to an active and exhausting break on the Coast path. Well done the owners and staff!!!*

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**Bridport Library** offers access to a wide range of services, including books for adults and young people, feature films and music to hire, reference and information services and local history. It provides internet access for all and also archives. During the week there are regular FREE activities for children including rhyme and story times for under-twos, Chatterbox reading club for 8-12 years; on Saturdays a Lego club and during the school holidays numerous craft activities and events for children. There are also special adult events throughout the year including a knit and natter session!

South Street DT6 3NY [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries) 01308 422778

**Bridport Community Orchard**, established in 2008, occupies a central town site of about an acre, just behind St Mary's Church in South Street (St Mary's Field). A working session is held monthly, on the second Sunday. There is a second site at Jubilee Green (top of Park Road, West Allington) where the working sessions are held monthly, on the Tuesday following the St Mary's Field working session. The Orchard also has a Community Allotment at the St Mary's Field site where the gardening group meet on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm from March to October. All are welcome and membership is free. [www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk](http://www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk)

**Palmers Brewery** on the southern approach to the town is the only thatched brewery in England. It dates from 1794 when the business was owned by Samuel Gundry. The Palmer family took the premises over in 1896 and it is still run by the family today. The water wheel dates from 1879. Tours of the brewery can be booked through Palmers Wine Store.

**The Chantry** (formerly called the Dungeness) in lower South Street is the oldest domestic building in the town. Its origins are not known but it was probably built in the 13th Century. At this time, it could have been intended as the southern entrance to the town, as a kind of watch tower. The property is not open to the public.

#### **The Bridport Literary & Scientific Institute (LSI)**

A Grade II\* Listed Building in East Street constructed in the 1830s as a Mechanics Institute to train young working men. In the 1860s the building became a Literary and Scientific Institute. The building served for many years as the Bridport School of Art and after World War II became the town's public library from 1952 to 1997 when the library service relocated to new premises. It has since been empty. The restoration and invigoration of the historic Georgian building started in 2017 after receiving generous funding from the Heritage Lottery, Historic England, several other charities, the local community and the Councils of Dorset, West Dorset and Bridport. It is to become an economic hub with high-quality business and training accommodation. Set to re-energise the east end of the town, it has been lovingly restored with flexible work space for new and emerging businesses and a great space for meetings over a cup of coffee with some excellent locally sourced food.



*A really interesting guided tour around this traditional, local brewery with an excellent, well informed guide. Good to see the whole brewery process, taste the various malted barleys and follow the different parts of the production with wonderful aromas en route.... At the end the sampling was welcome and with the descriptions of the various beers as we had walked around, it was interesting to taste the end results.... An added bonus was being able to keep your tankard.*

Tour of Palmers Brewery, June 2017

There are over 1,000 listed buildings in Bridport; listed because of their historical or architectural merit, of which many are associated with the rope making industry. If you would like to know more about the Town's history, please visit the Museum or Local History Centre (see page20).

# Wonderful West Bay

Where the rivers Brit and Asker reach the sea is the jewel in Bridport's crown – West Bay. The timeless harbour attracts visitors from all over the world and the locals are lucky enough to call it home.

## The Past

A harbour was first recorded at West Bay in the 13th century. Years later, during the height of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815) many ships were built here.

In November 1824, a catastrophic storm submerged nearly the whole harbour and village. Countless ships were lost at sea and the valley flooded right up to the Bridport town. Experts now suspect that a tsunami was the cause of the terrible flood.

Bridport Harbour, as it was formerly known, was re-titled 'West Bay' when a train line was built connecting the town to the harbour in the late 1800s, as part of an effort to rebrand the harbour as a resort and attract day trippers to the seaside. The good times rolled until the 1930s when the train line closed to passengers and operated as a goods only service until its final closure in 1962. Incredibly, the station remains to this day and has been opened as a seaside tearoom (now a restaurant, serving high-class meals and cocktails in the station and in a quirky wartime hospital railway carriage.)

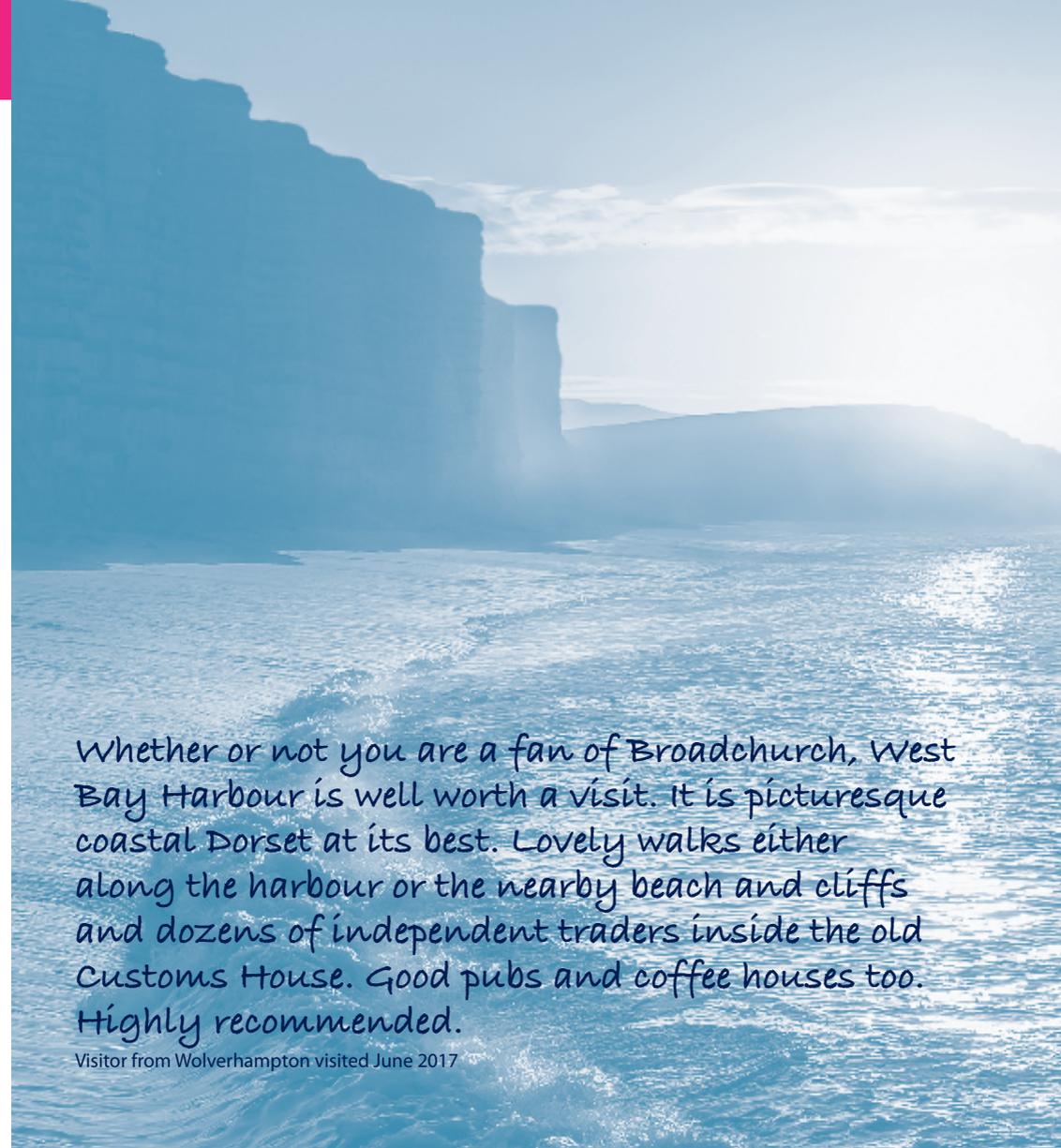
Over the years, the sea defences have been strengthened in order to cope with the enormous pressures of coastal erosion and storms. Between 2002 and 2005, extensive work created a new slipway and outer harbour, and the old West Pier was replaced with the new Jurassic Pier.

## Now

West Bay is now a thriving destination – thanks to its many attractions – but even if you just want to wander around there are not many better places to be.

The Jurassic World Heritage Coast is one of nature's most marvellous sights. Punctuated by picturesque villages and towns, exploring it is nothing but a joy. West Bay is one of the most spectacular points from which to view and discover the Jurassic Coast. The golden cliffs to the east lead on to Chesil Beach and Portland Bill. Head west to the great sweep of Lyme Bay with views of Golden Cap, Lyme Regis, Beer Head and beyond.

West Bay spreads towards the hills on either side of the harbour, which provide excellent views and unforgettable coastal walks. With wildlife in abundance, it is a great place to spot animals enjoying their natural habitat. Local seabirds include shearwaters, skuas, petrels, terns and one of Dorset's largest colonies of fulmars on the East Cliff. If you're lucky, you might just spot a bottlenose dolphin or basking shark out in the blue waters.



*Whether or not you are a fan of Broadchurch, West Bay Harbour is well worth a visit. It is picturesque coastal Dorset at its best. Lovely walks either along the harbour or the nearby beach and cliffs and dozens of independent traders inside the old Customs House. Good pubs and coffee houses too. Highly recommended.*

Visitor from Wolverhampton visited June 2017



In the autumn, the migration of many of Britain's land birds is a wonder to behold, including the passage of wagtails, hirundines, larks, pipits, thrushes and finches. During migration season, over a quarter of a million birds regularly pass overhead.

Today West Bay is an established seaside resort and fishing harbour, filled with boats of all shapes and sizes. The area is popular with divers and the new slipway provides launching for dive boats and for small pleasure craft. Throughout the summer, you can take to the high seas and go on day trips to catch mackerel, or head out for more leisurely cruises along the coastline.

The harbour has 115 drying moorings with the majority let for private use, 15 commercial moorings and pontoons available for visiting boats. For information on moorings and harbour dues contact the Harbour Master on 01308 423222. An H M Coastguard rescue team operates from West Bay and a RNLI Lifeguard Beach Patrol Service operates during the school summer holiday season.

As you would expect, the seafood here is second to none. Served up in the local pubs and restaurants there isn't anything fresher. West Bay caters to every kind of person, so whether you prefer fish 'n' chips on the pier or a slap-up lobster dinner, you'll certainly find what you're looking for.



### West Bay Car Boot

Billed as 'one of the best car boots in Dorset'. Held in West Bay Road, every Sunday in March through to December (weather permitting) from 8am-1pm. It is run by West Dorset District Council, and the income from the boot sales is distributed each year to community projects in the Bridport area.

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The natural beauty and effortless charm of West Bay has attracted the attention of many TV and film productions looking for the perfect spot to set their scenes. As far back as 1959 the area appeared on screen in "The Navy Lark". In this black and white comedy West Bay became the fictitious "Boonzey Island". The 1970s saw the landscape used in a Dunlop Tyre advertisement and it was also the setting where "Reginald Perrin" famously shed his clothes at the start of each episode. In the late 90s Nick Berry's Harbour Lights ran for two series – using the local area as the backdrop for the harbour master drama. Most recently, the buzz has been around ITV's smash hit Broadchurch. Filmed mainly in and around West Bay, this tense thriller over three series, sees David Tennant and Olivia Colman track down a killer and a rapist in a small coastal community.

But it's the real life West Bay that keeps drawing people in – there's always something going on including the big Sunday Car Boot Sale, water polo, sea angling and the very popular West Bay play area is a must for all ages. Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts can often be spotted canoeing out on the river and the Gig Club on the high seas. The RNLI Raft Race and Round Table's Boxing Day swim, attract huge crowds of spectators and participants whilst West Bay Days' Pirates Day, West Bay Day, Bonfire by the Beach and Christmas Tree on the Green draw the crowds with great entertainment for all the family.



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**West Bay Days** is a small not-for-profit voluntary organisation which seeks to help the local community by running four popular annual family events in West Bay and supporting local charities and groups through its Annual Awards and Small Grants Fund. [www.westbay.org.uk](http://www.westbay.org.uk)

**West Bay Water Sports Centre** with a pontoon for launching into the River Brit opened in October 2014. It is the home of the Heritage Coast Canoe and Kayak Club and Bridport Gig Rowing Club.

**Salt House** on Fishermans' Green is one of West Bay's historic maritime buildings, a community venue and available to hire. Contact 01308 456722. [www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk](http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk)

**Bridport Gig Rowing Club** was formed in 2007. It has approaching 150 members, two fibreglass training gigs "Bucky Doo" and "Bathsheba", three wooden racing gigs "Dagger", "Blaz" and "Brydian". All gigs are stored in the Boat House on Fisherman's Green and the West Bay Boat Yard. They row out of West Bay throughout the year on weekend days and one day during the week. In the summer they also offer rowing on midweek evenings. [www.bridportgigclub.org](http://www.bridportgigclub.org)

**West Bay Sea Angling Club** was founded in 1951. Matches take place throughout the year; many of them taking place on the famous Chesil beach which runs from West Bay to Portland. [www.west-bay-sea-angling-club.co.uk](http://www.west-bay-sea-angling-club.co.uk)

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**1st West Bay Sea Scouts RN 19** with an emphasis on water activities including; kayaking, canoeing, sailing, pulling, plus normal Scout activities. Beavers: ages 6yrs – 7.5yrs  
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Contact Roger Higham (GSL) 01305 873 978 [rogerhigham@gmail.com](mailto:rogerhigham@gmail.com)

**Bridport Barracudas Water Polo** Water Polo has a long history in Bridport dating back over 100 years. In the summer, the Club plays several friendly matches at their historic home in the Harbour. For information call Bridport Leisure Centre on 01308 427464 or the Water Polo Coach, Fred Fowler on 07917 105919.



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**The Heritage Coast Canoe Club** is open to members of all ages from 12 years and caters for all abilities from novice to advanced paddlers. Based at the Watersports' Centre on Fisherman's Green, it has around 40 boats including canoes, kayaks for the sea and river. From April to the end of September they paddle from 6.30 – 8.30pm weekly on a Tuesday evening. Contact 01308 862055 or [heritagecoastcc@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecoastcc@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Heritage Coast Canoe Club



**West Bay Chapel** opens as a Visitor Centre in 2018. The former West Bay Methodist Church, known as "the Chapel on the Beach" has obtained funding to restore the building and convert it into a Discovery Centre. Planning to open in summer 2018, it will tell the story of West Bay, its harbour, history and development as a tourist resort. The Discovery Centre aims to inspire people to explore all that West Bay has to offer, including the geology, flora, fauna and marine life. [www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk](http://www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk)



# The Surrounding Area

In the immediate area surrounding Bridport, you will discover historic villages, picturesque beaches and a variety of other attractions. Whether you're looking for a wonderful walk, a scenic cycle ride, or somewhere to eat, there is plenty of choice.

**Symondsburry (1.5 miles west of Bridport)** The picturesque village is set near the River Simene. It has a thatched pub, a church (St John the Baptist) and a school (Symondsburry C of E Primary). Much of the area is part of the Symondsburry Estate, owned by the Colfox family for over 150 years, including the landmark Colmers Hill, which forms the backdrop to Bridport's West Street. In the centre of the village the Estate has a restaurant, various independent retailers and craftsmen and a tithe barn for hire. [www.symondsburry.org.uk](http://www.symondsburry.org.uk)

**Eype (1.25 miles west of Bridport)** The tiny village of Eype with its excellent beach, is situated between Eype Down and Eype's Mouth, in the shadow of Thorncombe Beacon. It has a small church (St Peter's) which is also used for Artistic events, a pub, Hotel and Holiday Park with its bar and restaurant. A lovely cliff side walk to West Bay can be enjoyed.

**Thorncombe Beacon** is one of the chain of beacon sites along the south coast used to warn of the approach of the Spanish Armada in 1588. It lies about 1 km west of Eype and 2 km east of Seatown and offers great views of the coast.

**Seatown (3.5 miles west of Bridport)** To the west of Eype is the delightful hamlet of Seatown, situated between the great cliffs of Golden Cap, the highest point on the South Coast, and the historic Thorncombe Beacon. Its shingle beach shelves steeply to the sea, making it a favourite for fishermen. There is a car park for walkers, using the wonderful coastal path, or those visiting the award winning pub, named in 2017 as the best tourism pub in the UK by Visit England.

**Golden Cap** is the highest point on the south coast at 627ft (191m), and offers magnificent views at every compass point. On a clear day you can see across Lyme Bay to Dartmoor in one direction and across to Portland Bill in the other. Inland, you can see Pilsdon Pen.

**Chideock (3 miles west of Bridport and 0.5 miles from Seatown)** The charming village of Chideock with its thatched cottages is a mile inland from Seatown, has two thatched pubs, a tea room, a village shop and post office, a 15th century Parish Church (St Giles), a catholic church (The Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, & St Ignatius) with its local history display and a Grade II listed Weld Mortuary Chapel (1853). Close by is Langdon Hill, a National Trust Wood, a lovely walk, especially at bluebell time.

[www.chideockandseatown.co.uk](http://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk)

**Allington** adjoins Bridport. Allington Hill is a Iron Age hill fort rising 90m (300 ft) above the village and is managed by the Woodland Trust and a local community group, the Allington Hillbillies. [www.allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

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# The Surrounding Area

**Burton Bradstock (2.5 miles south east of Bridport)** is a village with a coastline which is part of the National Trust. Burton Beach is surrounded by spectacular sandstone cliffs. It has a primary school, a church (St Mary's), two holiday parks, two pubs, a hotel, a café, a village store, library, reading room and post office.

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

**Bothenhampton** is a village adjoining Bridport and a mile from West Bay. The parish church (Holy Trinity) was designed by the Arts and Crafts movement architect Edward Schroeder Prior in 1889. The old church remains are usually open for visiting.

**Walditch (1 mile east of Bridport)** has a Real Tennis court on the site where Henry VII of England played during his visits to the area, and a village church (St Mary's) rebuilt in 1863 in the Early English Style. [www.bothenhampton.org.uk](http://www.bothenhampton.org.uk)

**Bradpole (1 mile north of Bridport)** A large residential village and the home of Sir John Colfox Academy and Gore Cross Business Park. It has a butcher shop, post office, a pub, social club and a lovely village church (Holy Trinity) rebuilt in the 19th Century in the Early English Style. [www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk)

**Marshwood Vale (4+ miles from Bridport)** lies to the north of the A35 trunk road between Bridport and Lyme Regis, and to the south of the two highest hills in Dorset, Lewesdon Hill (279m) and Pilsdon Pen (277m). It is drained by the River Char, which flows south-west to its mouth on the English Channel at Charmouth. The entire vale lies within Dorset's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Eggardon Hill (4 miles east of Bridport)** stands 252m (827 ft) above sea level and provides panoramic views to the south, north and west. The southern half of the hill is owned and maintained by The National Trust, which permits free public access throughout the year. See [www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com)

**Mangerton Mill (2 miles north east of Bridport)** is home to a tea room with craft workshops, a working water wheel, a collection of bygone machinery and a fishing lake with caravan and camping accommodation. See [www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com)

**Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre (7 miles west of Bridport)** is situated on the beach and has a great display about the geology and fossils of the area. Try a guided fossil hunting walk along the Jurassic Coast, that all the family can enjoy. Entry to the centre is FREE. [www.charmouth.org/chcc](http://www.charmouth.org/chcc)

**Abbotsbury (10 miles east of Bridport)** is well known for the Swannery, Tropical Gardens and Children's Farm. Outdoor concerts and theatre also take place here. [www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk](http://www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk)



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For more information of places to visit, go to [www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com) or pop into the Bridport Tourist Information Centre in Bucky Doo Square. For comprehensive information, resources and news about the World Heritage Coast, go to [www.jurassiccoast.org](http://www.jurassiccoast.org)

# Where to Stay

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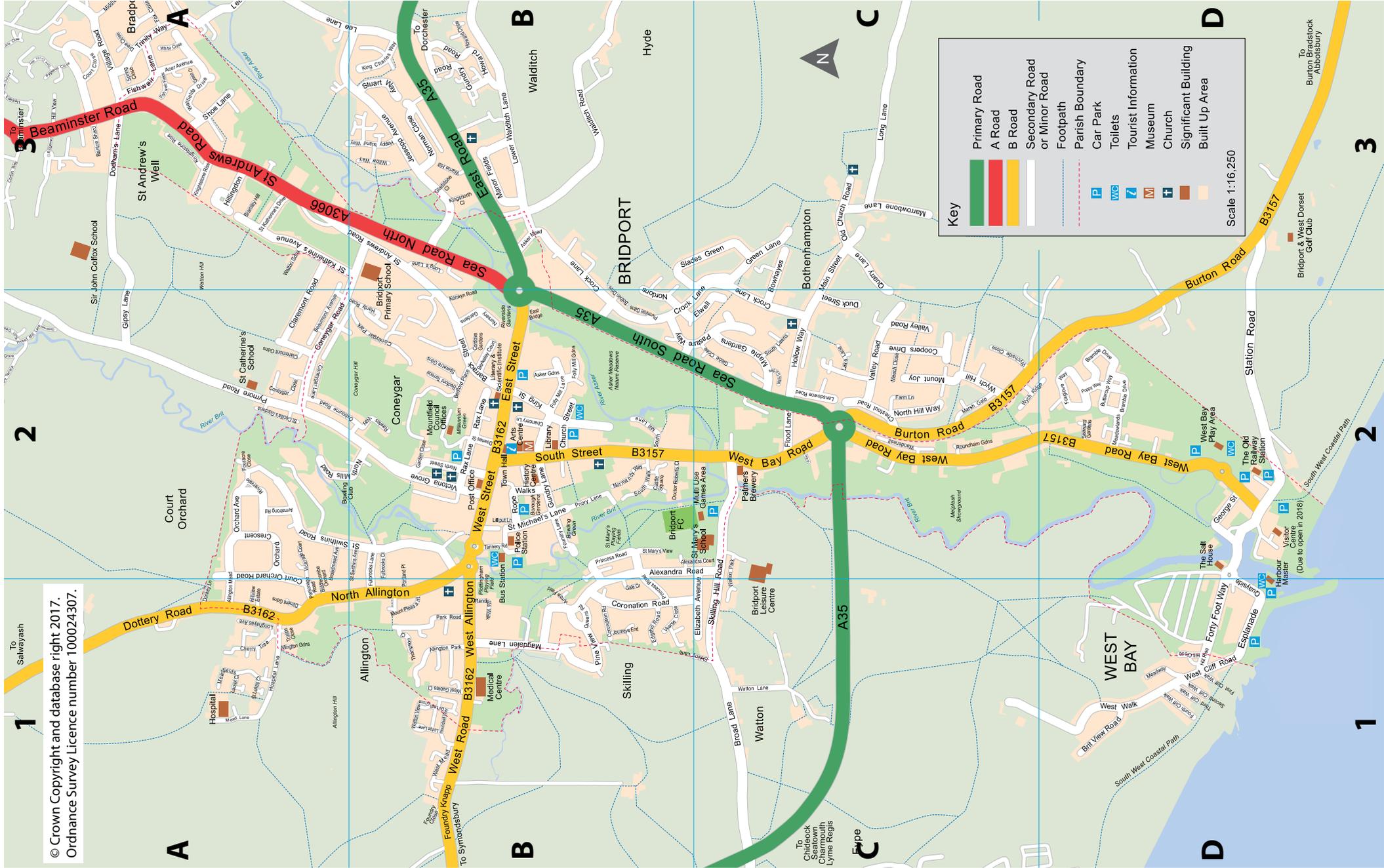
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# Food and Drink

If you're a foodie (or even if you're not) you cannot fail to be impressed by the incredible selection of award winning local food and drink producers that exist in and around the town.

Bridport is home to a wealth of independent businesses, which keep the high street buzzing and have options to suit every purse and palate. Among these are local butchers, bakers, green grocers, health food shop, delicatessen and many many more. The town's street market, which takes place each week on both a Wednesday and Saturday adds to the variety, while a Farmers' market can be found at the Arts Centre on the second Saturday of each month.

Just outside the town there are fabulous farm shops with cafés that are open all week to enjoy. Whether you're shopping for something delicious or looking to source a delicious treat that is unique to West Dorset to take home you are sure to find it here.

Fish and shellfish most commonly found in local waters

## Fish

- Bass
- Mackerel
- Pollack
- Dover Sole
- Lemon Sole
- Mullet
- Bream
- John Dory
- Monkfish
- Plaice
- Dabs
- Whiting
- Skate

## Shellfish

- Crab
- Scallops
- Oysters
- Lobster
- Prawns
- Mussels
- Whelks

*"A rich tradition of farming, growing and food production and the combination of great soil and nearby coastline make Bridport and West Bay the ideal destination for all lovers of great food and drink."*



## Ten Great Tastes to Try

Be sure to taste these Bridport food favourites!

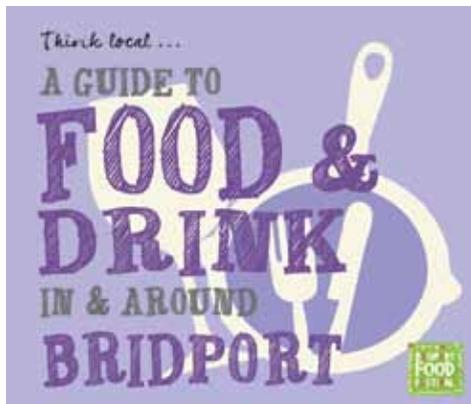
- **Dorset Blue Vinny Cheese** – a strong blue contender for lovers of blue cheeses.
- **Local real ales** – choose from a selection of award-winning real ales from Bridport's Palmers Brewery.
- Visit a local vineyard and sample the sparkling local **Classic Cuvee**.
- **Dorset Oggie** – the county's answer to the pasty.
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Caroline Parkins, owner Leakers Bakery



There are great places to eat out at too – sit down meals in the comfortable surroundings of a hotel or restaurant, a drink and a meal in one of the many pubs or eating al fresco at one of the West Bay's beach kiosks, will satisfy most culinary cravings. Locally sourced ingredients of fish, meat and produce dominate most menus.

The town supports its farming community and local food producers by hosting the annual Bridport Food Festival in June and the Melplash Agricultural Show in August, using the produce in local restaurants and pubs, selling it in local shops and on the celebrated market – so you will find delicious delicacies wherever you go.

If you enjoy your food, pick up a copy of *A Guide to Food & Drink, In and Around Bridport*, produced by the Bridport Local Food Group. This handy pocket-sized free guide features the full range of food businesses in Bridport and is a must for the hungry visitor! Available from the Bridport TIC and local food outlets.



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- 12oz/340g self-raising flour
- 6oz/175g butter
- 4oz/110g soft brown sugar
- 3 cooking (preferably Bramley) apples, cored and chopped into chunky pieces
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbs mixed peel or zest of a lemon or orange
- Milk to mix
- 1 tbs caster or demerara sugar for topping

### Method

- Rub the butter into the flour until mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs.
- Add the apple chunks and the soft brown sugar and stir.
- Add in the beaten egg, spices and mixed peel and mix together.
- Put the mixture into a greased 9 inch/23 cms cake tin, level the top and sprinkle the sugar on top.
- Bake in a moderate oven 180C/350F/Mark 4 for approximately 1 hour until golden on top.
- Leave in the tin for a few moments then remove to a wire rack.

*Eat on its own with a cup of tea, or serve for pudding with custard.*

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Bridport boasts a vibrant artistic community that is the envy of the West Country and is home to a remarkable Café society of award-winning artists, writers, musicians and leaders in the creative arts.

There's plenty to do around town. The Electric Palace in South Street headlines major names including Boy George, The Orb and Courtney Pine CBE. The recently refurbished Lyric Theatre in Barrack Street provides a fresh supply of Fringe theatre direct from the Edinburgh Festival and excellent live music can also be enjoyed in many local pubs.

The Bridport Arts Centre has something on most days, with live music, theatre and dance – plus exhibitions in the excellent Allsop Gallery. The Arts Centre also hosts the Bridport Prize – a competition for Literature & Creative Writing (deadline end of May) and the From Page to Screen Film Festival (early April). Then there's Bridport & West Dorset Open Studios (which has moved to early September), an annual event that includes over 100 artists in dozens of venues in and around Bridport. The town also hosts the Hat Festival, which takes place on the first weekend in September and in November the Bridport Literary Festival.

For cutting-edge Fine Art there is the excellent Sladers Yard Gallery in West Bay, and a further twenty artists can be found at St Michael's Studios – an art complex in the heart of Bridport's popular Art & Vintage Quarter, located on a former rope and net-making estate, alongside a wonderful Antiques Centre and the fabulous Red Brick Café.

**The Electric Palace**, 35 South Street DT6 3NY [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk)

**Bridport Arts Centre**, 9 South Street DT6 3NR [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

**Sladers Yard**, West Bay Road, West Bay DT6 4EL [www.sladersyard.co.uk](http://www.sladersyard.co.uk)

**St Michael's Studios**, St Michael's Trading Estate DT6 3RR [www.stmichaelsstudios.com](http://www.stmichaelsstudios.com)

**The Lyric Theatre**, 9 Barrack Street DT6 3LX [www.aloadofstuffandnonsense.co.uk/lyric](http://www.aloadofstuffandnonsense.co.uk/lyric)

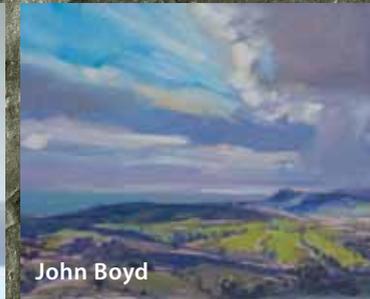
**Eyep Centre for the Arts**, St Peter's Church, Eype DT6 6AR [www.eypechurcharts.co.uk](http://www.eypechurcharts.co.uk)

*"Have visited the Bridport Art Centre a few times now, mostly for the excellent live music events hosted here, or the equally excellent art exhibitions. A real jewel in Bridport, that is staffed by lovely, lovely folk, and is well run and well maintained. Don't hesitate to visit."*

Ben, Tripadvisor review 2017



Sophie Sharp



John Boyd



Isla Chaney



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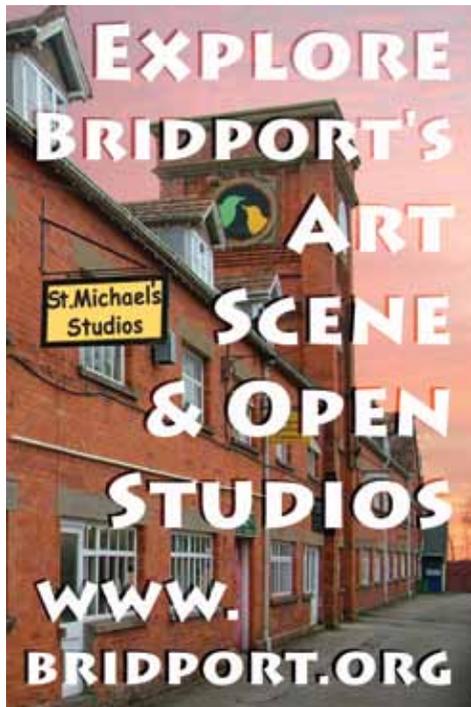
Kit Glaisyer, Artist & Director,  
Bridport & West Dorset Open Studios  
[www.bridportopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.bridportopenstudios.co.uk)

### Bridport Arts Centre

The type of place where there is always something happening. There's everything from craft fairs, farmers' markets, film, workshops and exhibitions during the day. Expect big name acts or exciting touring performances in the evenings – that's without even mentioning the festivals!

Its Allsop Gallery is the main exhibiting space. It is free to enter and houses an extraordinary range of art, regularly hosting talks, workshops and debates with exhibiting artists. With over 300 events each year, it is known as the cultural hub of the town. You can expect world-class theatre, comedians such as Jack Dee, Russell Kane, Jo Brand and Jenny Éclair, as well as well-known musicians from all genres.

The Arts Centre brought international prominence to the town with its writing competition, The Bridport Prize; a creative writing competition established by the Arts Centre's founder Peggy Chapman-Andrews in 1973. Every April, it hosts the From Page to Screen Film Festival, the UK's only film festival dedicated to the adaptation of books into films. There is something happening at the Arts Centre most days. Drop in, pick up a seasonal programme and have something to eat in the Arts Centre Café.



### Electric Palace

The award winning Electric Palace originally opened in 1926 as an art deco music hall and cinema. Rescued from closure, it is now an independently run, 500-capacity art deco gem, straddling the chasm between the pomp and volume of a heavyweight show and the intimate atmosphere of a club. It is an elegant 1920s theatre presenting an exciting programme of film, theatre, music and comedy. For full listings of events go to [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk) or pick up a programme from the Tourist Information Centre (Tel: 01308 424901), where bookings can be made.



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### Lyric Theatre

The Lyric is a charming old theatre, situated in Barrack Street, converted eons ago from its birth as a chapel in 1742, it became Bridport's first cinema, then a theatre, dance school and is now back to being fully licensed as a theatre. Artist/Performer Niki McCretton moved into the building in September 2010 and working with a small but dedicated team has successfully managed to get the building up and running as an artist-led venue and hireable space for creative people to come and make their work. There is a puppet laboratory upstairs where Holly Miller makes puppets and hosts the hugely popular Puppet Club for budding puppet makers/puppeteers ranging in age from 6 to 60+ years. Classes are run throughout the year. The theatre is run as a spontaneous venue for artists (and Stuff and Nonsense!) to create and showcase their work. If you're interested in bringing your work to the Lyric or hiring the venue email [admin@the-lyric.com](mailto:admin@the-lyric.com) or call 01308 423951. [www.the-lyric.com](http://www.the-lyric.com)

### Eype Centre for the Arts

St. Peter Chapel in Eype was transformed into a dual purpose building for the use of the diocese and arts centre in 2003. It is now a well-known and loved venue for artistic events. These have included concerts, literary festivals, theatrical performances, art exhibitions and even used as recording studio with splendid acoustics. Details of what's on can be found on [www.eypechurcharts.co.uk](http://www.eypechurcharts.co.uk)

Bridport is a town that enjoys its music. From choral singing in the United church, Brass Bands and jazz in Bucky Doo on a Saturday morning, musicians playing in the town pubs and bars at the weekends, to musical theatre, all tastes are satisfied.

## Bridport Musical Theatre

In 2007 a few friends with a common interest in musical theatre got together to form what is now Bridport Musical Theatre Company. Their aim was to promote the talented young and “not so young” singers, dancers and actors from Bridport and the surrounding areas, by providing a platform in staging popular musicals and dance shows. The first show they performed was the Boyfriend. They have followed this up with a performance every August. They rehearse on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons/evenings either at Balaclava Hall in South Street, or at the Youth Centre.

[www.bridportmusicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.bridportmusicaltheatre.co.uk)

## The New Elizabethan Singers

A choral group formed in 1966 that meets to enjoy singing together and preparing choral works. They perform two major concerts a year, often with orchestral accompaniment and professional soloists. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the United Church Hall in East Street. [www.thenewelizabethansingers.org.uk](http://www.thenewelizabethansingers.org.uk)

## Bridport Choral Society

Established around 1900, the society currently has around 60 members who meet on Mondays at 7.30 pm in the United Church Hall. The Autumn session commences in early September, finishing with the Christmas Concert. The Spring session starts in early January and ends with the Spring Concert in May. [bridportchoral.wordpress.com](http://bridportchoral.wordpress.com)

## Bridport Folk Festival

August 2017 heralded a new and vibrant addition to Bridport’s vibrant music and arts culture. With over three days of music and dance hosting more than 50 acts plus a wealth of Morris and Rapper sides, this ‘Free’ Festival is set to become a firm date in the Folk Festival calendar. [www.bridportfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.bridportfolkfestival.co.uk)



## Pubs and Bars

The following venues actively promote good music and usually have free live music on at the weekend:

**Number 10 Café Bar**, 10 East Street DT6 3LF Tel: 01308 420032

[www.facebook.com/CafeBarTen](http://www.facebook.com/CafeBarTen)

**Beach & Barnicott Café, Bar & Restaurant**, 6 South Street DT6 3NQ Tel: 01308 455688

[www.beachandbarnicott.co.uk](http://www.beachandbarnicott.co.uk)

**The Ropemakers**, 36 West Street DT6 3QP Tel: 01308 421255

[www.theropemakers.com](http://www.theropemakers.com)

**The Crown Inn**, 59 West Bay Road DT6 4AX Tel: 01308 422037

[www.lemonrock.com/crowninn](http://www.lemonrock.com/crowninn)

Also check the ‘What’s On’ at the Electric Palace and Bridport Arts Centre for other music events.

## Bridport MusicAthon

The first Bridport MusicAthon was held in 2009, primarily to give young people an opportunity and reason to perform and raise money for The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians ([www.therichardelytrust.org.uk](http://www.therichardelytrust.org.uk)) supporting Dorset young people with their musical studies. It is now an annual event held in June, raising funds for the charity, and involves a number of other locally based charities and community groups. Those performing range from age 5 to 90 and include solo singers and instrumentalists, small music groups, orchestras and large choirs. Contact Jo O’Farrell [jo@jovian.co.uk](mailto:jo@jovian.co.uk)

## Jurassic Fields Music Festival

The Festival runs over two days in July starting on Friday from 6pm – 11pm and Saturday from 11am – 11pm at Asker Meadows, Bridport. As well as bringing well-known names to Bridport, it aims to be a showcase for the best music, comedy and entertainment that the local area has to offer all the family. [www.jurassicfields.com](http://www.jurassicfields.com)

## Symondsburys Mummers

Towards the end of the last century many English villages had their Yuletide mummers. A number of young men would form themselves into a company, usually of five to eleven members, according to the size of the play. The Symondsburys Mummers are still in existence today. Their play has 11 characters, Father Christmas, Room, King of Egypt, St. George, St. Patrick, Jan the Farmer, Doctor Martin Denis, four warriors, Servant-man, Dame Dorothy and Tommy the Horse. The story has been passed down through the generations by word of mouth. The Symondsburys Mummers perform between November and January at various local venues, however they can always be seen in the car park of the Ilchester Arms at Symondsburys on New Year’s Day night at 8pm.

## Buying Music

The town is fortunate to have 2 independently run shops selling music, as well as the monthly Vinyl Saturday (see page 18) when many shops and Street Market Traders also sell records and CDs.

**Bridport Leisure Centre** offers a wide range of recreational facilities and activities for all the family including swimming, fitness classes, and sports activities. Tel: 01308 489464 [www.bridportleisure.com](http://www.bridportleisure.com)

**Highlands End Leisure Club** has a swimming pool, sauna, steam room, gym, tennis court and nine-hole pitch and putt. Tel: 01308 422139/422139 or [enquiries@wdlh.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wdlh.co.uk) [highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk/leisure-club](http://highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk/leisure-club)

**Jurassic Fun Centre at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park\*** has a swimming pool with slides, sauna, steam room, hot tub and 10-pin bowling. [www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk](http://www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk)

\* Closed to non-residents from the end of July to the end of August.

## Bridport Football Club

The home of the "Bees" – St Mary's Stadium, Skilling Hill Road DT6 5LA Tel: 01308 423834 First Team play in the Toolstation Western Premier League.

[www.pitchero.com/clubs/bridportfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/bridportfc)

## Bridport Youth Football Club

St Mary's Playing Field

Facebook: @byfctournament16

Age groups range from Under 7 to Under 17. Bridport Youth have 14 teams playing in the FA Mini Soccer leagues and Dorset Youth Football League. They provide regular football in a safe environment for over 200 players.

## Bridport Rugby Club

Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, DT6 5LN Tel: 01308 427464

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Seniors 1st XV & 2nd XV.

There is occasionally a Vets side.

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## Bridport Cricket Club

A small friendly club founded in 1885 at the Brewery Ground next to the Bridport Leisure Centre, DT6 5LN. Two senior teams, one playing in the Dorset Funeral Plan Saturday League and one in the locally organised evening knock-out trophy. Senior net practise is on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Junior section teams for the U9s, U11s, U13s and U15s play in the West Dorset League with members also representing the District. Junior net practise on Wednesday with U9s and U11s 6pm-7pm and U13s and above 7pm onwards.

[www.bridport.play-cricket.com](http://www.bridport.play-cricket.com)

## Bridport Tennis Club

Situated on the Plottingham Playing Fields. The club has all year round coaching, tournaments and competes in the Yeovil & District Lawn Tennis League on four all-weather courts, two of which are floodlit.

Junior section, under 13s and under 16s are coached by LTA Qualified coach.

Courts available for public hire. Tennis Court bookings via Bridport Sports Shop, East Street. Tel: 01308 427432 [www.bridporttennis.org.uk](http://www.bridporttennis.org.uk)

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## West Dorset Hawks Hockey Club

Two men teams age 21 years upwards. Training takes place from end of August to end of season on Tuesday evenings at the Sir John Colfox School 7.30 – 9pm with EHA qualified coaches. [www.westdorsethc.co.uk](http://www.westdorsethc.co.uk)

## Water Sports at West Bay

For a variety of water sports, such as Canoeing, Kayaking and Gig rowing, see page 30.

**Bridport Bowls Club** [www.bridportbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.bridportbowlingclub.co.uk)

**Bridport Runners** [www.bridport-runners.co.uk](http://www.bridport-runners.co.uk)

**Bridport and West Bay Golf Club** [www.bridportgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.bridportgolfclub.co.uk)

### Swimming

**Bridport Leisure Centre** [www.bridportleisure.com](http://www.bridportleisure.com)

**Freshwater Beach Holiday Park\*** Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk](http://www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk)

\* Closed to non-residents from the end of July to the end of August.

**Highlands End Holiday Park** [highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk/leisure-club](http://highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk/leisure-club)

**Ten-Pin Bowling** Freshwater Beach Holiday Park\* Children must be accompanied by an adult. [www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk](http://www.jurassicfuncentre.co.uk)

\* Closed to non-residents from the end of July to the end of August.

**Gymnastics and Trampolining** Bridport Leisure Centre [www.bridportleisure.co.uk](http://www.bridportleisure.co.uk)



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[www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk](http://www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk)

**West Bay Diving** [www.westbaydiving.co.uk](http://www.westbaydiving.co.uk)

**Skateboarding, BMX and Inline skating** Plottingham Playing Field

**Gig Rowing** [www.bridportgigclub.org](http://www.bridportgigclub.org)

### Cycling

**Bike Trail and Skills Park** Symondsburry [www.symondsburryestate.co.uk/bike-trails](http://www.symondsburryestate.co.uk/bike-trails)

**Bridport Cycling Club** Road ride every Thursday and Sunday at 11am. Off-road ride every Wednesday at 10:30am. [bridportcycles.co.uk/club](http://bridportcycles.co.uk/club)

**Bridport Amateur Boxing Club** Contact Alan Slaney on 01308 425108

**Bridport Evolution Basketball Club** Contact Tony Glover on 01308 427091

**Bridport Shooting Club** [www.facebook.com/groups/856117741073732](http://www.facebook.com/groups/856117741073732)



## Horse Riding

Bidlake Riding Stables, Broadoak [www.bidlakestables.co.uk](http://www.bidlakestables.co.uk)

## Bouldering Club

Rockburn Bouldering Centre, Priory Lane, Bridport DT6 3RW

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## Walking and Rambling

There are many circular walks through the countryside surrounding Bridport and West Bay with spectacular views and diverse wildlife.

**Bridport and West Bay Rambling Club** For regular organised walks around the area contact Jane Stubbs on 01308 898002 or [stubbs.annings@btinternet.com](mailto:stubbs.annings@btinternet.com)

**Bridport Millennium Green**, Rax Lane, Bridport DT6 3JP

An important rural space within the centre of the town. There is access to all parts of the property with footpaths around the hill which give extensive views.

For woodland walks visit [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) The Woodland Trust manage several magnificent woods in the area, all are free to visit, including Allington Hill in the centre of Bridport. A mixture of woodland, grassland and open spaces with stunning views across Bridport. For walks along the coastline visit [www.southwestcoastline.com](http://www.southwestcoastline.com) or [www.jurassiccoast.com](http://www.jurassiccoast.com)

**Bridport Tourist Information Centre** holds a good selection of walking maps that will enable you to explore the area.

With one secondary school, three town primary schools, five village primary schools in the area and numerous pre-schools and nurseries, Bridport has an active family community.

There are activities and support groups from antenatal, through to toddlers, pre-schoolers, children and young adults. The Children's Centre in Skilling, is a fantastic resource and a first port of call for all parents to be and parents of young children. The Bridport Library provides a variety of free activities during the week including rhyme and story times for under-twos and activities for older children early evening and at weekends. The Bridport Youth Centre and Community Centre in Gundry Lane offers activities for children over 11 years including table tennis, boxing, basket ball and well as a bi-weekly Youth Club. Additional activities are available during school holidays.

Blessed with the beautiful Jurassic coast and surrounding rolling hills there is plenty for families to do in the great outdoors. There are miles of beautiful walks in and around Bridport and West Bay: Coneygar Hill, Wooton Hill, Colmer's Hill, Asker Meadows or simply walk from Bridport to West Bay through the fields and follow the coastal paths to Burton Bradstock to the East or Eype and Seatown to the West. If you prefer to cycle, the cycle routes in the area are improving all the time. The Bridport Tourist Information Centre has route maps for both walkers and cyclists. For the more adventurous cyclists, Symondsbury Estate has a mountain bike trail and, for the real dare devils there is Plottingham Skateboard and BMX Park.

The beaches of West Bay, Burton Bradstock, Eype, Seatown and Charmouth, all offer a fantastic opportunity for fossil hunting, fishing and crabbing, as well as water sports, building sand castles and taking a dip in the sea.

The nearby Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Abbotsbury Swannery and Children's Farm are great places to go for family days out. Other local activity venues to enjoy are Mangerton Mill, the Jurassic Fun Centre at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park, Bridport and West Bay Golf Club and the Bridport Leisure Centre. The Town Council manages parks and open spaces around the town including Plottingham Skate Park, St Mary's Multi Use Games Arena and the wonderful West Bay Play area which in 2016 was extended to include an area for inclusive play so that everyone of all ages and abilities can play together.

## Supporting Services

**The ASPIRE Project** focuses on supporting those facing mental health issues, working with the younger age group within the Sir John Colfox Academy and, in partnership with local charity BYPAT (Bridport Young Persons Action Trust) in a town centre location with young people who do not attend school. ASPIRE also works with an older age group in partnership with the NHS START – Support, Transition and Recovery Team. Contact 01308 423767 or [a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com](mailto:a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com)

**Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust (BYPAT)** is a charity that supports disadvantaged young people in the area. Its by line is "Helping Young People to Achieve What They Might Not Otherwise Achieve." They work with partners to develop facilities/resources that have been identified as being needed within the community: the latest example is the West Bay Play Area development where they partnered with the Town Council to provide an area that can be used by the able bodied and those with disability side by side. BYPAT also runs the Japanese Exchange Programme established in 1996, which is organised in partnership with Tokyo's Koyamadai Educational Foundation. Contact 01308 423767 or a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com

### **Bridport Youth Performers Scholarship**

A local charity that raises funds for talented young locals to use for performance tuition whether local classes or national Drama Institutes.

[bridportperformers.wixsite.com/byps](http://bridportperformers.wixsite.com/byps) info@byps.co.uk

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### **Bridport Youth & Community Centre**, Gundry Lane, DT6 3RL

The Centre aims to provide a positive environment for young people to learn and play, offering experiences that support them to achieve their potential and to help them lead healthy, safe and fulfilling lives. It also provides meeting and activity space for a wide range of local community groups. The home to a whole programme of activities for all the ages and abilities eg. Fizzy Boppers 0-5 years, Indoor Football, Boxing, yoga, boxercise, taekwando, musical theatre, etc. Also bookable music studio.

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[www.bridportyccwordpress.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportyccwordpress.wordpress.com)

Tel: 01308 422500 [bridportycc@hotmail.com](mailto:bridportycc@hotmail.com)

### Youth Activities

#### **B-Sharp – Bridport Jams**

11-19 years. All children of different musical interests (singers and musicians) and abilities are welcome to come along. B-Sharp is a charity that organises workshops, performances and training for young people so they can play music together, progress their skills and have fun doing it. Matt Harnell 07955 551986 [matt@bsharp.uk.com](mailto:matt@bsharp.uk.com)

#### **Bridport Youth Club**, Gundry Lane DT6 3RL.

Wednesday Night Youth Club for 9-15 yrs old. Friday Night Youth Club for 11-19 yrs old. Activities include: sports, arts and crafts, cooking, baking, music and discos. A safe place to chill and hang out with friends. More activities during the summer.

Tel: 01308 422500 [bridportycc@hotmail.com](mailto:bridportycc@hotmail.com)



#### **Bridport Bandits Motor Project**, Gundry Lane, DT6 3RL

A youth motor project in place for 10 to 18 years to develop skills learnt in building and racing autograss junior specials. [www.facebook.com/groups/174205001845](https://www.facebook.com/groups/174205001845)

**Bridport Youth Dance** runs dance classes for ages 5-21 years in the town. Visit website for timetable and venue details. Led by Nikki Northover, Bridport Youth Dance consists of Bridport Boys Dance group, Summer Dance Scene, tap dance company 'Tapistry' and also run an exceptional annual performance. [www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk](http://www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk)

**Bridport Musical Theatre** (see page 54) 14 years +. Contact Laura 01308 427091

#### **Bridport Amateur Boxing Club**, Gundry Lane, DT6 3RL

9 years +. Contact Alan Slaney on 01308 425108

**Lyric School of Dancing** Weekly classes in ballet and tap for ages 3 to adult.

Tel: 07769 614806 [teresagrinter45@gmail.com](mailto:teresagrinter45@gmail.com) [www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk](http://www.lyricschoolofdancing.co.uk)

#### **Bridport Cubs, Scouts, Brownies & Guides**

Scouts Contact Mrs Amanda Timbrell 01308 423025 [amandatimbrellgsl@gmail.com](mailto:amandatimbrellgsl@gmail.com)

Guides [www.girlguiding-dorset.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding-dorset.org.uk)

**1st Bridport Brownies** Contact Ms F. McKenzie [cllrfmfkmckenzie28@gmail.com](mailto:cllrfmfkmckenzie28@gmail.com)

**1st & 2nd Bothenhampton Brownies** Contact 07463 591085

**1st West Bay Sea Scouts** see page 30.

**Bridport Army Cadets** Contact Lt Julian Perry [636langla@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:636langla@armymail.mod.uk)

**Sea Cadets** See page 30.

#### **Bridport St John Ambulance Youth**

Contact Kevin Chappuis SBSTJ FRIPH [kevin.chappuis@sja.org.uk](mailto:kevin.chappuis@sja.org.uk)

## Secondary School

**Sir John Colfox Academy** (11-18 years) Tel: 01308 422291 [www.colfox.org](http://www.colfox.org)

## Primary Schools

**Bridport Primary School** St Andrews Road Tel: 01308 422846

[www.bridport.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.bridport.dorset.sch.uk)

**Bridport St Mary's CE VC Primary School** Skilling Hill Road Tel: 01308 423065

[www.stmarybridport.co.uk](http://www.stmarybridport.co.uk)

**St Catherine's RTC Primary School** Pymore Road Tel: 01308 423568

[www.stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk)

## Pre-Schools

**Bradpole Pre-School** Ridgeway Tel: 01308 456668 [www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk](http://www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk)

**St Andrew's Pre-School** St Andrews Road Tel: 01308 458151

[www.standrews-preschool.org.uk](http://www.standrews-preschool.org.uk)

**St Catherine's Pre-School** St Catherine's School, Pymore Road Tel: 01308 423568

[www.stcatherinespreschool.org.uk](http://www.stcatherinespreschool.org.uk)

**Bridport St Mary's Pre-School** Skilling Hill Road Tel: 01308 423065

[www.stmarybridport.co.uk](http://www.stmarybridport.co.uk)

**St Ronan's Pre-School** King's Square, East Street Tel: 01308 422128

[www.stronanspreschool.co.uk](http://www.stronanspreschool.co.uk)

**Stepping Stones Pre-School** United Church, East Street Tel: 01308 458972

**Bridport Montessori School** East Street Tel: 01308 456362

## Playgroups

**Little Bees Playgroup** Sea Scout Hall, St Swithins Road Tel: 01308 424578

**Sunny Day Nursery** 62 West Street, Bridport Tel: 0345 8888123 Option 1

[www.sunnydays.co.uk/bridport](http://www.sunnydays.co.uk/bridport)

**Wonderland Day Nursery** Gundry Lane Tel: 01308 421731

[www.wonderlanddaynurserypreschoolbridport.com](http://www.wonderlanddaynurserypreschoolbridport.com)

## Supporting Services

**Bridport Children's Centre** St Marys Primary School, Skilling Hill Road

Tel: 01308 421714 [bridportcc@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:bridportcc@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

[www.dorsetfoyou.gov.uk/chidrens-centres/bridport](http://www.dorsetfoyou.gov.uk/chidrens-centres/bridport)

**Bridport Youth and Community Centre** Gundry Lane Tel: 01308 422500

[www.facebook.com/bridportycc](http://www.facebook.com/bridportycc)

**Local Food Links** Unit 17, St Michaels Trading Estate Tel: 01308 420269

[www.localfoodlinks.org.uk](http://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk)

## Adult Education in Bridport

**Skills Training Bridport** is a community social enterprise delivering skills training to unemployed adults in the Bridport travel to work area. It seeks to promote apprenticeships and runs the Bridport Job Club and 'Fresh Start' a training programme for 19 plus learners. It offers one to one mentoring, interview skills workshops and supports learners into jobs. [www.skillstrainingbridport.co.uk](http://www.skillstrainingbridport.co.uk)  
Tony Benson, Job Club Co-ordinator, 07544 483821 [skillstrainingbridport@gmail.com](mailto:skillstrainingbridport@gmail.com)

**Bridport Enterprise Supporting Training Ltd (BEST)** is a voluntary non-profit making organisation. BEST provides free training, guidance and practical support to the unemployed and those considering a change of direction in their working lives. Tel: 01308 423767 or [a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com](mailto:a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com)

## Adult Community Services

**Sidney Gale House** – residential care home. Flood Lane, DT6 3QG Tel: 01308 423782

**Chancery House** – day care for elderly people wishing to socialise and to provide respite for family members or carers. Chancery Lane, DT6 3JT. Tel: 01308 424357  
[www.chanceryhouse.org.uk](http://www.chanceryhouse.org.uk)

**Fisherman's Arms and River Court** – day care services for older people and adults with physical disabilities. South Street, DT6 3PB. Tel: 01308 459404  
[Dorset.FishermansArms@tricuro.co.uk](mailto:Dorset.FishermansArms@tricuro.co.uk)

**Bridport Community Resource Centre** – day services for adults with learning disabilities. Flood Lane DT6 3QG Tel: 01308 422666 [dorset.bridportdayservices@tricuro.co.uk](mailto:dorset.bridportdayservices@tricuro.co.uk)

**Oh Crumbs Café** offers the opportunity for adults with learning disabilities to work in a real commercial setting alongside experienced catering staff; learning food preparation, serving and waiting skills, training in both catering and customer service skills. Open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3pm. 13 West Rivers House, West Allington, DT6 5BJ. Tel: 01308 420364 [dorset.ohcrumbs@tricuro.co.uk](mailto:dorset.ohcrumbs@tricuro.co.uk)

**Bridport Disabled, Carers and Friends Club** meet Thursday 9am-12 noon. Vernon Court Community Room, South Street Tel: 01308 423620

**Bridport Social Services** Bridport Community Hospital, Hospital Lane, North Allington DT6 5DR Tel: 01308 422234

**Bridport and District Citizens Advice** provide advice on any subject, including welfare benefits, employment, consumer problems, housing issues, relationship problems, debt and legal matters. 45 South Street, DT6 3NY Tel: 01308 456594 [www.bridportcab.org](http://www.bridportcab.org)

# An Enterprising Place to do Business

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- Gore Cross Business Park
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- Pineapple Business Park, Salway Ash
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## Bridport Business – The Chamber of Trade and Commerce

The Chamber represents and works in partnership with the local business community and other authorities and agencies, to promote the town, and increase the prosperity of their members. The Chamber has around 60 members who meet on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss a wide range of subjects and to voice their concerns in an open and supportive environment. [www.bridportbusiness.org.uk](http://www.bridportbusiness.org.uk)

## Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)

The Rural Dorset Branch has 1,600 members, of which 200 businesses are located within the Bridport area. It provides members with a wide range of high quality, good value business services. Regular business events and networking events are held as well as representing micro and small businesses interests with the local authority. Contact Neil Eames on 01243 375089 or [neil.eames@fsb.org.uk](mailto:neil.eames@fsb.org.uk) [www.fsb.org.uk/wessex](http://www.fsb.org.uk/wessex)

## The Bridport & District Tourism Association (BDTA)

The BDTA has three core activities: networking, marketing and lobbying for the benefit of its members and people visiting the area. It works with the Town, District and County Councils to promote the needs of a healthy, sustainable local tourism industry. The BDTA covers the area between Charmouth, Beaminster and Abbotsbury, with Bridport and West Bay at the Centre. For more information contact [bridporttourismchairman@gmail.com](mailto:bridporttourismchairman@gmail.com)

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# Bridport Town Council

Bridport Town Council works in partnership with other agencies and community bodies to promote the town, ensure the delivery of high quality services and improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of its area.

It is the local council for the parish area of Bridport and West Bay and has 18 councillors, elected to represent the people of the parish. The area is divided into two electoral wards with 9 councillors serving the north ward and 9 in the south ward. The councillors serve for four years. The last ordinary election was in May 2015.

Bridport Town Council is based at Mountfield, sharing a reception with West Dorset District Council. The Dorset County Council Registrar also has an office in the building.

Bridport Town Council's responsibilities include:

- The Bridport Tourist Information Centre
- The Historic twice-weekly street market, with its diverse range of stalls, over 100 on a Saturday.
- Allotments at Skilling, Flaxhayes, the Community Orchard at St Mary's, Priory Lane, St Cecilia's and West Allington
- Play areas including the popular West Bay play area.
- Skate Park in Plottingham
- Multi Use Games Area by the Football Club Car Park.
- Open spaces including Asker Meadows, St Mary's and Plottingham.
- Community buildings including the Salt House, West Bay and the Town Hall, which are available to hire. Rooms are also available to hire in Mountfield.
- The Cemetery including the Woodland burial area.

The Town Council works closely with community representatives and supports and part funds the Bridport local Area Partnership, comprising over 100 local community groups. Town Councillors are also members of many community organisations. The Council's income comes from raising funds through a precept (collected as part of the Council tax), market fees, and charges for some of its services.



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The Town Council has adopted a Town Plan, following extensive consultation, which directs the work of the Council and prioritises projects to be delivered. The Town Council has a good reputation for successful project delivery and works closely with Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and local parish councils. The Town Council is working with Allington, Bradpole, Bothenhampton and Walditch and Symondsburry Parish Councils on a neighbourhood plan for the area. A community led Steering Group is leading on the development of the Plan looking at issues that local people identify as important. When adopted, the Plan will be a statutory document that will influence future planning in the area.

The Town Council has a committee structure through which it takes decisions. The full Town Council takes the major policy and budget decisions but delegates most other decisions to a Finance and General Purposes Committee and Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee. A Planning Committee responds to consultation on planning applications, commenting on around 150 applications each year. There is also a Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee and a number of working groups that meet regularly. All full Council, Committee and Sub Committee meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to speak at each meeting.

The calendar of Town Council meetings is published on [www.bridport-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk) Councillor contacts, service and venue hire information is also available on the web site.

**Bridport Town Council**, Mountfield, Rax Lane, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3JP  
Tel: 01308 456722 [enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk) [www.bridport-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk)  
The offices are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am–5pm and Friday 8.30am–4.30pm.

### **Bridport Tourist Information Centre (TIC)**

On 1st January 2017, Bridport Town Council took over the management of the Tourist Information Centre from West Dorset District Council. The TIC is a key service, helping to promote Bridport and West Bay and providing information for both visitors and local residents. It is the central hub for event information and ticketing. It also manages the town and community web site [www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk](http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk)  
Bucky Doo Square, South Street, DT6 3LF Tel: 01308 424901 [bridport.tic@bridport-tc.gov.uk](mailto:bridport.tic@bridport-tc.gov.uk)

**West Dorset District Council** Services include: Benefits and Council Tax Support, Strategic Housing, Car Parks and Planning. South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester DT1 1UZ. Tel: 01305 251010 [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk) Email via website. There is also a local Bridport Area Office at Mountfield in Bridport (for address and opening hours see Bridport Town Council page 74).

**Dorset County Council** Services include: Education, Social Services, Libraries, Transport and Roads. Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ  
Tel: 01305 221000 [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk) Email via website.

**Dorset Waste Partnership** Services include: refuse collection and disposal, recycling. Dorset Waste Partnership, Grove House, Millers Close, Dorchester DT1 1SS  
Tel: 01305 221040 [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk) Email via website.

**Bridport Recycling Centre** Broomhills Nursery, West Bay Fields, DT6 5LB  
Open daily: 1 October - 31 March 10am to 4pm. 1 April - 30 September 9am to 6pm.  
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk)

**Bridport – St Vaast-La-Hougue Twinning Association** St Vaast is a working fishing port in unspoilt Nord Cotentin in France. The Association visits St Vaast and hosts return visits on alternate years. Each year they pay for two bursaries for local students to go to St Vaast on an exchange visit. The Association meet bi-monthly in the West Dorset Club for French lessons led by a native French speaker. Secretary: Rachel Maltby Tel: 01308 482246  
[bridportandwestbay.co.uk/community/twinning-association](http://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/community/twinning-association)

**The Rifles – Freedom of the Town of Bridport** The Rifles was formed on 1st February 2007 from an amalgamation of four famous regiments: The Devon and Dorsets, the Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire and Wiltshires, the Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets. The new Regiment consists of five Regular and two Territorial Battalions. The Regiment maintains close ties with Bridport. It was awarded the Freedom of the Town in 2011 and exercised its right to parade in the town in June 2014. A number of traditions mark the Rifles out when they are on parade – they march noticeably faster than other Army units and carry nothing which would reduce their speed; carry a badge on their belts which represents the colours; drums are replaced by more practical bugles and the Rifles wear Green.

**Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP)** A partnership of ten local parish councils and more than one hundred local organisations and individuals, that works together to represent the wider area on issues of shared interest. Tel: 01308 456722

**Local Community Groups in Bridport** Bridport has over 200 active local community groups covering all interests and issues. You can find contact details either from the Bridport Local Area Partnership (Tel: 01308 456722), which brings all the groups together, or on the community website at [www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk](http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk)

# Emergency & Health Services

<b>Dorset Police</b>	Emergency dial 999 or 112
<b>Bridport Police Station</b> Tannery Road (Not manned after 8pm)	101 – ask for Bridport
<b>Dorset Police HQ</b> <a href="http://www.dorset.police.uk">www.dorset.police.uk</a>	01305 222222
<b>Dorset Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b>	Emergency dial 999 or 112
(Bridport Sea Road South Station, not permanently manned)	
<b>Dorset Fire &amp; Rescue Service HQ &amp; General Enquiries</b>	01305 252600
Admin for Fire Control – bonfires, controlled burns, fire alarm testing	01305 753166
<a href="http://www.dorsetfire.gov.uk">www.dorsetfire.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Dorset Ambulance Service</b>	Emergency dial 999 or 112
<b>Coastguard:</b> (West Bay Station not permanently manned)	Emergency dial 999 or 112
<b>Bridport Community Hospital &amp; Minor Injuries Unit</b>	
Hospital Lane, North Allington DT6 5DR	01308 422345
<b>Dorset County Hospital</b> Williams Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2JY	01305 251150
<b>Weymouth Community Hospital – Walk in Centre</b>	
Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth DT4 7TB	01305 980000
<b>Bridport Medical Centre</b> West Allington DT6 5BN	01308 421896 (Out of Hours: 111)
Opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30am-6.30pm	<a href="http://www.bridportmedicalcentre.co.uk">www.bridportmedicalcentre.co.uk</a>

## Pharmacies

<b>Boots UK Ltd</b> 3-5 West Street DT6 3QJ	01308 422475
<b>The Co-operative Pharmacy</b> 24 East Street DT6 3LF	01308 422100
<b>Lloyds Pharmacy</b> Bridport Medical Centre, West Allington DT6 5BN	01308 424350

## Stay safe and enjoy the coast and countryside

Follow advice and local warning signs, and be prepared for the unexpected. The Jurassic coast is a great place to visit and enjoy, but it can be dangerous. Take time to read about beach safety ([www.visit-dorset.com/things-to-do/beaches/beach-safety](http://www.visit-dorset.com/things-to-do/beaches/beach-safety)), watch the tides, stay clear of cliff edges and look out for cliff falls. When walking in the countryside follow the Countryside Code ([www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/countrysidecode](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/countrysidecode)). If you do you'll get the best enjoyment and you'll help to protect the countryside, now and for future generations.

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## Dentists

<b>My Dentist Bridport</b> St Swithins House, North Allington DT6 5DU	01308 426487
<b>Allington Dental Care</b> 5 West Allington DT6 5BJ	01308 421919
<b>Lumley &amp; Wood</b> 53 East Street DT6 3JX	01308 423120
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<b>Scrivens</b> 19 East Street DT6 3JX	01308 423018
<a href="http://scrivens.com/branch/bridport-5">scrivens.com/branch/bridport-5</a>	
<b>Specsavers</b> 18 East Street DT6 3LF	01308 455960
<a href="http://www.specsavers.co.uk">www.specsavers.co.uk</a>	

## Vets

<b>Bredy Veterinary Centre</b> Sea Road North DT6 4RR	01308 456771
<a href="http://www.bredyvets.co.uk">www.bredyvets.co.uk</a>	
<b>Haydon Veterinary Group</b> Gore Cross Business Park DT6 3UX	01308 456808
<a href="http://www.haydonvets.com">www.haydonvets.com</a>	

- St Mary's Parish Church** South Street [www.bridport-team-ministry.org](http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org) 01308 422138
- St Swithin's Church** North Allington [www.bridport-team-ministry.org](http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org) 01308 456588
- St John's West Bay** [www.bridport-team-ministry.org](http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org) 01308 422138
- Bridport United Church** (Methodist and United Reformed) East Street 01308 422766  
[www.bridport-team-ministry.org](http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org)
- St Mary's and St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church** 36 Victoria Grove 01308 422594  
[www.bridportcatholics.org.uk](http://www.bridportcatholics.org.uk)
- Quakers** Meeting House 95 South Street [www.bridportquakers.org.uk](http://www.bridportquakers.org.uk) 01308 456336
- Chapel in the Garden (Unitarian and Free Christian Chapel)** East Street 01308 420630  
[www.ukunitarians.org.uk/bridport](http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/bridport)
- Christian Fellowship** Kings Square, East Street 01308 424047  
[www.bridport-christian-fellowship.org](http://www.bridport-christian-fellowship.org)
- Chardmead Baptist Church** Victoria Grove 01308 456101  
[www.bridportbaptistchurch.org](http://www.bridportbaptistchurch.org)
- Jehovah's Witnesses** Kingdom Hall, South Street [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org) 01308 422500
- Evangelical Church** Priory Lane 01308 488402  
[bridport-evangelical-church.webnode.com](http://bridport-evangelical-church.webnode.com)
- Beacon Church** St Mary's School [www.beaconchurchbridport.co.uk](http://www.beaconchurchbridport.co.uk)
- The Christian Science Society, Buddhists and other faith groups also meet in the town.



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