

BLAP STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The BLAP Steering Group guides the work of BLAP. Steering Group membership is subject to the approval of the whole BLAP membership through the Annual Assembly. Steering Group members then elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from among their members.

There are currently 29 BLAP Steering Group organisations:

- ◆ Allington Parish Council
- ◆ Bradpole Parish Council
- ◆ Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council
- ◆ Bridport Town Council
- ◆ Burton Bradstock Parish Council
- ◆ Char Valley Parish Council
- ◆ Charmouth Parish Council
- ◆ Chideock Parish Council
- ◆ Litton Cheney Parish Council
- ◆ Loders Parish Council
- ◆ Netherbury Parish Council
- ◆ Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council
- ◆ Shipton Gorge Parish Council
- ◆ Symondsburry Parish Council
- ◆ Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council
- ◆ Bridport Area Fifty plus Forum
- ◆ Bridport Area Forum for People with Disabilities
- ◆ Bridport Arts Centre
- ◆ Bridport Chamber of Trade & Commerce
- ◆ Bridport and District Citizens Advice
- ◆ Bridport and District Tourism Association
- ◆ Bridport Environment Group
- ◆ Bridport Leisure Centre
- ◆ Bridport Youth and Community Centre
- ◆ DA21 (Dorset Agenda 21)
- ◆ Dorset Police
- ◆ Federation of Small Businesses (Rural Dorset)
- ◆ South West Dorset Multicultural Network
- ◆ West Dorset Western Area Transport Action Group

BLAP Working Groups

Much of the work of BLAP is done by volunteers through its Working Groups:

Management

This group has a defined membership and acts as the bridge between the other Working Groups and Steering Group. It considers issues to be raised at the BLAP Steering Group.

Health & Wellbeing

Open to everybody, this group aims to monitor changes in local health and social care services and to develop responses and/or appropriate action with regard to issues and public consultations, which may impact on the health and wellbeing of the area.

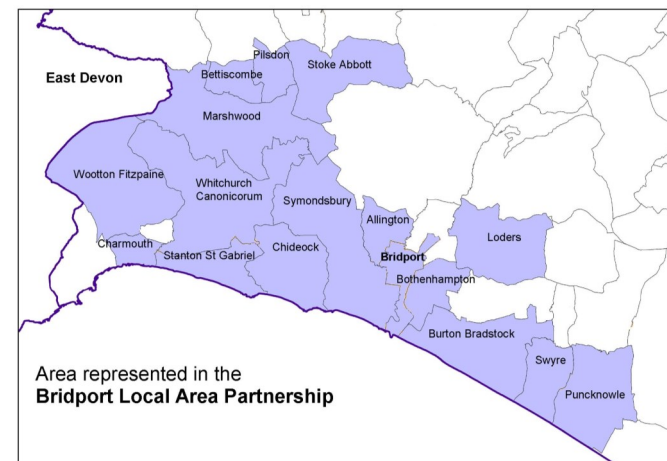
Provision for Homeless

Open to everybody, this group looks at the appropriate provision for rough sleepers / homeless of Bridport and those needing support of the Food Banks.

Parish Liaison

Working with the surrounding parishes to discuss issues on the new Unitary Authority for Dorset. Enabling views of the local councils to be taken into account.

Bridport Local Area **PARTNERSHIP**



***Working together to
improve the social,
economic and
environmental
wellbeing of the
Bridport area***

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What is BLAP?

The Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP) is **here for the community, made up of people from the community** - Bridport Town Council, 13 parish councils and more than 140 community organisations and individuals working to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Bridport area community. BLAP covers Bridport and West Bay and neighbouring rural parishes.



The key roles of BLAP are:

- ◆ To give a voice to local people enabling them to influence decision-making about their area and services
- ◆ To give all local councils the opportunity to work together on issues of shared interest e.g. introducing Lengthsman Scheme in 2009 and initiating the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- ◆ To identify and organise actions which communities can take to meet local needs and make service provision more responsive
- ◆ To improve coordination between the agencies and organisations delivering local services e.g. working with Citizens Advice Bureau to take forward community resource centre options
- ◆ To enable local community groups and local councils to share knowledge and experiences.

Some of BLAP's achievements

- ◆ BLAP has supported parishes with producing their parish plans: Allington - 2006, Symondsburry plan revision - 2008, Upper Marshwood Vale - 2009 & Bradpole - 2012.
- ◆ BLAP helped start up Bridport Community Orchard Group
- ◆ BLAP produced a Community Directory & Resource Needs Survey in 2008, with a review in 2013.
- ◆ In 2009, the Development Trust was initiated by Charles Wild through the BLAP Steering Group.
- ◆ BLAP Affordable Housing Working Group with Bridport Area Development Trust held a Housing Seminar in Nov 2011 & produced a report. Land Trusts were then set up.
- ◆ In 2013, BLAP initiated and facilitated discussion by local councils of feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for the wider Bridport area. The NP of 4 parish councils and town council have progressed well.
- ◆ In 2016, the BLAP Steering Group initiated discussions with the BLAP parish councils in advance of the new Unitary Authority regarding devolved services.
- ◆ The BLAP Health & Wellbeing Group in 2016 worked with the Mental Health Team of Dorset and Bridport Harmony Drop in Centre to establish the need for a Community Front Room for Bridport. Discussions about delivery are now in progress.
- ◆ Following the 2017 Assembly a Working Group was instigated to look at the provision needed for rough sleepers/homeless. The group has made progress and are working with Dorset County Council to identify appropriate premises.

Why not get involved?

BLAP has active Working Groups which deal with particular topics.

All groups are made up of volunteers, donating their time and efforts towards trying to improve the quality of life for all local residents.

Membership to BLAP is FREE!

Membership to BLAP is open to organisations groups & individuals living or working in Bridport & neighbouring parishes. Please complete the form and return to:

BLAP, c/o Bridport Town Council, Mountfield, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3JP

Tel: **01308 456722**

Please fill in section 1 for groups or section 2 for individuals, plus section 3 in **all** cases.

1. For organisation/group membership:

Name of organisation/group:

Aims of organisation/group:

Name:

Position in organisation:

2. For individual membership:

Name:

Signature:

3. Contact details (for groups/individuals):

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Date:

The information supplied on form will be stored on computer records and will be used only in connection with work of BLAP. It will not be given to any other person for any other purpose. On request, details can be removed from our records at any time.