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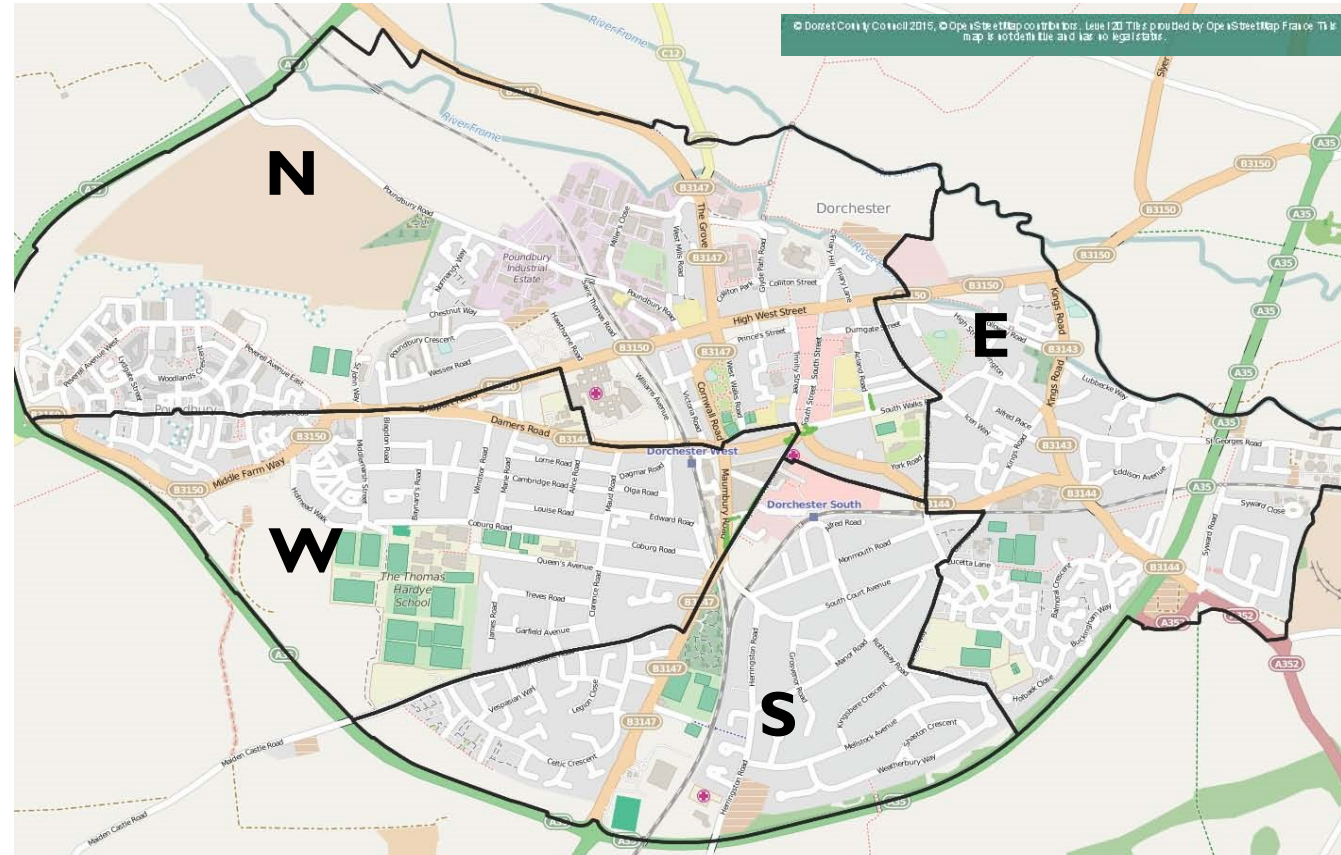
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# Dorchester News



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## New Mayor for the town

In May Tim Harries was elected as Mayor for the third time. First elected to the Council in 1987 he previously served as Mayor in 1995-96 and 2004-05. He also serves on West Dorset District Council.

Tim worked in the NHS for 24 years before running a local taxi business. He has two children and four grandsons.

His focus for the year is on bringing the community together to recognise and celebrate all that is good about the town and will use the year to raise funds for three charities in particular; Dorchester Social Stroke Club, Dorchester Poverty Action Group and the Keep Museum.



Tim is also very keen, however, to give support to all organisations across the town. If you would like Tim to attend your event please download a mayoral engagement form from our website.

## Paving for lower South Street agreed as part of DTEP works

Funding is now in place to pave the stretch of road that runs from New Street, at its junction with Trinity Street, down to Nappers Mite where it joins with South Street and along to Southgate Junction adjacent to the War Memorial.

Around two thirds of the funding has been made available by West Dorset District Council, with the Town Council also contributing £190,000 to the project.

The paving scheme will be similar in character to the scheme that has been in place for many years in upper South Street, which emphasises the historic roadway and pavements while removing kerbs and steps wherever possible.

Works are scheduled for 2017. Disruption is inevitable over the 13 week construction period, but the exact timing will be discussed with local shop owners and other key users of the area to minimise the impact wherever possible.

Once completed the area will remain closed to vehicular traffic during the day from 0930 - 1630, but available for loading and other specific access purposes outside these times.

The works are part of a programme to improve the link between the retail areas of South Street and

Brewery Square and also include the repositioning of the pedestrian crossing at South Gate, with the aim of encouraging visitors and locals to explore and spend more time in the town.

Other current projects within the DTEP programme include upgraded traffic signals and changes to the junction at Great Western Cross, funded by Dorset County Council and scheduled for January 2017.



Lower South Street will be paved from New Street, past Nappers Mite to the War Memorial.

Pavement widening will be carried out outside Shire Hall in High West Street, funded by West Dorset District Council, in time for the opening of the new heritage attraction at the Shire Hall currently scheduled for Spring 2018.

Also Dorset County Council will consult on new traffic regulations including loading bans in High West/East Street later this year.

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## Local Nature Reserve to be refurbished

Working with the Town Council the Friends of the Riverside Reserve have secured funding to fully refurbish the walkways at the local nature reserve on the Millstream to the north of the town.

The Friends successfully applied to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme that distribute the 5-pences charged for plastic bags at its store in Dorchester. The £12,000 grant received from this source will buy all the materials needed to replace the wooden walkways around the Reserve, using rot and slip resistant materials made from recycled plastic bottles which have an estimated 20 year plus life.



The Friends have also been awarded £3,500 from the Dorset County Council Ward Members budget run by Councillors Richard Biggs and Trevor Jones, which will pay for additional platforms and seating, so that users can spend more time enjoying the site.



The works will be undertaken by Town Council staff and Friends volunteers in summer and autumn this year.

## Overhanging Hedges

The Town Council and Dorset County Council have received a number of complaints about private hedges overhanging pathways causing obstruction, particularly to pushchair and wheelchair users.

Guidance regarding property owner responsibilities to ensure that vegetation does not overhang the highway is available at [www.dorsetforyou.com/verges](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/verges). You can also report a problem with overhanging hedges on the same page or at 01305 221000.

## Volunteering for the Dorset Community Credits Scheme

Volunteer Centre Dorset is currently looking to recruit more volunteer Befrienders and Mentors to join the Dorset Community Credits Scheme team, which supports people with learning disabilities to do voluntary work in the town, overcoming exclusion and the barriers that they can often experience.

As a Mentor/Befriender you gain both the personal satisfaction of giving your time to those who need it, and also receive time credit notes. These can be used for activities including buying a session at a local football club, gym or cinema during quieter times or learning a new skill from another time-banking member.

Further information is available from Siobhan Davis on 01305 269214 or [s.davis@volunteeringdorset.org.uk](mailto:s.davis@volunteeringdorset.org.uk). If you can't help with this initiative but still want to get involved in volunteering there are a whole range of options available at [www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk](http://www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk).

## Borough Gardens Borehole

Visitors to the Borough Gardens can now be assured that the site will remain a green oasis whatever the weather.

A borehole has been sunk to a depth of 100m to extract water from the chalk that lies beneath the town, and a water distribution system has been built to get the water to where it is needed; to the children's play fountain, the 19th century Gregory Memorial Fountain and to water the flower beds and other plants. A soakaway will remove the water collected.

Although safe to drink the supply will not feed public taps and drinking fountains, which will continue to use mains water.

The project cost £35,000 and aims to save £9,000 a year in water and sewerage charges.

## Degree & Further Education Grants for Students

The Ashley Churchill and Thorner Educational Trust is open for applications for grants towards the costs of books, equipment and materials and other costs associated with degree and further education courses.

To qualify you need to be under 25, live locally, with a household income of less than £30,800 a year.

If you meet the criteria apply at [actet.org.uk](http://actet.org.uk)

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## Events July - September 2016

### In the Borough Gardens

#### July

- Saturday 2** Armed Forces Day Service - 1.50pm
- Saturday 9** Durnovaria Silver Band and the Lubbecke Schutzen Musik Corps - 2.30pm
- Sunday 10** Swingtime in the Gardens - Noon
- Saturday 16** Outdoor Cinema "The Incredibles" 4.00pm and "Grease" - 7.00pm
- Sunday 24** Stoke sub Hamdon Brass Band - 2.30pm
- Wednesday 27** Love Parks Day—Noon
- Sunday 31** Mintytravina/Blue Town Rumble 1.30pm

#### August

- Thursday 4** The Last Post 2.00pm/6.00pm *(ticketed)*
- Saturday 6** One World Festival - 11.00am
- Sunday 14** Warm Festival - 1.00pm
- Saturday 20** Round Table Cider Festival - 3.00pm
- Sunday 21** Weldmar presents Tony Lowe - 2.00pm

#### September

- Sunday 25** Durnovaria Silver Band - 2.30pm

### Elsewhere in the Town

#### July

- Saturday 2** Armed Forces Day Parade - 1.25pm March from North Square to Borough Gardens via South Street
- Friday 15** Miracle Theatre at Maumbury Rings perform "Life's a Dream" *(ticketed)*

#### August

- Saturday 6** Dorset Food and Arts Festival, Queen Mother's Square, Poundbury

#### Maumbury Rings End of Summer Festival

- Saturday 27** Anonymous by Dorset Youth Extra
- Sunday 28** Love Parade
- Monday 29** Music on Bank Holiday Monday including The Sessions, Rodney Branigan, Stone Roots, Stompin' Dave, Grand Union and Til there was Uke

For events marked *(ticketed)* contact Dorchester Arts at 01305 266926 or visit [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

## Calling all Athletes

The fourth Dorchester Dash Triathlon takes place on Sunday 28 August at 8.00am, based at Dorchester Sports Centre. Information and entry available at [www.1610.org.uk/events/](http://www.1610.org.uk/events/).



If 30km of swimming, cycling and running is not enough for you the inaugural Dorchester Marathon, organised by Casterbridge Rotary takes place on 28 May 2017. See [www.dorchestermarathon.co.uk/](http://www.dorchestermarathon.co.uk/).

Funds raised from the marathon are to be distributed by Rotary to good causes in and around the town, so your pain and suffering will at least be in a good cause.

## Try This, but be quick

The now well-established "Try This" festival of free taster sessions, workshops and activities takes place from 2 - 10 July this year.

The event has moved forward to the summer to enable some new sessions to take place, and the variety on offer means that something for everyone is guaranteed.

This year 35 different sessions cover everything from Bee and Poultry keeping, iPads and Apps, Rag Rugs and Crochet, to Netball, Badminton, Walking Football and Nordic Walking.

Important life support advice covering Managing Long Term Health Conditions and Staying Independent in Your Own Home make this the most diverse range of activities yet and presents a valuable opportunity to explore new skills and make new friends, all for free.

Some activities have number limits so be quick. More information and booking is available at [www.dorchestertrythis.org.uk](http://www.dorchestertrythis.org.uk)



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