



# Corfe Mullen News

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## A new Council for Dorset

The Government has announced that the County Council, District Councils in East Dorset, West Dorset, North Dorset and Purbeck, plus Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are to be abolished and a new Unitary Council for Dorset 'Dorset Council' will be formed in 2019. The Borough Councils of Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth are also to be abolished to form a second Unitary Council for the conurbation.

We are not sure at this stage what the implications might be for the Parish Council. Some parish and town councils in other areas are being asked to take on new services and of course the Parish Council is already funding the youth club. With increasing financial pressure on the first tier councils, it is likely that we may be approached to help run services or alternatively the new Dorset Council may withdraw or cut back some services. The Parish Council will have to take a view on whether the community would be prepared to see a rise in the Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax to keep these services going.

Watch this space, and in the meantime if you have any views on paying more to the Parish Council to retain council services, please write or email in to us.

### Parish Council Small Grants to local organisations announced

Circle of Friends	£200
Carnival	£600
Fun Run	£200
Womens' Institute	£200
Girl Guides	£200
Royal British Legion Senior Section	£200
Sports Association	£1000
Youth Trust	£250
Speed Watch	£300
East Dorset Beekeepers Association	£150
East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux	£1250
Wimborne & East Dorset Macular Degeneration Support Group	£100
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£50

In addition to the small grants programme, the Council has granted £15,000 to the Village Hall, which it runs, for capital improvements and continues to support the Corfe Mullen Youth Trust through a revenue grant of approximately £36000 per year.

### Free Defibrillator

#### Training

In conjunction with the South Western Ambulance Services Trust, the third annual defibrillator training session is being arranged.

As with the previous two years, residents are welcome to register their interest in attending by contacting Cllr Paul Harrison on 07712264289.

The training session is provisionally set for Saturday 5th May, starting at 10am and will be held at will be St Nicholas's Church, Wareham Road.

## Footpaths and Bridleways

Parish Councillors have been busy surveying all the parish's footpaths and bridleways. Any problems or issues will be reported to the Rights of Way Team for remedial action.

Please can we remind anyone with a hedge that borders a Right of Way to ensure that it is cut back regularly.

- If you wish to report a problem on a footpath or bridleway you can do this online at:

<https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem/>

## Corfe Mullen Home Library Service

Love reading but can't get to your local library?

Corfe Mullen Library may be able to help by bringing the library to you. We can deliver a wide range of library books directly to people at home with the help of the Royal Voluntary Service.

You can request specific books, authors and genres, all free of charge and picked by library staff. Our free delivery service offers books, large print books and audiobooks.

Delivered every three weeks. Please contact the library for more details on:

01202 659755

## Domestic Abuse

Support available  
in Dorset



The You Trust provides people with the help they need to realise their dreams of independence, security, stability, happiness and freedom. We help people in our communities who need care, support and advice due to poverty, homelessness, disability, age, ill health or abuse to have the life they want. Its You First service for Dorset provides support, advocacy, help and guidance to female and male victims and survivors of domestic abuse who are 16 years and over. Services include:

- Outreach
- Refuge
- Resettlement
- Safe houses
- Safety planning
- Emotional support
- 24/7 helpline
- Support groups

Phone 0800 032 5204

## Corfe Mullen Home Watch

### wins award

We would like to congratulate Corfe Mullen Home Watch on being awarded the Dorset Home Watch group of the year. This award was given for their outstanding commitment to the community and their continuing support for Dorset Police.

Dorset County Council 

## Family Information Service



**Dorset's Family Information Service**, part of Dorset County Council, offers free advice and assistance for parents, carers and young people. We provide information on childcare funding and how to apply, groups and activities, family services, special educational needs and disability support and much more! We also can provide advice and support with finding childcare to suit your family.

- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/dorsetfis](https://facebook.com/dorsetfis)
- Visit our website: [dorsetforyou.gov.uk/fis](https://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/fis)
- Contact us: [familyinfo@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

## Keep Corfe Mullen Clean

District Councillor Paul Harrison has organised equipment for a monthly community litter pick.

Equipment will be supplied, but do please bring your own high visibility jacket and gloves if you have them and sturdy walking shoes/boots.

The next pick will be Saturday 21st April, starting at 10:00am - MEETING POINT: Rushcombe First School public car park .

Keep in touch on facebook: [Keep Corfe Mullen Clean](#)

## Modest Increase in Parish Council charges

Village Hall Hire fees and Cemetery fees rise in 2018 by an average of 3% to reflect a rise in costs due to inflation.

## Your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

from Police Community Support Officer Neal Rooke



### Rogue traders

We have had a report of rogue traders/cold callers in the Corfe Mullen area. Uninvited males have been asking the home owners if they want various jobs done. We strongly recommend that residents don't employ these cold callers.

Tips to follow if called on by a cold caller:

- If you are not sure who is at your door – don't open it.
- Remember to use your door chain if you have one before you open the door to strangers.
- Always check the identity of all visitors if they are not known to you.
- Always look up telephone numbers for yourself. Do not accept numbers provided by cold callers as they could be bogus.

If you have a need for a trader please take a look at Trading Standards website ([www.dorsetforyou.com/trading-standards](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/trading-standards)) or call them on 0345 404 05 06 for a list of recommended traders.

### HMRC scam

Another concern I would like to bring to your attention is calls from scammers claiming to be calling from HMRC. This scam is still widely used in the East Dorset area. I'm keen to spread the word and ask if you able to assist me by informing friends and family. The callers claim that you have unpaid taxes and they are planning to take you to court. They give you the option of paying them now over the phone and the case will be dropped. The other variation of this scam is they claim you are owed a tax rebate and would like your bank details to pay it in. In turn they will pretend pay in too much and ask you to pay them some back.

- If you receive a call like this simply just hang up.
- Never give your bank details out over the phone.
- If the HMRC need to contact you, this will always be done in writing, never over the phone.

### Crime prevention products from Home Watch

We would like to encourage all residents to view the selection of crime prevention products the Home Watch have to offer. Please feel welcome to attend the village hall coffee morning in Towers Way and speak to a Home Watch member and your local Corfe Mullen Neighbourhood Policing Team, between 1000-1130 on the last Friday of every month. If you would like to join the Home Watch team in Corfe Mullen and play a really important part in making Corfe Mullen safer please contact Peter Whittam (chairman) 01202 692313. If you believe you have been a victim of a scam please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) alternately call Dorset Police on 101.

### Dorset Alert

For a great way of keeping up to date with crime, events and news in your area we would urge you to join **Dorset Alert**. It's completely free and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply visit [www.dorsetalert.co.uk](http://www.dorsetalert.co.uk) and follow the simple steps. You will receive regular emails with crime updates, up and coming events and good news stories. You can also like us on Facebook. Just type in '**Wimborne Police Station Safer Neighbourhood Teams**' and the 'like' button.

## COMCA

### Corfe Mullen Community Aid

is a local charity which runs a  
voluntary Community Transport Scheme

Over 25 years in  
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- Help needed with taking our calls on dedicated number – people with answer machines on a rota basis.
- Drivers with the odd hour to spare are always needed.

For details Ring Anne Holland on 01202 697998

Charity No: 900579

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## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Mondays term time	9.30-10.30 am 10.35-11.30	Zumba Vera Flow	07887 702113	2nd Wednesdays	7.30pm	Circle of Friends	01202 694951
Mondays	6.15-7.15 pm	Zumba	07887 702113	Thursdays	9.30-noon	Line Dancing	01202 605554
Mondays	7.30-10.00 pm	Ballroom/Latin Dance	07718 208897	Thursdays	6.00-8.00pm	Pilates – two classes	07940 821351
Mondays	3.30-6.45 pm	Limelight Children's Dance	07425 477256	1st Thursday (some)	7.30 pm	Alpine Garden Society	01202 692962
Tuesdays	9.30-10.30 am	Tai Chi	07938 226833	2nd Thursday	2.00-4.00pm	Women's Institute	01202 696427
Tuesdays	3.45-6.00pm	Ballet	01202 872908	3rd Thursday (some)	7.30–9.30pm	Corfe Mullen Gardening Club	01202 656705
2nd & 4th Tuesdays	7.30-9.45pm	Family Bingo fundraiser	01202 692912	Fridays	10.00-12:30	Corfe Mullen Art Group	01202 385523
3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	Floral Decoration Society	01202 690736	Fridays	10:00– 11:45am	Coffee Morning fundraiser	01202 692912
3rd Tuesday	2.00-5.00 pm	Quilters	01202 690086	4th Friday	2.30-4.00 pm	Carpet Bowls	01202 692912
Wednesdays	10-11.30	Iyengar Yoga	07815 060588	Sundays	9.00-11.00	Sport4Tots	07545  429327
Wednesdays	1.30-3.30 pm	Tea Dance	07718 208897	6th April 3rd August 14th December	12.50-3.45pm or 4.45-7.15pm	Blood Donor Sessions	To book 0300 1232323
Wednesdays	4.00-5.30pm	Children's latin/ ballroom	07718 208897	<b>Please enquire direct to the numbers above regarding availability, costs etc.</b>			
Wednesdays	7.00 pm	Dance exercise	01202 848052				

**To Make a Booking check availability at <http://www.corfemullen-pc.gov.uk/>  
To Book : Tel. 01202 698600 Email [vhbookings@corfemullen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:vhbookings@corfemullen-pc.gov.uk)**

### Parish Councillors

Ed Alexander	01202 697685	Paul Harrison	01202 698050	David Mattocks	01202 658883	Alan Perry	01202 605448
John Anderson	01202 699278	Anne Holland	01202 697998	Julia Stennett	01202 698464	Evan Waterman	01202 699963
Wendy Dix	01202 604208	Paul Holland	01202 697998	Susan Jefferies	01202 699647	Chairman:	Paul Harrison
David Everett	01202 696014	Bill Honeyman	01202 696272	Susanne Parkin	01202 694197	Vice-Chairman:	Paul Holland

### Corfe Mullen Parish Council

**Parish Clerk: Mrs Katrina Blee**

**OFFICE OPEN Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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