



Corfe Mullen News

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Councillor Paul Harrison has been returned as Parish Council Chairman for a second year. Commenting on his first year in office, Paul said that it had been very enjoyable and added that it had been a great honour to represent the Parish Council, as someone who was born in the village. He was particularly pleased with the first Parish Council Chairman's Reception which was a chance for the Parish Council to say a very big thank you to all the volunteers who work within the community.

See p.2 for the highlights of his Annual Report.

- Councillor Paul Holland will continue as Vice-Chairman

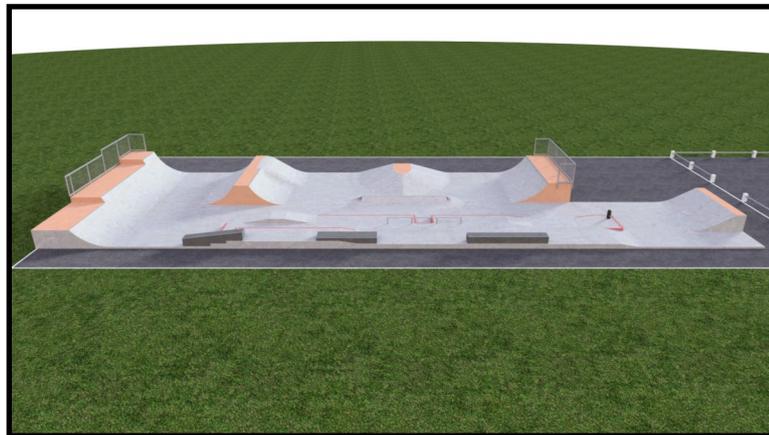
2019 Elections

There will be elections for the Parish Council in May 2019, so if you are interested in becoming involved in running the Parish Council why not contact a parish councillor for more information?

- Notice of the election inviting nominations is published by East Dorset District Council 25 days before Polling Day which will be on May 2nd 2019.



Corfe Mullen Wheel Park Project due to open in July



The new wheel park is due to open at the beginning of July. It can be used for skate boarding and biking.

The facility has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Heathlands Infrastructure Projects Fund with the support of East Dorset District Council and Natural England.

The facility not only provides an up to date replacement for the old skate park, but most importantly will also detract bikers from using sensitive environmental areas on Upton Heath.

East Dorset District Council has removed some illegal dirt jumps on Upton Heath and has started to restore the heathland here. They will continue to engage with bikers to encourage them to relocate to the new wheel park and have erected signs. It is hoped that the new facility will ensure that the heathland does not suffer any further illegal damage.

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Paul Harrison gave a report on his first year as Chairman. Here are the highlights:

The Parish Council has continued to hold meetings twice a month, with no changes to Committee structures. Meetings are open to the public and we are always pleased to see residents attend and hear their comments.

As a number of projects were delayed in previous years we agreed to freeze the Parish Precept (Parish Council part of the council tax) for the year 2018-19.

The Council continues to run the office, recreation ground, village hall, allotments, cemetery, play areas and part of Springdale Road Public Open Space, which are all very much appreciated by our residents.

We are still awaiting a date for the move to a new allotment site. I attended the Allotment Association's AGM with the Clerk which was useful to answer queries and receive feedback. Our thanks go to the Allotment Tenants Association for their work supporting new plot holders and other issues.

The Parish Council now share the old youth centre building with Lockyers Middle School. Re-named the Lockyers Community Hub, the Parish Council can hire out part of the building to interested parties for meetings and functions. One of the main users is the Corfe Mullen Youth Trust, which runs the new Corfe Mullen Youth Club. The Parish Council has committed to continue its financial support for the Corfe Mullen Youth Trust for a further two year period whilst the new club gets established.

This April saw the first Chairman's Reception, which is an opportunity for the Parish Council to increase further its community engagement, network with other partners in the District and take time to thank volunteers for their work within the parish.

Recreation Ground activities

Our thanks go to the Corfe Mullen Sports Association for the smooth running of the sports fixtures and for adjusting around other annual village events, such as the Carnival and the Macmillan Bike Ride. The Sports Pavilion is undergoing modernisation and improvements.

Also located at our recreation ground are the Scout and Guide headquarters, which offer so much for our young people outside of school time - and all managed by volunteers.

The Carnival has moved to the larger field and continues to be the main community event on the village calendar. The Carnival Committee has also been in dialogue with the Parish Council over the last few months regarding the prospect of an annual community Christmas Tree and Christmas lights for our village.

The community orchard continues to become established. Councillor Wendy Dix does sterling work, which is to be applauded, in looking after the trees and she has a small band of helpers - to whom we are very grateful.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is an extremely well used amenity within our parish. From weekly coffee mornings to a selection of classes and it is home to a number of clubs and societies. It has had a much-needed new roof, which cost over £75,000, the Parish Council was able to help with a grant of £30,000 and a further £15,000 has been granted for further improvements.

Local Government Reorganisation

Next year, the nine principal authorities in Dorset will be abolished and two unitaries formed - one for Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch and the other for the rest of Dorset. The role of Parish Councils is likely to increase over the next few years as a result, with the possibility of more responsibility coming our way.

Thanks must be expressed to my fellow Parish Councillors and Committee Chairman, and all the Parish Council and Village Hall Staff.

I would also like to thank the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and of course all the organisations who make Corfe Mullen such a super community.

Finally, may I take the opportunity to say how much I've enjoyed being given the opportunity to be Chairman of Corfe Mullen Parish Council for the year. Being able to represent our village at events within our village and further afield has been truly humbling and a great honour.

- **Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 2017-18 are now published on our website**

Dog mess—bag it, bin it, or take it home

Please can we remind dog owners to always bag up their dog's mess and put it in a bin, or take it home to put in your black general waste bin.

Please do not leave hanging from trees or hedges, on the side of the path or on the ground by a full bin.

If a dog bin is overfull please telephone the Dorset Waste Partnership on 01305 221040 to alert them or report it online at dorsetforyou.com (street cleaning section)

- Dog bins at the recreation ground are the Parish Council's so if there is a problem with one of these please telephone us

Persons failing to pick up after their dog can receive a fixed penalty notice and fine of £75, or if the case proceeds to prosecution, the fine can be up to £1000.

Your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

from Police Community Support Officer Neal Rooke



Holiday Security

It's the time of year that those of us that are lucky enough will be going on holiday and leaving our properties unattended. We are urging residents to not only follow your 'Packing Checklist' but also your 'Leaving Property Checklist'!

- Ensure all windows and doors are locked and keys are not left in the lock on the inside of any other windows or doors
- If you have a burglar alarm – please use it!
- Ensure all your outbuildings are securely locked and the contents are secured by chaining to a strong anchorage point
- Make sure your bins are put away and cannot be used as a way over a fence or gate and ensure your gates are secure with appropriate locks
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries and anything else you get regularly delivered
- Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your property and ask if they can park a vehicle on your drive or on the road outside to make it appear that someone is home
- Use light timer switches
- Don't leave items of value on display
- Mark all your valuables such as jewellery, electronics and tools with your name/postcode and register them online on www.immobilise.com
- Ensure your buildings and contents insurance is fully up to date
- Phone your bank to inform them you are going away with location and dates. They can hopefully make a note of this should any other activity on the account occur they can check this with you
- Don't leave an answer phone message saying you are away – if possible have the calls re-directed
- DO NOT broadcast on social media that you are going on holiday or that you are currently on holiday – this is telling potential burglars that your property is empty!

Should you have any concerns about this or would like further advice, please contact the team via 101.

Outside theft

Unfortunately this time of year we normally see an increase in reports of burglaries to garages and sheds. We would like to remind you about SHEDUCATION crime prevention that you can carry out:

- S** – Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences
- H** – Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed and garage? Make a note of serial numbers and photograph items of value – including garden ornaments
- E** – External security lights which are activated by movement are a useful deterrent
- D** – Doors of sheds/garages require attention. Use strong pad bars and close shackle padlocks. Up and over garage doors supplied with standard lock fitting should also be fitted with a padlock and lockable bolts. Windows should be secured with locks or grilles
- U** – Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges
- C** – Chain cycles, mowers, ladders, bikes, tools etc to a strong anchorage point
- A** – Alarms for sheds and garages are available under £20 at most DIY stores. Ferndown Community Office also sell them
- T** – Together we'll crack this type of crime. Why not join a Homewatch/Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?
- E** – Exactly what insurance cover do you have? Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuildings

Over 25 years in
operation

COMCA

Corfe Mullen Community Aid
is a local charity which runs a
Voluntary Community Transport Scheme taking
Corfe Mullen residents to and from medical appointments

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Volunteer drivers are always needed

There are no set times and we fit in with your availability
If you wish to volunteer ring Anne Holland on 01202 697998

If you need our assistance always ring 07000 780593

Charity No: 900579

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	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	Please enquire direct to the numbers above regarding availability, costs etc.			
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**

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

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