

# Corfe Mullen News

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## New Wheel Park opens

The Parish Council is pleased to have finished its revamp of the wheel park at Corfe Mullen Recreation ground, with the support of East Dorset District Council and Heathland mitigation funds.

Local users have been making the most of the fine weather over the summer holidays trying out their skills.

An official opening ceremony place took place on the 31st of August, with Parish Council Chairman Councillor Paul Harrison and East Dorset District Council Chairman Councillor Toni Coombs officiating.

The new park is not only a marvellous facility to replace the old metal ramps, but also acts to support local nature reserves by providing a better suited meeting place to hone BMX and bike skills.

As a result of this project it has been possible to restore a section of heathland habitat where previously there were illegal dirt jumps. Although it is still the District Council's desire to find another location suitable for dirt jumps, it is pleased to support projects like this one that help nature conservation.



## Local Plan Review: Parish Council response

The Parish Council has objected to suggested options by East Dorset District Council to build a minimum of 235 dwellings on green belt in Corfe Mullen. In its response, the Parish Council commented that the remaining green belt areas in the parish are remote from facilities and would not be sustainable locations for housing. The lack of infrastructure, poor public transport and facilities in the village would mean that the additional housing would put further pressure on existing services.

The Council also objected to the removal of the Special Character Area and Area of Great Landscape Value designations, the removal of three small areas from the green belt, and questioned where new retail facilities could be provided.

The District Council will issue its final proposals in early 2019 for further consultation.

#### Don't suffer a cold home

Living in a cold home can be bad for your health. Consistently low temperatures in your home may exacerbate existing health issues (particularly respiratory and cardiovascular conditions) and make it harder for you to



recover from illnesses. It can cause you and your family to feel miserable at home, affecting concentration, dexterity and mental health.

Dorset County Council has been working to address these issues and make it easier for people struggling to heat their home to a healthy, comfortable temperature to access free advice and support and free insulation.

Residents can now contact **Healthy Homes Dorset** - a one stop shop for all cold home and energy queries. The service aims to provide free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, understanding your heating system and energy bills, switching energy supplier and making energy saving improvements – eligible households will receive free loft and cavity wall insulation. The service also aims to prevent isolation worry by signing residents up for power cut advice so that in the event of a power cut, they have the support that they need. Energy advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents.

Healthy Homes Dorset will also be working closely with relevant organisations to ensure that the team are able to refer and signpost residents for additional support. This could include ensuring you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to or support in making essential improvements to your home. Insulation is one of the best ways of lowering your energy bills as well as replacing old, inefficient heating systems. Healthy Homes Dorset can let you know if you're eligible for funding to help towards the cost of making your home warmer and more comfortable.

Please contact the team if you would like any advice or you know anyone who would benefit from a referral.

Call 0300 003 7023 email help@healthyhomesdorset.org.uk Web www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk

#### **Carnival News**

What a fantastic year for Corfe Mullen Carnival it has been and we have raised over £8000 for our chosen beneficiaries which included

Ashley's Birthday Bank, Forest Holme Hospice, Friends of Dolphin , Harlequin Care, Montacute School along with the Poole Air Cadets , Wessex 4x4 , Corfe Mullen Guides ,Scouts, Sports Association and Youth Trust .

The 53rd consecutive Carnival is on Saturday 8th June 2019.

You can keep updated with news on Carnival from our website (www.corfemullencarnival.com) or our Facebook page



Some of this year's beneficiaries

### Your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

#### from Police Community Support Officer Neal Rooke



Shed and garage burglaries generally increase as the winter months draw in the darker evenings. The items thieves mostly target are expensive bicycles, petrol powered strimmers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, and power tools.

We encourage you to follow these steps to prevent or deter intruders:

- Only use your shed or garage to store valuable items if it is substantial and secure.
- Use a heavy duty padlock and use fittings that can't be unscrewed.
- Good lighting and well-kept low hedges offer good visibility for neighbours to overlook the garden which is a good deterrent to thieves.
- A shed alarm is again an effective deterrent and gives thieves no time to look around.
- Chain expensive or easy-to-steal items together. For example a strimmer and chainsaw chained together and to a larger item or good anchor.
- Take photos and record all serial numbers of machinery and power tools.

For further crime prevention advice or a free home security check by your Neighbourhood Policing team please call 101.

We are still receiving high volumes of calls reporting scam telephone calls. The most popular is the HMRC scam. 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.

If you believe you have been a victim of a scam please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk">www.actionfraud.police.uk</a>, alternatively call Dorset Police on 101.

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 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. 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.

Over 25 years in

## **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

## 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

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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	lyengar Yoga	07815 060588	Saturdays	9.00-11.00	PlaySportz	07885 791368		
Wednesdays	1.30-3.30 pm	Tea Dance	07718 208897	Sundays	9.00-11.00	Sport4Tots	07545 429327		
Wednesdays	4.00-5.30pm	Children's latin/ ballroom	07718 208897	7th December	12.50-3.45pm or 4.45-7.15pm	Blood Donor Sessions	To book 0300 1232323		
Wednesdays	7.00 pm	Dance exercise	01202 848052	Please enquire direct to the numbers above regarding availability, costs etc.					

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

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

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