


WHAT'S ON in and around WEST DORSET AREA

May 2021

This listing contains a selection of events taking place across West Dorset this month. For full event information contact your local TIC

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Please check whether the venue or event you may wish to attend is open/running and whether prebooking is required.

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GARDENS NOW OPEN	Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens , Abbotsbury, Weymouth DT3 4LA. Gardens open daily 10am-5pm. Admission £10, Child £5, u5 free. Plant Centre open 11am-4pm. www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk
	Abbotsbury Swannery , New Barn Road, Abbotsbury DT3 4JG. Swannery open daily 10am-5pm. Admission £10, Child £5, u5 free. www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk
	Athelhampton House , Athelhampton, Dorchester DT2 7LG. From 12/04 Gardens open Sun-Fri & Sun 10am-4pm. Admission £9.50 (u14 free). From 17/05 House open Sun-Fri 12-3pm. Admission (inc. Garden) £14 https://www.athelhampton.com/visit
	Bennetts Water Gardens , Putton Lane, Chickerell DT3 4AF Sun-Fri 10am-4pm 01305 785150 info@bennettswatergardens.com
	Forde Abbey , Chard TA20 4LU Gardens, plant centre and shop open 11am-5pm. Admission: £12.50 Child 5-15 £5 u5 free; available at venue. 01460 220231 www.fordeabbey.co.uk
	Mapperton Gardens , Mapperton, Beaminster DT8 3NR. Gardens open Sun-Thurs 11am-5pm. Admission £11, Child 5-16 £3, u5 free. www.mapperton.com
	Minterne Gardens , Minterne Magna, Dorchester DT2 7AU. Gardens open daily 10am-6pm Admission £6 (u12 free) www.minterne.co.uk
	Sherborne Old Castle , Castleton, Sherborne DT9 3SA. Open Wed-Sun (& Bank Holiday Mondays) 10am-5pm Admission £5.90 (Child 5-17yrs £3.50) Sherborne Old Castle English Heritage (english-heritage.org.uk)
	Sherborne Castle , New Road, Sherborne DT9 5NR. Gardens open daily 10am-5pm Admission £9 (Child 0-15yrs free) contactless payments only www.sherbornecastle.com
	NGS Open Gardens South West see website for details of dates and venues. https://ngs.org.uk/product-category/garden-tickets/south-west/
VINYARD TOURS	Bride Valley , Litton Cheney, DT29AW Tours Thurs and Sat 11am £20 C£3 01308 482767 info@bridevalleyvinyard.com www.bridevalleyvinyard.com
	Furleigh Estate , Salway Ash, Bridport DT65JF Tours, Weds, Fri and Sat 11.30am and 2.30pm £15-30 01308 488991 info@furleighestate.co.uk www.furleighestate.co.uk
	Langham Wine Estate , Crawthorne, Dorchester DT27NG Tours Weds -Sun 10am-5pm £10-20 01258 839095 info@langhamwine.co.uk www.langhamwine.co.uk

The Keep Military Museum, Barrack Road, Dorchester, DT11RN For opening and admission costs see website. 01305 264066 [Visit Us - The Keep Military Museum, Dorchester, Dorset](#)

Shire Hall, High Street West, Dorchester DT11UY open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm. Admission A £9.5 C£5 Conc, £7.50, family £20 01305 261849 [Shire Hall – Visit \(shirehalldorset.org\)](#)

Tutankhamun Exhibition, Dinosaur Museum, Teddy Bear Museum, Terracotta Warriors Closed at time of production . check 01305 269741 or [The Tutankhamun Exhibition - Dorchester | The Tutankhamun Exhibition \(tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk\)](#)

Dorset County Museum High Street West Dorchester DT1 1JP Currently closed due to refurbishment 01305 262735 [Tomorrow's Museum Is Coming | Dorset County Museum](#)

Kingston Maurwood Animal Farm, Dorchester DT2 8PX 10am-4pm daily £Free [Tickets and Opening Times | Kingston Maurward Animal Park & Gardens \(kmc.ac.uk\)](#)

Dorset Falconry Park Lewell Nursery, Lewell, Dorchester, DT2 8AN opens 20th. Usual hours Weds - Sun 10am-5pm Admission A£9, C and Conc.£7, Family£30 01305 250710 [Dorset Falconry Park](#)

Symondsburry Estate, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6HG Thurs – Sun 10am-3pm Admission free 07714289492 [Visit Symondsburry - Find Us | Symondsburry Estate](#)

Beaminster Museum Whitcombe Road Beaminster DT8 3NB Currently closed due to refurbishment [Beaminster Museum – 170 million years of life in rural West Dorset](#)

Lyme Regis Museum, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3QA Weds to Sat, 10am-4pm Admission A£5.95, C£2.75, Family £14.75 01297 443370 [Inspirational Fossil Walks and School Activities: Lyme Regis Museum](#)

Lyme Bay RIB charters West Bay Harbour, West Bay, BRIDPORT, Dorset, DT6 4EY 11.30am-4pm daily Admission £15 07971 25 85 15 [TRIPS FROM WEST BAY – Lyme Bay RIB Charter](#)

Bridport Museum South St, Bridport DT6 3NR From 17th May (opening times TBC) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm A £5 U21's Free 01308 458703 [www.bridportmuseum.co.uk](#)

West Bay Discovery Centre The Chapel on the Beach, W Bay Rd, West Bay, Bridport DT6 4EN From 18th May, Tues-Sun 11am-4pm Free 01308 427288 [www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk](#)

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre Lower Sea Ln, Charmouth, Bridport DT6 6LL from 17th May, Everyday 10.30am-3.30pm Free – 01297 560772 [www.charmouth.org/chcc](#)

Sea Life Adventure Park, Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth, DT4 7SX 10am-4pm daily, Admission from £10 [Visit SEA LIFE Weymouth Adventure Park & Aquarium](#)

Sandworld, Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX from 20th open daily from 10.30am. A£7.75, C£5.75 Conc£6.75, Family from £18 +44 (0)7411 387529 [Sandworld Weymouth – Sand Sculpture festival](#)

Nothe Fort, Barrack Road, Weymouth, DT4 8UF 11am-4pm Saturdays until 17th then daily. Admission A£8, Snr£7,C5-16£2, U5free, Family from £10 01305 766626 [Nothe Fort - Weymouth's stunning Historic Sea Fort on the Jurassic Coast](#)

Tank Museum, Bovington BH20 6JG 10am-5pm daily Admission from A£14, C5-16£8.75, U5£free, Family from £14.75 01929 405096 [Home - The Tank Museum](#)

Monkey World Longthorns, Wareham BH20 10am-5pm daily Admission see website 01929 462537 [Monkey World Dorset Days Out - Primate Ape Rescue Centre](#)

Blue Pool, Furzebrook Road, Wareham BH20 5AR 9.30am-5pm daily Admission A£5, 5-18£2.50, U5free [Home - The Blue Pool \(bluepooltearooms.co.uk\)](#) 01929 558150

Swanage Railway, Norden, BH20 5DW 10.30am-3.30pm daily. Admission for returns A£18, C£8.50, Family £45 01929 425800 [Swanage Railway | Family Railway Attraction in Dorset](#)

Lulworth Castle and Park, BH20 5QS Sun-Thurs 10.30am-5pm Admission A£6, Snr£5, C4-15£4, U4s free 01929 400352 [Lulworth Castle & Park - Lulworth Estate](#)

Etches Collection, Kimmeridge, BH20 5PE 10am-5pm Mon-Sat. Admission A£8, C4-16£4, Family from £16, U5s free 01929 270000 [The Etches Collection](#)

Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil, BA22 7LH open 10am-4.30pm daily. Admission A£16,C4-15£9.5, U4s free, Snr£14, Family from £23 01963 440804 [Haynes International Motor Museum | \(haynesmotormuseum.com\)](#)

Donkey Walking, Beaminster at time of issue closed. 01308 862045 - [Donkey Walking Adventures - Home](#)

NT properties at time of issue closed: Max Gate, Clouds Hill, Hardy's Birthplace [Search Places | National Trust](#)

NT Corfe Castle, BH20 5EZ 10am-5pm daily. Admission A£10, C£5, Family £2 [Corfe Castle | National Trust](#)

Sherborne Museum Church Lane, Sherborne DT9 3BP At time of issue closed. [Sherborne Museum](#)

WALKS & CYCLING

Fossil, ghost and Historical Walks with Lyme Regis Museum [Fossil Walks, Events & Exhibitions: Lyme Regis Museum](https://www.lymeregisfossilsforsale.co.uk/fossil-walks.html) **Fossil Walks** Brandon Lennon 07944 664757 <https://www.lymeregisfossilsforsale.co.uk/fossil-walks.html> **Jurassic Gems** 01297 444405 [Jurassic Gems \(webs.com\)](https://www.jurassicjaunts.co.uk), the **Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre** 01297 560772, [Charmouth Fossils and Fossil Hunting on the Jurassic Coast](https://www.jurassiccoastguides.co.uk) **Jurassic Coast Guides** 07900 257944 guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk **Chris Pamplin** 0845 0943757 www.fossilwalks.com Times vary according to the tides, telephone for full details and booking information.

Jurassic Jaunts Andy Pedrick **+44 (0) 7790 474 478** www.jurassicjaunts.co.uk

Walking the Way to Health in Bridport, with trained health walk leaders. Starts from CAB 45 South Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am. Walks last approx 30mins, all welcome, free of charge. 01305 252222 or sarahdavies@dorset.gov.uk <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walk/search/Bridport%2CDorset>

Durotriges Roman Tours Every day at Town Pump:11am, 1pm and 3 pm. Pre Booking Essential 07557472092 DorchesterRomanTours@Outlook.com

Dorchester Strollers, walks with trained health walkers. Every Monday at 10:30am and Tuesday at 2:15pm. Occasional Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Walks last up to one hour, all welcome, free. 01305 263759 [Dorchester Strollers | Walking for Health](http://DorchesterStrollers|WalkingforHealth)

LL Tours Lyme Regis tours available throughout the year. 07763 974569 for details and to book. [LL Tours](http://LLTours) - formerly [Literary Lyme Walking Tours](http://LiteraryLymeWalkingTours)

Ghost Walks From Kings Arms Dorchester Thursday 8pm plus Tuesday 28th A£7, C £3 Chris on 07971 352555 dorchesterghostwalk@hotmail.com

Lyme History Walks May-Sept Weds/ Thurs & Saturdays - 11am meet Marine Theatre Square. Approx 1½ hours. £8 adults, children £4. 01297 443140 / 07518 777258 www.lymehistorywalks.com

Explore Historic Sherborne Learn more about Sherborne from a Blue Badge Guide. Tel: 07989 453966, Email: info@sherbornewalks.co.uk or visit: <https://sherbornewalks.co.uk>

West Dorset Ramblers Regular walks around the area. 01297 631130 [Find a walk or route - Ramblers](http://FindaWalkorRoute-Ramblers)

Jurassic Coast walks with the Jurassic Trust <https://jurassiccoast.org/news-events/events/>

South Dorset Ramblers Walks in Dorset on Sat, Sun & Wednesdays. www.southdorsetramblers.org.uk 01305 262839 / 269381 **Cyclists' Touring Club West Dorset** Long and short rides. More info: Secretary Angela on 01305 266648 secretary.westdorsetctc@hotmail.co.uk <https://www.cyclinguk.org/group/west-dorset-cycling>

MARKETS NOW OPEN

Bridport	Weekly Market in the Town every Wednesday & Saturday, Farmers' Market 8th 9am-1pm Barrack Street, Vegan Arts & Crafts 9am-3pm Lyric Theatre
Dorchester	Weekly Market in Fairfield Car Park, Weymouth Ave 8am-3pm every Wednesday, Farmers' Market Poundbury, postponed
Sherborne	Pannier Market on the Parade every Thursday and Saturday; Farmers' Market 21st May Cheap Street, 9am-1pm, The Sherborne Market (Artisan producers) 16th May
Lyme Regis.....	Farmer's Market postponed

Local events diary

01/04-16/05 Form' at Sculpture by the Lakes Pallington, Dorchester DT2 8QU 10am-5pm Tues-Sat Normal entrance fees apply. Book via <https://www.gallerybythelakes.co.uk/form>

24/04-12/05 Still Life & Landscapes Exhibition The Jerram Gallery, Half Moon Street, Sherborne DT9 3LN Tues-Sat 9.30am-5pm Still life & landscapes by Emma Haggas, Vanessa Bowman & Lynne Cartlidge. 01935 815261 <https://www.jerramgallery.com/exhibitions/>

05 The Arts Society Sherborne lecture Zoom 5pm 'Sicilian Splendours - From Greece to The Normans' by Dr Paul Roberts. £5 billed after event via <https://theartsocietysherborne.org/lectures/>

06 Talk: Martha Brown, capital punishment and women in the criminal justice system On line for Shire Hall, Dorchester 7pm. With Dr Rose Wallis. £1.99 via <https://www.facebook.com/events/289583332553024>

08 SDFHS talk - Coker Canvas: The Textile Industry of the Dorset/Somerset Border by Richard Sims. Zoom 1.30pm Contact jferentzi@aol.com for Zoom link

17 Talk: “Jane Marchese Robinson - Seeking Sanctuary - a history of refugees in Britain”. The Chapel in the Garden, Bridport, DT6 3JX 6.30pm-8.30pm Bridport Refugee Support Campaign A£10. C£5 Tickets from Bridport TIC 01308 424901 <https://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/product/bridport-refugee-support-campaign/>

20 BVYNTA visit to Sidmouth Visit to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens and Donkey Sanctuary. Contact Malcolm Thompson, email: thompy1@talk21.com 01935 814360 <https://bvyntassoc.wordpress.com/summer-2021/>

21 Cinema Under the Stars Leweston School, nr. Sherborne DT9 6EN 8-11pm Film: The Blair Witch Project (15) Bring blanket and chair. No dogs. Booking essential. A £10, 17-18yr £7.50, 15-16yr £5 + booking fees via <https://www.lewestonenterprises.co.uk/events/upcoming>

22 Cinema Under the Stars Leweston School, nr. Sherborne DT9 6EN Film: The Greatest Showman (PG) Bring blanket and chair. No dogs. Booking essential. A £10, 17-18yr £7.50, 6-16yr £5 + booking fees, U5 free via <https://www.lewestonenterprises.co.uk/events/upcoming>

22/05-06/06 Dorset Art Weeks Various days, times and venues. Open Studios throughout Dorset. Please see website, Twitter, Facebook or Instagram for details or email: megan@dorsetartweeks.co.uk <https://www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk>

30 Singing Bowl Soundbath Osborne Village Hall, nr. Sherborne DT9 4LA 2-4pm Crystal & Tibetan bowl soundbath. Numbers restricted, COVID secure venue. £15. Book in advance: ahiahel@live.com 01935 389655 www.centreforpuresound.org

31 Dorchester Bowling Club Open Day Armada Way, Dorchester DT1 2TN 10am-4pm. For details see <http://www.dorchesterbowlsclub.com/community/dorchester-bowls-club-8492/home/>

Advance notice 02/06 Live-Laugh-Learn South Street (near War Memorial, Dorchester 10am-1pm U3A information stand. www.dorchesteru3a.org.uk

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE	<p>27 FILM Schemers (15)</p> <p>www.bridport-arts.com Box Office : 01308 424 204</p>	<p>BRIDPORT ARTSCENTRE</p>
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