



# Corfe Mullen News

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## Update on the Youth Club a year on

This time last year the County Council voted to withdraw funding from all the Youth Clubs in Dorset so it is perhaps a good time to recap on the events and progress we have made over the last 12 months. We have achieved a lot, but still have a way to go to have a Youth club for all the young people of Corfe Mullen. We would also like to thank all the residents of Corfe Mullen for their support.

First, in March, the Parish Council put in a very sound bid to take over the Youth Club Building and support the Youth Club financially but the Cabinet of the County Council decided to give the building to Lockyers School who plan to extend Music provision and provide Breakfast and Afterschool clubs.

After some discussion it was agreed that the building was large enough to be shared equally if building work was done to divide the building in half. The County Council agreed to do the necessary building work as a priority. We hope this work will be done during the summer holidays 2017.

In the meantime, we are glad to say that the nursery, Bright Sparks, has been able to continue operating until July 2017.

In July we registered the Charity, the Corfe Mullen Youth Trust, with 4 local Trustees. We secured very generous funding from the Parish Council, through the Council Tax precept. The Parish Council had had the foresight to work towards all this from January 2016. Once we had formed a Charity we were also able to start to apply for grants.

By October the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme was up and running again, with the aid of volunteers and the assistance of Corfe Coffee who rented their premises to us at a very reasonable rent. By November we had two part time staff, we had advertised and re-engaged two Youth Workers known to many of us, Nigel Christopher and Jo Bissell. They ran Youth Café evenings in Corfe Coffee and did some Outreach work.

To date, from the beginning of January, we now employ 4 part time staff members, Jacky Sherwood has joined us as a Finance/Admin Officer and Matt Crabb, a newcomer to Corfe Mullen, but not to Youth Work, has

joined the team and is looking forward to meeting all our young people

There is not a lot for young people to do in the evenings in Corfe Mullen and they need positive activities, especially at this time of year. The Police have noticed a marked increase in groups of youngsters hanging around the village in the evenings, and a minority of them are causing trouble for the residents. We need to redirect their energy.

We are still negotiating with the County Council and Lockyers school to be able to rent the Youth Centre during the evenings up until the start of the building work in the summer. Once we can use a larger building then the Youth Club of old, with a programme of varied activities, can be restored, which is what we are all waiting for! We are all hoping to see the lights go back on in the Youth Centre building in the evenings.

**Susan Jefferies**  
Chairman, Corfe Mullen Youth Trust

## Grants awarded to organisations

The Parish Council has awarded the following grants and donations for the year 2016/17:

Afternoon Painters	100
Carnival	600
Circle of Friends	100
Corfe Mullen Fun Run	100
Dementia Friendly Community	100
Dorset Youth Marching Band	100
East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux	1000
East Dorset Tourist Information Centre	300
Girl guiding	200
Royal British Legion Senior's Section	100
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 50 donation
Sports Association	500
Women's Institute	100
Youth Trust	150

## Budget and precept 2017-18

The Parish Council set its budget and precept (Parish Council part of the council tax bill) when it met on 10th January 2017.

The precept has been set at £294475 which is a modest increase of 2.18% and represents a 1.25% increase on the average Band D household's council tax bill.

The Parish Council increased the precept last year in order to offer funding to the Youth Centre, but has managed to spend carefully and utilise some of its reserves to keep its share of the council tax bill down this year..

The replacement skate park, although delayed, is still planned for 2017, and the Parish Council will also be contributing to the much-needed replacement roof at the Village Hall.

The Parish Council is also funding £1000 towards improvements to the public footpath between Brook Lane and Newtown Lane to make it safer and easier to walk along for pedestrians.

A provisional sum of £10000 has been included in the budget in anticipation of further cuts at County Council level.



## Your local Police

### Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

We are pleased to report that we have seen a decrease in burglaries and attempted burglaries in the Corfe Mullen area over the last quarter. However we still ask residents to remain vigilant during the winter months as thieves often target sheds and garages. Please secure your sheds with heavy duty padlocks and install security lighting where possible. Chain expensive items together or to a strong anchor point. For garages it is a good idea to install sliding bolts to the bottom corners of your garage door and secure them with padlocks. This prevents the door from being forced open.

- For a free home security check please contact Corfe Mullen NPT 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](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 press the 'like' button.

We would like to encourage all residents to view the selection of crime prevention products that the local Home Watch team has 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.

Corfe Mullen NPT has been running a successful "Speed Watch" team for the past two years. You may have seen them around the village. The role of the Community Speed Watch Team is to monitor the speed of traffic passing through the village on key roads at key times.

The team is equipped with a basic radar device and they record the details of speeding vehicles. The details they collect are passed onto the Corfe Mullen NPT. A letter of advice is then sent to the registered keeper's address of the vehicle spotted. If the same vehicle is then spotted a second time a more direct letter is sent. The third time the same vehicle is spotted the details are then passed onto our "No excuse" road policing team who then visit the registered address. I am pleased to say that in the two years the team have been active we haven't had to pass any details onto our "No excuse" team.

Furthermore the percentage of speeding vehicles the "Speed Watch" team spot has reduced over the two years which would indicate the number of vehicles speeding through the village has decreased. To carry on this good work we are looking for new volunteers to join the Speed Watch team. If this is something you may be interested in please contact Corfe Mullen NPT on 101 to get further information.

**STOP PRESS** A number of vehicles have been damaged in the Corfe Mullen area over that last couple of weeks. As a result of residents prompt reporting, officers along with a dog unit and the Police helicopter were dispatched and as a result three males were apprehended. They are currently assisting Police with their enquiries.

- For another policing success story see page 3 opposite.

PSCO Neal Rooke

### COMCA

Corfe Mullen Community Aid  
is a local charity which runs a  
voluntary Community Transport Scheme

25 years in operation

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- Help needed with the administration involved – about an hour a week.
- 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 Frances Russell on 01202 624553

Charity No: 900579

## Young Vandals caught with the help of the community

We were appalled to hear of a memorial bench at our recreation ground being smashed up by children. With the help of witnesses the police were able to identify the perpetrators who have all written a letter of apology and made a financial contribution to a new bench. The Parish Council is grateful to the witness who came forward and would like to thank the Neighbourhood Policing Team for their efficient and swift response.

- **The height barrier at the recreation was damaged again on either 14th December after 4pm or before 8.30 a.m. on 15th December. If anyone witnessed this and has any information, this would be gratefully received.**

### Hello from Corfe Mullen Children's Centre and Library.



It is free to join the library and membership gives you access to a fantastic collection of books, eBooks, eMagazines and information.

We run weekly free computer classes, a Knit and Natter Group and Carer's Group. For children, we have a weekly Rhyme Time with the Children's Centre, Saturday craft activities and fun children's reading group, Chatterbooks.

You can borrow up to 20 books and use your library card in all Dorset libraries, including Poole libraries.

Our library has free Wi-Fi, computer access and free printing for homework.

We also provide a free Home Library Service to bring books and audiobooks to anyone who can't visit the library.

East Dorset Citizens Advice hold a drop-in session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month 10am-12pm.

We share our building with Corfe Mullen Children's Centre, who run weekly activities for children and support for families. Just a few of the activities they run are a Monday Rhyme Time 10:30-11:30am, a Childminders' Group and a Wednesday play group, Exploring Together 10:00-11:30am.

The library is on the Wareham Road by the large Co-op store, with free parking.

Corfe Mullen Library  
01202 659755  
[corfemullenlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:corfemullenlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)  
[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries)

Corfe Mullen Children's Centre  
01202 699728

[www.eastdorset.childrencentres.org](http://www.eastdorset.childrencentres.org)

## Diamond Jubilee Walks

Great for all the Family!

FREE Leaflets now available From the Parish Council office

Pick up your copy and discover Corfe Mullen's beautiful countryside  
and interesting history



### The Walks

Devised by Councillor Wendy Dix who also researched and wrote the history notes

Photos by Karen Wiltshire

East End Walk	3 ¾ miles approx.	Duration around 2 ½ hours.
The Parish Walk	10 miles approx.	Duration around 6 hours.
The Heritage Walk	4 ½ miles approx.	Duration around 3 ½ hours.
The Heath and Valley Walk	5 ½ miles approx.	Duration around 4 hours.

## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Mondays term time	9.30-10.30 am 10.35-11.30	Zumba Vera Flow	07887 702113	Wednesdays	7.00 pm	Dance exercise	01202 848052
Mondays	6.15-7.15 pm	Zumba	07887 702113	2nd Wednesdays	7.30pm	Circle of Friends	01202 694951
Mondays	7.30-10.00 pm	Ballroom/Latin Dance	07718 208897	Thursdays	9.30-noon	Line Dancing	01202 605554
Mondays	3.30-5.45 pm	Limelight Children's Dance	07425 477256	Thursdays	6.00-8.00pm	Pilates- two classes	07940821351
Tuesdays	9.30-10.30 am	Tai Chi	07938 226833	1st Thursday (some)	7.30 pm	Alpine Garden Society	01202 692962
Tuesdays	3.45-6.15pm	Ballet	01202 872908	2nd Thursday	2.00-4.00pm	Women's Institute	01202 696427
2nd & 4th Tuesdays	7.30-9.45pm	Family Bingo fundraiser	01202 692912	3rd Thursday (some)	7.30-9.30pm	Corfe Mullen Gardening Club	01202 656705
3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	Floral Decoration Society	01202 690736	Fridays	10.00-12:30	Corfe Mullen Art Group	01202 385523
3rd Tuesday	2.00-5.00 pm	Quilters	01202 690086	Fridays	10:00-11:45am	Coffee Morning fundraiser	01202 692912
Wednesdays	9.30-10.30	Aerobics	01202 690308	Fridays	12.30-3.00pm	Afternoon Painters	01202 697131
Wednesdays	10-11.30	Iyengar Yoga	07815 060588	Saturdays	9am-11.00	Little Kickers - toddlers balls skills	07780 745333
Wednesdays	1.30-3.30 pm	Tea Dance	07718 208897	Saturdays	9.30-11.30	Weight Watchers	07814543019
Wednesdays	4.00-6.00pm	Children's latin/ ballroom	07718 208897	Sundays	9.30-11.30	Sport4Tots	07545429327
Wednesdays	5.45 pm	Weight Watchers	07515 644935	<b>Please enquire direct to the numbers above regarding availability, costs etc.</b>			

### To Make a Booking

Check availability at <http://www.corfemullen-pc.gov.uk/>

To Book : Tel. 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:	Susan Jefferies
David Everett	01202 697141	Bill Honeyman	01202 696272	Susanne Parkin	01202 694197	Vice-Chairman:	Evan Waterman

### Corfe Mullen Parish Council

**Parish Clerk: Mrs Katrina Blee**

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