



Corfe Mullen News

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Town Council keeps tax increase to under 5%

The Town Council has agreed to raise the 'precept' - our part of your council tax—by 4.99% from April 1st. This means that the average Band D household will pay £80.18 per year towards the Town Council (up from £76.61 in the current financial year).

This means that the Town Council can continue to run all the services it currently has: recreation ground, play areas and skate park, allotments, cemeteries, office Help Centre, and in addition will be able to start some new initiatives. It will also continue to fund the salaries and rent for the Community Youth Club.

The budget includes provision for additional staffing for both the outside team and the office team, to meet increasing demands.

New initiatives include tree planting and highways improvements (see page 2) and a scoping exercise to assess future potential of the recreation ground, to include improvements and enhancements to its main building, the pavilion.

There is also an amount set aside for the Council to address its own carbon footprint in the light of the Climate Emergency we are facing.

The Council is increasing its budget for grants to local organisations, in recognition of the vital work they do within the community.

The old Chapel in the cemetery will receive some much-needed TLC and the Council is looking for ideas as to how this building could be better used.

The new initiatives are seen as just the start of an ongoing programme of community enhancements by the Town Council, which was elected in May, and reflects the new Council's 'can do' approach.

You can follow the Council's progress by coming to our meetings, or catching up with agendas and minutes on our website.

Our Town Councillor surgeries are held once a month at the Library from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have any issues or concerns we might be able to help with please come along.

Please see below for upcoming dates:

Saturday 18th April With Jocelyn Lortie and Adrian Craven

Saturday 23rd May With Anne Holland and Julia Stennett

Saturday 20th June With Susan Jefferies and Phil Purvis

Saturday 18 July With Tim Howard and Paul Holland

Saturday 22 August With David Mattocks and Bill Honeyman

You do not need an appointment—just turn up!

Watch your speed

The Town Council has agreed to fund the continuing provision of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the parish, following the withdrawal of funding from Dorset Council.

SIDS are an important tool in reminding motorists to cut their speed and keep our children and residents safe.



The Town Council will be funding the necessary replacement of the defibrillator at the recreation ground.

Highways Improvements

The Council has set aside funds for minor highway improvements. Initially these will be concentrated on improving the provision of dropped kerbs along Wareham Road to enable all sectors of the community to access facilities safely. This will be a joint programme with Dorset Council.

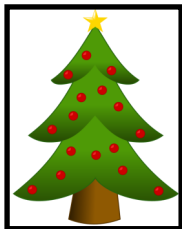
In addition, the Council is working with Dorset Council on improvements to drainage and safety along the country lanes in the Waterloo valley area.

Volunteer councillors have been cleaning street name signs, and in addition the Town Council may be able to fund some low priority replacements, where Dorset Council is unable to fund this.

The Council is committed to continuing to budget for highway improvements each year so if you have any concerns regarding highways in your area, please do contact the office, so that we can assess if it is an issue we can address in the future.

New bus shelter on Wareham Road

The Town Council has provided a bus shelter on Wareham Road, by Corfe View Road, following a request from residents in that vicinity.



Christmas Tree

Following the success of the Christmas tree at Windgreen, the Town Council has agreed to plant a living tree for future Christmases which will be a more cost-effective option.

The Council will be working with the landowner, Dorset Council, to agree a suitable species.

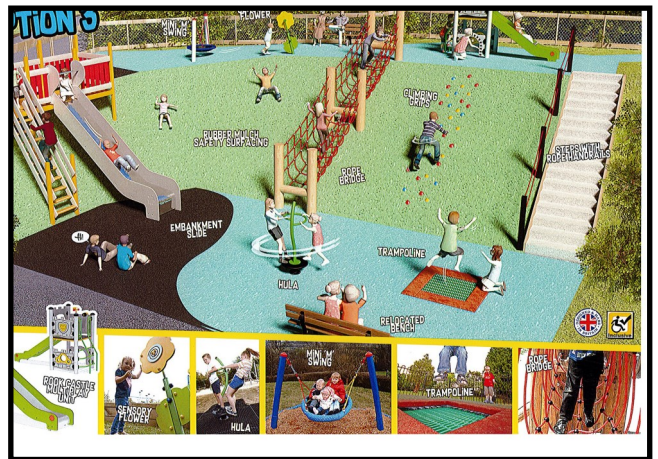
The Carnival Committee will continue to provide the lights for a Christmas tree with sponsorship from the local business community.

New look for Henbury Play Area

At the time of going to print, our play area adjacent to Henbury First School is undergoing a major refurbishment.

The works should (weather permitting!) be completed by the end of March.

We hope you enjoy the new layout, which was designed with the help from children from the School.



Tree Planting Scheme

As part of its commitment to tackle climate change, the Council has set aside some funds to plant trees around the parish.

Each school will have one established tree to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and the Council will in addition be planting saplings in one or more locations.



The new saplings can be planted to mark the birth of a child in the parish and the Council is currently working on the detail of the scheme before offering it to expectant parents.

The local Beavers group has also recently been given permission to plant some saplings at the recreation ground.

VE Day 75th Anniversary



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75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

The Town Council has been working with our colleagues in neighbouring parishes on arrangements to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

There are a number of events planned including a community event to be held in Wimborne which we are helping to fund.

Wimborne Minster has been chosen to host a special county-wide Church service to mark the anniversary.

Our Mayor will remember those killed in action when he reads the names of those on the War Memorial at a special evening vigil - further details to be announced.

The war graves at the Corfe Mullen Cemetery will be illuminated during May.

Our Mayor, Councillor Duncan Sowry-House, would like to arrange displays across the parish of your memories of World War II as part of the VE 75th anniversary celebrations.

If you are happy to share any photographs you may have of family who fought in WWI or images of Corfe Mullen during the war please do bring these into the office, preferably in an envelope, with a description of who, where and when as well as the owner's name and address and contact telephone number for return of the images. These will be scanned and the originals returned to you promptly for safekeeping.

Grow Your Own

Have you ever thought about growing your own? We have some plots available at our new allotment site. There are a variety of different sizes: large (125 sqm), small (62.5 sqm), starter plots for those new to veggie growing and raised beds for anyone with mobility problems. If you are interested please contact the Council office.



We are delighted to announce that it has been confirmed that the community Pop-up Post Office which we host free of charge at the Village Hall will continue on an ongoing basis.

**It is open Mondays and Wednesdays
from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**

COMCA

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

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 from	9.30-10.30 am	Physio Pilates for Health	07849 564164	2nd Wednesdays	7.30pm	Circle of Friends	01202 694951
Mondays term time	9.30-10.30 am 10.35-11.30	Zumba Vera Flow	07887 702113	Thursdays	9.30-noon	Line Dancing	01202 605554
Mondays	3.30-6.45 pm	Limelight Children's Dance	07425 477256	Thursdays	10-12 noon	Sewing class	01202 604208
Mondays	7.30-10.00 pm	Ballroom/Latin Dance	07718 208897	Thursdays	6.00-8.00pm	Pilates- two classes	07940 821351
Mondays	6.15-7.15 pm	Zumba	07887 702113	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 605208
Tuesdays	3.45-6.00pm	Ballet	07951 150963	3rd Thursday (some)	7.30-9.30pm	Corfe Mullen Garden- ing 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 605208
Wednesdays	9.30-10.30	Aerobics Class	07887 421733	4th Friday	2.30-4.00 pm	Carpet Bowls	01202 856244
Wednesdays	10-11.30	Iyengar Yoga	07815 060588	Saturdays	9.00-11.00	PlaySportz	07885 791368
Wednesdays	1.30-3.30 pm	Tea Dance	07718 208897	27th March	12.50-3.45pm or 4.45-7.15pm	Next Blood Donor Session	To book 0300 1232323
Wednesdays	4.00-5.30pm	Children's latin/ ballroom	07718 208897	Please enquire direct to above numbers To Book the Village Hall check availability at http://www.corfemullen-tc.gov.uk/ To Book : Tel. 01202 698600 Email vhbookings@corfemullen-tc.gov-uk			
Wednesdays	4.00-5.00 pm	Physio Pilates for Health	07849 564164				
Wednesdays	7.00 pm	Dance exercise	01202 848052				

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