

## Monthly News bulletin from Dorset Council September 2019

Dear Clerks, Chairman & Members,

As well as my regularly attending Town & Parish Meetings please find some additional general information about events/news/highways that will be of interest to Councillors & Constituents from Dorset Council.

I have provided the links to cut & paste into your browser for further information/updates.

### Travel News for early September:

**Three busy roundabouts on the Blandford Bypass will be closed** for surfacing works in early September. Six nights work will start on Monday 2 September, with north-south A350 traffic diverted through Blandford town centre each night from 8pm to 6am the following morning. Southbound drivers will be signed on to White Cliff Mill Hill and northbound drivers will be signed on to Bournemouth Road at Badger Roundabout.

**Monday 2 September and Thursday 5 September**, Sunrise Roundabout will be surfaced overnight. Drivers on the A354 Salisbury Road and B3082 Wimborne Road will be able to access and exit the Blandford Bypass but will need to travel through the town to continue north towards Shaftesbury. The C13 will have restricted access and traffic will be controlled with two-way lights, drivers should plan for delays to their journey if using this road.

**Tuesday 3 September and Friday 6 September**, Hilltop Roundabout will be surfaced overnight. The bypass will be closed between the C13 Higher Shaftesbury Road and A354 Salisbury Road. Drivers using A354 Salisbury Road will be controlled using two-way lights and will only be able to travel south using the bypass. Drivers wishing to use the C13 will only be able to access the road from the west. On Wednesday 4 September and Monday 9 September, Wimborne Roundabout will be surfaced overnight. The bypass will be closed between B3082 Wimborne Road and A354 Salisbury Road. Access onto B3082 Wimborne Road will only be from the south and controlled with two-way temporary lights. Drivers using Salisbury Road will only be able to continue north on the bypass.

**On each night there will be no access into or out of the town centre at the roundabout being worked on.**

Dorset Highways maintenance gangs are out across the county continuing to repair road damage.

Due to the large equipment used, the area of the road being worked on will be closed. Daytime road closures are 9am to 4pm and night work is usually from 7pm to 6am.

In September we will be repairing sections along the following roads:

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/2019/08/15/dorset-road-fix-september-sites/>

### **Travel advice for IRONMAN in Dorset, 2019**

Although not strictly 'on our patch' I know of numerous residents that have been caught out by this event when travelling to Piddletrenthide, Plush, Buckland Newton, Pulham, Kings Stag, Wolfedale Golf Course, Holwell, Glanvilles Wooton, , Cerne Abbas, , Dorchester, Charlton Down & Charminster.

IRONMAN returns Sunday 22 September and even if you are not planning on spectating and enjoying the event, make sure you understand the plans for the day as your journey may be affected.

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/2019/08/22/travel-advice-for-ironman-in-dorset-2019/>

Some business news for you to disseminate through your community networks:

### **Money for faster internet connections**

Companies across Dorset can now get Government funding towards faster internet connections. Qualifying businesses can claim up to £3,500 each towards a full fibre broadband connection.

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/superfast-dorset/superfast.aspx](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/superfast-dorset/superfast.aspx)

### **Brexit implications for Dorset businesses**

If you or someone you employ is an EU citizen, but not a British citizen, applications for settled or pre-settled status must be made before June 2021. However, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the deadline will be brought forward to 31 December 2020.

[https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen?utm\\_source=Dorset+Council&utm\\_campaign](https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen?utm_source=Dorset+Council&utm_campaign)

## **Big Bang @ Dorset Fair 2020**

Many businesses that have already signed up to support The Big Bang @ Dorset 2020 at The Tank Museum next March.

***The Dorset event is part of the UK-wide Big Bang initiative designed to get students excited about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM subjects).***

If you want to sign up to be involved or would like to know more about the event please contact Helen Heanes, Principal Economic Development Officer on 01305 224677 or email [h.e.heanes@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:h.e.heanes@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

Please contact me if there are specific items pertaining to the ward that require my attention.

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