



CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

How the NHS Test and Trace service works

Part 1: for someone with symptoms of coronavirus

1. isolate: as soon as you experience symptoms, medical advice is clear: you must self-isolate for at least 10 days. Anyone else in your household must self-isolate for 14 days from when you started having symptoms
2. test: [get a free NHS test immediately to check if you have coronavirus](#) or call 119 if you have no internet access
3. results: if your test is positive, you must complete the remainder of your 10-day self-isolation. Anyone in your household must also complete self-isolation for 14 days from when you started having symptoms. If your test is negative, you and your household no longer need to self-isolate
4. share contacts: if you test positive, the NHS Test and Trace service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited. It is important that you respond as soon as possible so that we can give appropriate advice to those who need it. You will be told to do this online via a secure website or you will be called by one of our contract tracers.

Part 2: if you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service because you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive

1. **alert:** you will be alerted by the NHS Test and Trace service if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. The alert will usually come by text, email or phone call. You should then log on to the NHS Test and Trace website, which is normally the easiest way for you and the service to communicate with each other – but, if not, a trained call handler will talk you through what you must do. Under-18s will get a phone call and a parent or guardian will be asked to give permission for the call to continue
2. **isolate:** you will be told to begin self-isolation for 14 days from your last contact with the person who has tested positive. It's really important to do this even if you don't feel unwell because, if you have been infected, you could become infectious to others at any point up to 14 days. Your household doesn't need to self-isolate with you, if you do not have symptoms, but they must take extra care to follow the guidance on social distancing and handwashing and avoid contact with you at home
3. **test if needed:** if you develop symptoms, other members of your household must self-isolate immediately at home for 14 days and you must get a test or call 119 if you have no internet access. If your test is positive, you must continue to stay at home for at least 10 days and we will get in touch to ask about your contacts since they must self-isolate. If your test is negative, you must still complete your 14-day self-isolation period because the virus may not be detectable yet - this is crucial to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

When we contact you

If the NHS Test and Trace service contacts you, the service will use text messages, email or phone.

All texts or emails will ask you to sign into the [NHS Test and Trace contact-tracing website](#).

If NHS Test and Trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number: 0300 013 5000. All information you provide to the NHS Test and Trace service is held in strict confidence and will only be kept and used in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Contact tracers **will:**

- call you from 0300 013 5000
- send you text messages from 'NHStracing'
- ask you to sign into the [NHS Test and Trace contact-tracing website](#)
- ask for your full name and date of birth to confirm your identity, and postcode to offer support while self-isolating

- ask about the coronavirus symptoms you have been experiencing
- ask you to provide the name, telephone number and/or email address of anyone you have had close contact with in the 2 days prior to your symptoms starting
- ask if anyone you have been in contact with is under 18 or lives outside of England

Contact tracers will **never**:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

What we will ask you

We will ask you:

- if you have family members or other household members living with you.
- if you have had any close contact with anyone other than members of your household. We are interested in in the 48 hours before and the time since you developed symptoms.

Close contact means:

- having face-to-face contact with someone (less than 1 metre away)
- spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres of someone
- travelling in a car or other small vehicle with someone (even on a short journey) or close to them on a plane
- if you work in – or have recently visited – a setting with other people (for example, a GP surgery, a school or a workplace)

We will ask you the names and contact details for the people you have had close contact with. All details will be held in strict confidence and will be kept and used only in line with data protection laws.

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298); Secretary: Paul Ramsden (480941)
Treasurer & Table Tennis contact: Roger Carey (489782)

For hirer's responsibilities during Covid-19 please contact any of the above
For regular bookings contact Sue Walliker **01297 489545** or

smwalliker@icloud.com

If you wish to cancel a booking please notify us as soon as possible

For general information about the hall:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>

For the current availability either contact Sue Walliker or go to:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>
and click on 'Check availability'

SERVICES AT ST. GILES

Cancelled until further notice.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST. IGNATIUS
CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION Usually OPEN DAILY
10-4pm

September : [no masses on 4th or 6th]

Friday 11th. 10am Mass

Sunday 13th 8.30am Mass

Friday 18th. 10am Mass

Sunday 20th. 8.30am Mass

Friday 25th. 10am Mass

Sunday 27th. 8.30am Mass

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the October 2020 magazine to: Ms. Ruth Wrixton, Sweet Briar, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE. Tel: 01308 422649 or mobile 07811672058 or e-mail me : ruthwrixton@hotmail.com (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Friday 18th September 2020.

Ride & Stride on the 12th September 2020

for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust will be somewhat different to the 2019 event pictured here.



There will be a few riders setting out on our bikes again this year from Whitchurch to try and visit all the Churches in the Golden Cap team and it is hoped that there will be some walkers as well.

There will be new challenges due to Covid 19 restrictions so please contact Richard Benjamin 01297 489 298

or by email at richard.benjamin@live.co.uk to find out how to sponsor your local 'Riders & Striders'.

Many thanks - Richard Benjamin and Betsy West

The Friends of St Giles are back!

But it is to the 'new normal' in these unusual times.

Please support us in this venture as we offer you for £8 per head a –

Harvest Take-Away Lunch

Our usual buffet lunch of a choice of quiches or sausage and egg plait with seasonal salad, bread roll and a choice of puddings.

When: Sunday 4th October 2020

Where: Collection from the Chideock Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm

For more information and to book your slot call Deborah or Diane on 01297 231 0r 489

All bookings will be entered into our tombola for the chance to win a bottle of wine with your lunch.

Chideock Village Hall News

Reopening plans

The village hall has been closed to activities since lockdown started and, now that the restrictions have eased, we are planning to make the hall available for hire, albeit with some restrictions.

Our aim is to reopen the hall from 31st August. To achieve this, we need to make the hall a safe space and we have conducted our own risk assessment to mitigate possible Covid-19 contamination.

For the initial reopening we will be restricting the area in use to the main hall and the accessible toilet; all other areas will be out of bounds. We will be working with our hirers to ensure that the hall remains a safe space and we will be complying with the ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England) Covid-19 guidelines. These guidelines are also being used by our insurance company so it is of great importance to the Trustees that they are adhered to.

Lockdown upgrade

During lockdown some much needed maintenance of the hall has been carried out:

- The main hall has been repainted and the floor has been renovated giving a much brighter and more welcoming space.
- The accessible toilet has undergone a complete refit and now complies with current regulations for accessibility.
- The removal of the trees at the main entrance and clearing the flower border ready for planting in the coming months.

Many thanks go to the Committee/Trustees for the hours of work which have gone into the projects and the effort needed to reopen the hall.

Photography competition

We had a particularly good response to our photography competition with over 100 entries and we will be announcing the winner in the October Chideock News.

We look forward to welcoming you back. Please contact one of the committee members if you are interested in hiring the hall.

Chideock WI keeps calm and carries on...

When the Covid 19 restrictions hit us, the WI first worked on how it could help the national effort. The success of the support we put in for the Dorset Scrubbers campaign, recruiting other local WIs, the local community and neighbouring villages in the process, has been well publicised. Within a

fascinating piece on the story of the project in our recent newsletter, Tish Wynford-Thomas reported some final figures to members:

Total number of converted pillowcases sewn and donated	611
Number of camouflage fabric wash bags sews	547
Volunteers who sewed	44+
Knitted face mask headbands	173
Scrubs	90
Sheets and duvet covers donated	140+
Wow!!	

But alongside all this the committee worked hard to keep in touch with members. Regular phone chats were organised; Lee our secretary kept us in touch with what was being organised and publicised by the wonderful volunteer group in the village. A colourful e-newsletter was set up with paper copies delivered where necessary. Members of the craft group continued making items for the Macmillan nurses to distribute and the trauma teddies for the hospital, as well as finishing off sewing and craft projects (UFO's they call them!) and having a go at the challenges which Tish suggests.

Of course there was the matter of the AGM.. Chideock WI had its first virtual AGM, with all necessary financial and annual reports being sent out on email, and with members voting for a new president by leaving their votes in the church porch which was open throughout the lockdown. Our lovely committee remains the same, although we miss greatly of course Pam Fuller. Mary Rogers was deservedly re-elected as our president for 2020-21. Details and pictures of the committee can be found on our new website, another lock down success, built by Mary and Tish and featured in the Dorset WI July newsletter. Take a look at www.chideockwi.org.uk

As the lock down restrictions eased we have been able to meet in groups of six. Committee members have hosted afternoon tea for members to get together, as in the photograph.



WI (continued)...

The book group has shared book reviews by email throughout, and six of us were able to meet in Val Hunt's garden last week, for a picnic lunch, and to discuss *The Essex Serpent* and books we have enjoyed. Five crafters had a catch up garden meeting recently too and the walking group took a walk in Fishponds. A new group, the gardening group, was started recently by Mary and members have made one garden visit together, socially distancing of course!

Though we cannot yet all meet together, we are finding ways of maintaining and enhancing our lively group. If you are interested in joining Chideock WI take a look at our website www.chideockwi.org.uk where you will find out about us and how to contact us. Alternatively you can phone Mary, 489452

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHIDEOCK HISTORY?

We are in the process of setting up a new website in connection with the history of Chideock. The Chideock Society holds a huge archive of old photographs and other memorabilia and we hope over the next months to 'scan' all this material in to the new website so it is held safely and for everyone to see. The hard copies can then be placed with the Dorset Archive. If you can help in any way please contact Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or email me at lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk. We will also provide a link from the Community website to this new 'history website'.

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP Good news!!!!

We are planning to have a programme for the autumn term, possibly alternate weeks from late September/ early October. This will be in Chideock Village Hall on Mondays at 2pm with health and safety procedures in place. New members and returning members are very welcome but please check details with contacts below: **For more details:**

Liz [01297 480855] Jane [01297 489996] or Sue [01297 489520]

DIAL A FRIEND – COASTAL CLUSTER

Maybe you know of someone, or you happen to be that someone, who lives alone and has little social contact. Are you aware of what is available? Do you live in the Chideock, Morcombelake or Lyme Regis areas and would like even a brief visit, maybe simply for a talk. We are members of a Team from these local churches. Would you like to meet us and see what we can share together? If you would then please just call Anne: 01297 442 558; Ann: 01297 489 532. (NOTE: obviously visits are temporarily suspended)

CHIDEOCK QUIZ NIGHTS

Gosh, 2020 has been a lonely old year for the Chideock Quizzers. I have really really missed you all, the question setting, the social interaction on quiz nights and the lovely suppers which I know we all enjoy.

Well, we may be near some form of resumption with the latest lockdown easing announcements.

Our Parish Clerk, Sal Robinson, has published the requirements to use the village hall and we will be looking in detail at these to ensure total compliance, then deciding if and how we can have a restart to our quizzing sessions.

There will be changes and constraints in order to conform but better to have these than no quiz at all.

We will be back to you when we have a workable plan. In the meantime, so we can measure the level of interest should we attempt a quiz restarter evening on Friday October 30th 2020, would you be kind enough to email me johnluketilley@gmail.com or telephone me on 01297489980, so I can gauge numbers for social distancing and Covid19 compliance.

So, please keep an eye on the notice boards around the village and the Chideock and Seatown website for news and updates.

If it proves not possible to arrange a quiz evening for October 30th we will continue to investigate and attempt to arrange for 29th January 2021 !

Very best wishes to you all.

John

CBWG Press Release

CBWG understand that a new initiative is under way for a cycle way / footpath between Chideock and Bridport and are fully supportive of this environmentally friendly and healthy proposal. This has been considered for many years but has never come to fruition for a number of reasons including change of land ownership. However with this new enthusiasm the hope is that this time it will actually happen.

However CBWG would like to remind everyone that whilst this would be a wonderful facility for villagers and tourists alike to be able to safely walk / cycle between the two locations it will in no way resolve any of the other many problems arising from the A35 passing through the Village. As CBWG has pointed out on many occasions these other problems all stem from the Annual Average Daily Traffic flow of 17,000+ vehicles which will only be solved once a suitable alternative route has become available.

CBWG submitted to Highways England (HE) a proposal for a bypass of approximately 2 miles in length, very much shorter than the agreed 1994 route. Since there is currently NO safe route in or out of Chideock for non motorised users our proposal also incorporated a pathway for pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users and equestrians fulfilling a member of Dorset Council's requirement that any such footpath must be accessible to all users both fit and disadvantaged. By "killing those two birds with one stone" our proposal will save Tax Payers Money - A kind of Buy One bypass Get One cycle/foot path Free.

CBWG ... Of course it could be argued that with a bypass removing the greater proportion of the 17,000 to 25,000 vehicles per day flowing through the village Main Street there would then be no need for a dedicated cycle/foot path since the existing road through the village would be able to safely cater for all non-motorised users.

Chideock has recently received much media coverage following the Friends of the Earth's Report publishing the fact that parts of Chideock have the highest levels of traffic related Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) pollution in the UK, well in excess of the statutory limits set by the Government.

CBWG is acutely aware of the frustrations felt within our village that despite **EVERYONE** knowing about the excessive NO2 pollution in parts of Chideock **NO-ONE** (including Central Government; Local Authority; our previous MP and the previous Parish Council) has actually done anything to reduce it. Contrary to some opinion our proposed bypass would NOT simply move the pollution from one part of the village to another since it would remove congestion from the village and with better traffic flow and reduced gradients on the bypass vehicle engines would be working more efficiently and would therefore be producing much less NO2 in the first place. NO2 dissipates rapidly over distance even a few metres. Pollution outside the road perimeter is extremely low. (Air quality Consultants Bristol)

In conclusion we repeat that CBWG is fully supportive of any proposals to provide a safe non-motorised route between Chideock and Bridport BUT the only solution to all the problems of the A35 through Chideock is an alternative road. For further information please visit our website at chideockbypass.co.uk

Chideock Bypass Working Group

B SHARP



Local Young People's music charity **B Sharp** (www.bsharp.org.uk) will be restarting regular weekly music making sessions from September. All young people aged 7 - 18 are welcome, of all levels of musical experience. Music sessions are fun, informal, social and

creative and give young people opportunities to play together, and create their own tracks together. All sessions will be Covid secure. We will be running face to face music making sessions in Lyme Regis on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and online weekly sessions via Zoom on Mondays. As the Monday sessions are online, we are able to welcome young people from further afield! For more information see www.bsharp.org.uk or email info@bsharp.org.uk

THANK YOU ...

Our part of Dorset's Jurassic Coast is popular for both holiday makers and the retired, and Chideock is no exception having a very high proportion of pensioners amongst its residents.

Many of us have lived in the village for a long time and over the years have much enjoyed playing our parts in running and supporting village organisations and activities. As time has passed however the impact and consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic have suddenly forbidden any continued involvement. It has been salutary to see a younger generation firmly taking the lead as soon as lockdown began : the Chideock Chatters and the WI for initially setting up help to older people in self-isolation and giving practical help to the NHS, the George Inn for a delivery service of takeaways and newspapers, the North Chideock weekly fish deliveries, the support given to Bridport Cupboard Love, the quiet and sound refurbishment of the village hall by volunteers, and the shop and post office acting as an anchor to the community. - and not forgetting the numerous neighbours who have helped with shopping, collecting prescriptions, and so on. The love and respect shown to the three residents who died during the early part of the lockdown and so could not be given normal funeral services has been a shining example of the spirit of the village.

Those of us who have been placed in the categories of the vulnerable, self-isolating and socially distanced would like to thank all our neighbours and are deeply appreciative of the support given to us by so many.

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU ...

There will be no 'Last Hurrah', no cease fire with the virus. So no occasion for a party to thank everyone of the village who has done so much to help those of us who needed it.

So I am writing to put on record my great appreciation of the support given by the many in the village who have helped in so many ways the vulnerable of whom I am one. Who you all are I don't know and cannot name. The list must be long.

Thank you – all of you. Alison, Duck Street

AND ANOTHER ...THANK YOU

We should like to record our thanks to Sue Allen, Frances Colville and Jane Elliot who set up the wonderful group of Chideock volunteers for the period of lockdown, to the staff at the shop, and especially to Jamie Smith, from the George, who as a volunteer, delivered our paper and milk without fail every day, always cheerful and willing to stop for a chat. Much appreciated.

Chideock Parish Council News.

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Please note that the Clerk works 30 hours per month so may not respond immediately.

The Parish Council is still “open for business” – please contact the Clerk or a councillor with any concerns you may have regarding roads, footpaths, the environment, planning, etc.

The Council continues to lobby various individuals, organisations, and bodies regarding the A35 issues experienced by the village.

Chideock Parish Council hopes to resume in-person meetings in the Village Hall, with the first meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 29 September. The Parish Council will follow the COVID-19 instructions issued by the Village Hall Management Committee, together with 2 metre social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

Air Quality Figures Year to Date (May’s figures added).

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Hope Cottage 722	15.46	M	5.4	11	9.33
Greenhill 738	18.78	15.01	7.8	M	10.16
Duck St 724	34.66	M	14.2	18	19.08
George Inn 725	25.31	18.12	9	10	10.60
Village Hall 72635.28	34.36	14.5	19	22.17	
Whitecroft 727	54.28	43.69	18.3	24	26
Warren House 728	22.54	16.67	9.8	14	12.30
Chideock Hill Cottage	67.12	62.08	30.1	36	47.05

M = missing tube

Air Quality in Chideock

Recent local and national press articles highlighted the Friends of the Earth report that Chideock has the highest level of pollution in England.

However, that is not reflected by the government’s own Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling, which is the responsibility of the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

DEFRA only uses data from its own measuring devices (managed by the Environment Agency, which is part of DEFRA) – it does not include data from Local Authority devices within Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) even though these must be submitted to DEFRA annually. The diffusion tubes on the A35 in Chideock are provided and “read” by Dorset Council but “ignored” by DEFRA.

The Parish Council has asked Client Earth (who have challenged the government twice on air quality and won both times) if they know the answers to the following questions: -

- Why are air pollution figures collected by Local Authorities for AQMAs not included in DEFRA's national air quality modelling?
- Why does DEFRA not have Environment Agency managed air quality monitoring sites in all AQMAs?
- Why was the decision to exclude LA collected air quality data made, when and by whom?
- What Act or Statutory instrument allows DEFRA to disregard illegal air pollution in AQMAs for national modelling?

If necessary, the Parish Council will ask DEFRA these questions via a Freedom of Information Request, which can take up to 20 working days for a response to be received.

Low Emission Zone.

The Parish Council, with help from Oliver Letwin when he was MP for West Dorset, has pressed for a Low Emission Zone to be set up.

However, there are 2 major stumbling blocks:

Firstly, the Transport Act 2000, Part III Chapter 1 Section 167 states that a trunk road charging scheme may only be made for a Trunk Road by the Secretary of State. This means that Highways England cannot itself authorise a Low Emission Zone.

Oliver Letwin said he would lobby the Secretary of State for Transport to authorise Highways England to carry out a feasibility study for the creation of a Low Emission Zone for Chideock - this did not happen, because he did not stand for re-election in December 2019.

Secondly, there is a need for an Alternative Route to allow vehicles to avoid a Low Emission Zone.

The A35 forms part of the defined strategic route between Dover and Plymouth. The only possible alternative route between Honiton and Southampton was investigated and quantified by the Highways Agency in 2012 with a view to potentially reducing the number of HGVs through Chideock. The report stated that "It has demonstrated that for journeys between Southampton and Honiton, the M3/A34/A303 may in some instances be an attractive alternative to the M27/A31/A35, particularly for hauliers given the similarities in journey time, the better reliability of the A303 route and the possible cost savings."

The possible impact on other AQMAs (e.g. at Eastleigh) was evaluated, and it was concluded that any impact would be minor. Subsequently the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association (now called

Logistics UK) informed their members of the alternative route. However, there is no indication that this was taken up.

What Next?

The Parish Council continues to lobby Highways England; the Department for Transport; DEFRA; and, of course, Chris Loder, MP for West Dorset.

What Can YOU Do?

Since early this year the Parish Council has written to Chris Loder about the very serious issues that the A35 brings to this village and has sought a meeting with him to discuss these. To date the Parish Council has received no response despite Chideock having recently been featured in the national and local press as having the highest NO₂ concentrations in England.

On this basis, please add your voice by writing to both Chris Loder MP and Dorset Council to raise your concerns about the A35.

In February 2020 Chris Loder spoke in the House of Commons as follows: -

“In 2017, West Dorset District Council measured a [NO₂] reading of 61.8 micrograms per cubic meter of air. Constituents of mine in a rural village are subject to such high levels of air pollution. The British Lung Foundation has echoed to me the damaging effects of high levels of exhaust pollutant and this must be a much higher priority. Therefore, I hope that the targets set by the Government will recognise the impact of exhaust pollutants in villages such as Chideock and ensure the safety of all residents from these harmful gases causing a direct and immediate health risk.”

Chideock Village Trust

Charity No. 1084576

The Chideock Village Trust has been in existence for nearly 20 years and its objects are:

- To preserve for the benefit of the Chideock community whatever is of artistic, architectural, historical or constructional beauty or interest.
- To promote the study and general knowledge of all artistic and scientific subjects with the object of advancing the education of the Chideock community.



The Trustees would welcome applications for grants from students planning to advance their education, especially by way of unfunded expeditions either in this country or overseas, and from groups seeking to enhance village amenities.

Applicants, which should be from residents of Chideock Parish for a prospective (not retrospective) project, should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees, Mrs Lisa Tuck, Broadlands, Chideock, DT6 6HX or by email to enquiries@broadlandschideock.co.uk.

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