

# The Pilot

February 2024



Charminster, Charlton Down and Stinsford

## **DEAR COMMUNITY,**

Christmas is well and truly behind us and we are firmly into the New Year of 2024 and there are glimmers of Spring on the horizon. Spring is definitely our favourite time of year!

We have all the usual articles in this edition, as well as news from SSEN keeping you up to date with the works they are carrying out in Charminster.

It is interesting to note that the engineers claim it is nothing to do with the new 'norchester' proposals but strangely it has the capacity to power 3 times Charminster or more and passes close to the site . Costing over £3m it will really bring no benefit to Charminster other than disruption!!

We have the lovely Boris as our Pet of the Month and a notice board update from Stinsford.

This month's quiz is the last one from Nigel Kay who has been providing our wonderful quizzes for ages now. He is stepping down and taking a well earned rest. We thank you so much Nigel. You are a star and The Pilot won't be the same without your quiz!

***Mel and Claire***

**Date for submissions for our March edition – 4th February 2024  
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# STINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Notice boards:

Parishioners may be aware of the strange case of the disappearing notice boards. We have four notice boards in Stinsford Parish. They have a wooden frame with a plywood backing and have all suffered severely in the relentless wet weather of Autumn. Water has entered the enclosures and damaged backing boards and cork boards. One board has also been vandalised and this has led to further weather damage. Two boards (Higher and Lower Bockhampton) have been taken down and given a month to dry out. They are in the process of being rebuilt and receiving multiple coats of varnish and will be back up by the end of January. The vandalised board will be assessed to see if it is recoverable. All this work is being done by volunteers and the PC will only pay for materials.

## Lower Bockhampton Playground:

Given the very dispersed nature of the parish, you may not have noticed the work undertaken

in the last six months. The playground is partially surrounded by a very attractive stone wall. The wall has been severely weakened by water penetration over a number of years and by some ad hoc repairs with cement mortar.

The PC was able to engage an enthusiastic lime-work specialist who has thoroughly overhauled the wall, rebuilding in places, fully recapping, and completely repointing. It is now a considerable improvement to the Conservation Area and is much stronger and safer.

Kingston Maurward students and staff helped this project by strimming and mowing the grass before and after the work. In return, our lime specialist gave a workshop to Construction students on the special qualities of lime work. Kingston Maurward has provided long-term help in maintaining the playground and the PC thanks them for it. We are currently finishing a winter repair programme and the playground will be fully open in the early Spring.



# QUIZ

## FEBRUARY 2023

All the questions in this month's quiz are taken from *The Charminster Story, 2000 years of village life*, published by the Charminster Local History Group in 2003

1. What is the origin of the name Cerne?
2. How is Charminster referred to in the Domesday Book?
3. Which band of invaders first came ashore at Portland in 786?
4. Who was responsible for building the church tower?
5. In June 1631, Charminster parishioner Ursula Green was made to pay penance in public during the Sunday service. What was her offence?
6. What was the original purpose of Bridge Cottage at the foot of East Hill?
7. Which village institution opened in 1874?
8. Which village organisation was founded March 1918? Early meetings discussed rabbit and poultry keeping and buttonhole making.
9. In which decade did electricity arrive in Charminster?
10. What was opened in 1863 at Herrison Farm?

Answers on page 30

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## PROBUS CLUB OF DORCHESTER



For the November Probus meeting at the Gamekeeper in Charminster our guest speaker was a recently joined member who had been a serving police officer and member of the West Midlands CID. He gave a fascinating talk on his career interspersed with both amusing and some rather frightening anecdotes. He had joined at the age of 16 and spent his first few months in the stores and then the Coroner's office. Having passed through training he gained an interest in CID but had a stint in Traffic driving lots of very fast cars before becoming a Detective. He said the team were always very busy and that one year there were 11 murders, a mix of street and domestic and the normal monthly average of crime reports of all types was 40 to 50 per Detective, covering every crime type and with only 40 Detectives to cover 3 sub-divisions of his City. Later he joined the Midland Regional Crime Squad where he had " nine glorious years". After serving for 32 years he retired and took up a security role in the retail sector where he retired for the second time in 2010. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed his career as a Police Officer.

The December meeting will be our Christmas Lunch which, as always, will be open to wives, partners and previous member's widows.

Probus Club of Dorchester is part of the international Probus Organisation and is a group of retired or semi-retired men who meet on the second Thursday of each month for lunch at the Gamekeeper in Charminster. At many of the meeting we have guest speakers and a wide range of topics are covered.

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The Probus meeting in December was our Annual Christmas Lunch which is open to all members, their wives and partners and widows of past members. So on Thursday 7th December 28 of us braved to awful weather and assembled at the Black Dog Pub in Broadmayne for lunch. This was a truly social event and the Pub put on a splendid meal for us with a really good choice of courses and there was a much chatter and laughter from around the table. The President welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at the Gamekeeper on January 11th and that the President's lunch, also open to partners, wives and widows would be on February 8th.

At the close of the meeting the President wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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We are keen to welcome new members and if you are interested in coming along please in the first instance contact either Bill Lowes at [williamlowes167@btinternet.com](mailto:williamlowes167@btinternet.com) or Chris Hutton-Penman at [chris@ossl.biz](mailto:chris@ossl.biz) or on 01305753611





## DORCHESTER TREFOIL



Here our evening section, The Hardy Perennials) is having a go at 'Iris Folding'. It's very effective when making cards showing our updated logo. Jenny Coles of Jennysis, (High East Street) ran a workshop for us, providing all the materials as well as a welcome hot drink and mince pie.

In December, our afternoon Trefoil group was entertained by a speaker who demonstrated several music instruments and spoke knowledgeably about them. Both groups joined together for a lovely Christmas lunch at the Hendover Café and will be enjoying a new year evening meal at the Trumpet Major towards the end of January.

The knit and natter sub-group has continued to knit Memory blankets, shawls, twiddlemuffs and animals for Dorset County Hospital. We're running short of double knitting wool though so if you have any spare and would like to donate it to a good cause, please think of us. We also welcome knitted squares, shawls and twiddlemuffs and non-members who contribute to our hospital project are always welcome at our knit and natter meetings.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings to see what we're like – you don't have to have been a Guide leader – and you can come up to three times as a visitor without joining. For more information either e-mail me at [jct19336@gmail.com](mailto:jct19336@gmail.com) or telephone me on 01305 263783.

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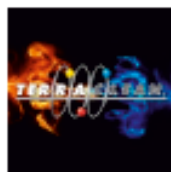
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# FEBRUARY SERVICES

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## 4th February

Charminster - 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
11.00 am Parish Communion  
Stinsford - 11.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
Bradford Peverell - 4.00 pm Soul Food  
Stratton - 9.30 am Holy Communion  
Sydling St Nicholas - 6.30 pm Evensong



## 11th February

Charminster - 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
9.30 am Café Church  
Stinsford - 11.00 am BCP Matins  
Bradford Peverell - 11.00 am Holy Communion  
Frampton - 6.00 pm BCP Evensong  
Sydling St Nicholas - 9.30 am Morning Prayer



## Lent Begins

### 14th February - Ash Wednesday Services

Stratton - 11am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
Charminster - 7pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

## 18th February

Charminster - 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
11.00 am Parish Communion  
Stinsford - 11.00 am Parish Communion  
Bradford Peverell - 11.00 am Praise and Worship  
Stratton - 5.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)  
Sydling St Nicholas - 9.30 am Parish Communion



## 25th February

Charminster - 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
9.30 am All-Age Parish Communion  
Stinsford - 4.00pm BCP Evensong  
Bradford Peverell - 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer  
Frampton - 11.00 am Holy Communion  
Sydling St Nicholas - 9.30 am Morning Prayer





## Happy new year to all of you.

We had a really Joyful end of year with carol singing at Montrose Care Home, where the girls continue to amaze me with their talents and patience, we are all so proud of them. We had a little party for the girls just to celebrate, as many girls couldn't make our last meeting due to being busy with school plays and such, they had a great time making candles to take home and playing games. Time went by so fast we could have used another hour ha-ha!!

We have now been planning this term and welcoming new members to our group. Having a badge evening and working on promise for the new girls.

If any one is interested in training to be a leader, we are always looking for help and support. Not having any other qualified adults means if I have to miss a night due to family commitments like holiday, then the girls will miss meetings if I can't get cover.

So anyone interested please pop along for a chat, you will be very welcome.

## Thank you Alli and the guiding team!



## CHARMINSTER GUIDES

We had a great evening decorating Swiss rolls into Christmas themed type yule logs! Some even made it home! ha-ha !!

We finished of last term with a fun Bingo evening. This was a lot of fun and very relaxing way to finish after such a busy term. We have welcomed new members to our unit, but also sadly had to say goodbye to Ann who is taking a break for the time being, We will miss her very much, this means we are in need for a new team member! If anyone is interested we would be truly grateful.



Please contact us through [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and log into Join us. We may have to join units with a group from town if we don't have enough leaders to run by ourselves.

## Happy New Year to you all Charminster Guiding

# CHARMINSTER WI REPORT

## DECEMBER 2023 MEETING

The December meeting was our Christmas lunch at the Saxon Arms, Stratton. Twenty-five members had a superb meal, with a successful raffle too. There was, as usual, plenty of chatter and catching up with friends before Christmas, and everyone agreed that it was a lovely occasion.

In January our meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. We will be discussing and voting for the WI resolutions for the coming year. These are campaigns that the WI all over the country will be voting on and the most popular will be the one that WI members will be championing and acting upon for the following year and beyond. This year they range from dental health matters to improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system. Our members will have the opportunity to hear more about each resolution before voting for the one that they feel is the most important. These votes will be put forward for adoption at the National Federation Annual Meeting. We will also be looking at a selection of quilts being brought along by our Secretary, Maureen Rhodes.

## JANUARY REPORT

It was lovely to meet up again following all the Christmas festivities and get back to a bit of normality! January is the meeting where we always discuss and vote on the WI National Resolutions. Four of our committee members presented this year's Resolutions, giving members a chance to learn a little more about each of the subjects. The four Resolutions that members had to choose from are Dental Health Matters, Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions, Say 'No' to Gambling Advertising, Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System. Every member had the opportunity to cast their individual selection on the Resolution they support the most. All the votes were counted and Dental Health Matters gained the support of the majority.

Following the casting of votes, we then dealt with any necessary 'business' including Treasurer's report, welfare and correspondence. We are also going to start a new Charminster Whispers challenge for 2024. Maureen explained how this would work and that everyone can take part. It's really interesting to see what everyone has produced and, in the past, we have had sewn items, paintings/sketches, poems, photos, etc, and even cooked pasties! A few examples of previous 'entries' to the challenge were on show – obviously not the pasties! We hope this will encourage members who have not previously taken part, to have a go this time.

We then had a chance to look at a large number of quilts that Maureen had brought along, which had been made by members of the Exe Valley Contemporary Quilting Group with the theme 'coast'. These were really beautiful and had obviously been made by some very talented ladies.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. We had been looking forward to welcoming Jane Chapman, a well-known author and illustrator of children's books. Unfortunately, she is now unable to join us, so we are very fortunate that Nigel Kay has stepped into the breach and will talk to us about his career after the BBC.

***Judy Bird***





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## CHARMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

Charminster Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month commencing at 7pm (*except January and August*).

Meetings alternate between Charminster Community Hall and Charlton Down Village Hall.

The meetings are open to members of the public, a public discussion period during is held during the meeting where parishioners can comment on matters for discussion on the agenda or raise any subjects they may like considered in the future.

### Become a Parish Councillor and Make a Difference!

Charminster Parish Council is reaching out to our community to invite passionate and committed individuals to consider standing for election as Parish Councillors for both North and South Wards.

### What Does a Parish Councillor Do?

Parish Councillors play a crucial role in representing the interests of our community and exercising the powers granted to the Parish Council. The powers of the Parish Council cover a wide range of local issues, including but not limited to:

1. **Planning and Development:** Parish Councils have the opportunity to comment on planning applications in the area, ensuring that local opinions are considered in the decision-making process.
2. **Community Facilities:** The Council has the authority to manage and maintain community facilities such as parks, recreational areas, and local amenities, contributing to the overall well-being of residents.
3. **Highways and Transportation:** Parish Councils can engage with local authorities to address issues related to highways, traffic, and transportation, advocating for improvements that benefit the community.
4. **Environmental Matters:** Councillors have the power to initiate or support environmental initiatives, promoting sustainability and addressing local environmental concerns.
5. **Community Events and Celebrations:** Organizing and supporting community events, festivals, and celebrations that bring residents together, fostering a sense of community spirit.
6. **Finance:** Parish Councils manage their budgets, allocating resources to projects and services that benefit the community. Councillors play a key role in financial decision-making.
7. **Public Consultation:** Engaging with residents through public consultations to gather feedback on various issues, ensuring that community opinions shape decision-making.

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you will actively contribute to these powers, influencing decisions that directly impact the lives of those in Charminster. Your dedication and involvement will be instrumental in maintaining and enhancing the unique character of our community.

Charminster Parish Council owns and manages two play areas, various open spaces, two Allotment sites, two Community Orchards, a Tennis Court, a Cemetery, the Charminster Community Hall and maintains street furniture like benches, noticeboards, grit bins and sandbag stores.

### Who Can Stand for Election?

Any eligible resident of Charminster Parish Council who is passionate about the community can stand for election as a Parish Councillor. You don't need specific qualifications – just a genuine desire to make a positive impact and a willingness to commit some of your time to local governance. (*See eligibility below*)

### How to Nominate Yourself or Someone Else:

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or know someone who would be an excellent candidate, nominations will be open Mid-February. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or downloaded from the Dorset Council website.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming new faces to the Charminster Parish Council.

### Elections 2024

Charminster Parish Council consists of 2 wards North and South. As from May 2024 and the recent Community Governance review there will be:

North ward is made up of 5 Councillors and covers Charlton Down and Forston.

South ward is made up of 7 Councillors and covers Charminster.

### Parish Council elections are to be held on 2nd May 2024.

Nominations open Mid-February, forms can be submitted from 12th March by hand to Dorset Council but need to be submitted by 4th April. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, or from the Dorset Council website.

### Eligibility to become a Councillor:

You are over 18 or over on the day you submit your nomination paper and are a British, Commonwealth or European Union Citizen and at least one of the following:

- a registered local government elector in the parish area in which you wish to stand as a candidate.
- Occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
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After the elections all Councillors will need to sign an acceptance of office and submit a register of interests.

For more information, please visit the Charminster PC website <https://www.charminster.info/>

To contact the council please email [clerk@charminster.info](mailto:clerk@charminster.info) or call 07946 489488.

## CHARLTON DOWN CRICKET CLUB

Happy New Year from Charlton Down CC. It's a quiet time cricket-wise in Jan and Feb, so I thought it would be an opportunity to write about something completely different.

As well as maintaining the playing area, for the last few years the club (and groundsman John Pallister in particular) have been actively managing the surrounding areas to benefit our local wildlife. In part, this started as a happy accident when our strimmer broke down, and in part it has been a planned project supported by Redwood House to create a wild flower garden in a neglected area that had become a bit of a dumping ground. This all started in Spring 2020 at the time of the first Covid lockdown and, by complete chance, a local resident was taking notice of the changes during the short walks that were permitted at the time. Jessica Winder is a keen naturalist and photographer and has been writing a blog about the wild flower project since it started. So far, the species list stands at 70, mostly native wild flowers and a few garden escapees. Many of the plants have been beautifully photographed and posted on her blog, which is available for anyone to see. As hyperlinks don't really work on the printed page, the best way to find her blog is to search for 'Jessica Winder

waste ground to wild garden'. We're lucky to have Jessica documenting the project as it is something we would never have thought to do ourselves. It is also rewarding to see that we are enhancing our local flora and in turn supporting a diverse assemblage of insects and other wildlife. I would say that it is very simple to create a wild flower area of your own, but I suspect that Pally (who has done battle with a very persistent thicket of stinging nettles for the last 3 years) would disagree!

With cricket still a speck on the horizon, the focus is very much on our social calendar. Coffee mornings continue every Thursday from 10am to 12.30ish. Don't be shy in coming down if you've not been before – Joan and Pally will take good care of you. Every Friday evening the bar is open from around 7pm. Quiz night and the monthly draw will be on 23rd Feb, while on 16th Feb we'll be turning up the heat for the club's first ever Tropical Beach Night. To be honest, at the time of writing, I'm not sure what this will involve, but I imagine some cocktails and Hawaiian shirts may be in the mix. More detail to come on our Facebook page and notice boards. Social membership for 2024 is now due – just £5 for the year.





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## STINSFORD NEWS

**Well here we are into 2024, and already February** being the first Pilot edition in the new year. As I write in early January at the moment the twelve days of Christmas have just passed and we are now at the start of Epiphany. We have enjoyed the benefits of our Christmas Fayre and all the Christmas Festivities. We have also seen more rain recently in our parts than in all of some forty years plus. The sheep have become adept, rising to the high ground and quite good at avoiding the lakes of water. We see more waterfowl and sea birds and it has been quite warm for the time of year.

**The Christmas Fayre** happened on a dry day and it only rained at the closing down of the event. It all went very well with the special door wreath made by our churchwarden, when auctioned, making £30 and went to grace the door of the Old Manor. Income was up on the previous year so together with the Michaelmas and Christmas Fayre, and Raffle we achieved £3000 for the year's events. Magical and with the income from the wall box these are the way we finally achieve making ends meet.

**Christingle in early December** saw a good congregation, children arrived with parents and Leila had the opportunity with them to explain the traditional fruit handed too all present, an orange banded with red ribbon, sweets of differing kind on four cocktail sticks and in the centre a candle. It was a learning curve and enjoyed by all. We managed to have the tree in place for the event.

**The week after the church was fully decorated for the festivities.** The Rangers at Thorncombe provided the holly and ivy and greenery came from the church walls and grounds. The KMC Floristry Department assisted by decorating the west door and the pillars inside the church. Our sincere thanks to all our flower arrangers who willingly take part to provide such an excellent show. St Michael will make a donation to the Puddletown Middle School Benevolent Fund.

**This year then saw the biennial event "Going the Rounds"** held on the Saturday evening with some excellent musicians, singers and readers plus a further band of folk, making up a party of around a hundred. Meeting at the Visitor Centre, Thorncombe Woods and proceeded to the cottage where the first Christmas carols and readings took place, all as per "Under the Greenwood Tree", then to the Kingston Maurward

Estate and then a stop at the Old Manor and then the Old Schoolhouse where *Fancy Day* appears with Candle at the first floor window to wish the Quire a Merry Christmas then on to *Farmer Shiner's*, (what is now Bridge Cottage), who is upset by the hour that the Carollers wake him, this, in the book, all taking place after midnight. At this stage the group would normally take the river path but the organisers were aware of flooding along the path so it was a hasty retreat to the warmth of Saint Michaels and more carols, reading extracts from the book plus mulled wine and mince pies. It was a very entertaining evening and filled the parish and church with exceptional West Gallery Music. Organised by Tim Lacock in conjunction with the Thomas Hardy Society and the assistance of parishioners.

**This was followed the next day with the Carol Service of nine lessons and carols and the reintroduction of the Stinsford Occasional Choir**, which had not sung since 2010. We, twelve new voices, had little time to rehearse because of other commitments but we managed to put three choral pieces together with the aid of our fine organist Philip Lange who acted as our tutor/conductor, the congregation took on the other six. It was a thoroughly enjoyed experience; there is a wish to do something again at Easter. This service ended with more mulled wine and mince pies and the Grand Draw.

**The Christmas Eve Mass** was led by the Reverend Prebendary Liz Cross much to the enjoyment of all and held at the early time of 8pm.

**Christmas day** saw a full house with families arriving in the Parish. Rob van der Hart presided with his wonderful sermon and the fine music of our organist and singing of the carols once again filled St Michaels.

**We ended the year with a fifth Sunday Benefice Evensong** at which Leila presided and it was pleasing to see other members of the benefice amongst the congregation. As it was the last day of the year we ended the service with a glass of fizz and nibbles and a wish to all for a Good New Year.

**For the first time in many years the first Sunday of the New Year** has seen a traditional Book of Common Prayer Parish Communion. The Service led us through admirably by the Rev Bruce Dixon.

**Michael Clarke**

# Pet of the Month ...

Boris is a dachshund and he is almost 3 years old. He is a very loving dog but barks quite a lot. He doesn't like cats!! He lives with his Mum and Dad in Charminster!!!

**Pat Salmon**



## DORSET APPLE CAKE

Making a Dorset apple cake is one of the most satisfying, productive and therapeutic things any Dorset man can do. It combines order, method and muckiness in perfect proportions.

There are as many recipes as people in the county – mine is a blend of several and the result of experimentation and trial and error – especially error.

This is going to get sticky and sloppy! Prepare all the ingredients before you stick your hands in the (big!) mixing bowl and grease the cake tin with margarine in advance.

### INGREDIENTS

Three large cooking apples, peeled, cored and diced  
An orange and a lemon chopped fine – not peeled!

175g margarine

125g light brown sugar

50g dark brown sugar

3 eggs

250g self-raising flour

Good handful of dried fruit (I like Grapetree berry mix from Tudor Arcade in Dorchester)

Sprinkling of demerara sugar

### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 170C

Roll your sleeves up

Combine the margarine and sugar in a large mixing bowl

Add the eggs, then the flour

Then add the apple, orange, lemon and dried fruit

Mix well (enjoy!)

Put into a 20cm cake tin resting on an oven tray.

Top with a sprinkling of demerara sugar

Cook in the oven at 170C until risen and golden brown and so it doesn't cling to a knife when you stick one in

Remove from the oven and allow to cool before removing from the cake tin

Don't wash the mixing bowl until children and grandchildren (and the wife) have licked it clean. They will remember this...

Eat with lots of cream, a local cider and good company.

**Peter Dangerfield.**



## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. It's believed the name comes from the Celtic word meaning heap of stones and probably refers to a rocky or stony stream
2. Cernminstre – the minster on the Cerne.
3. The Vikings. It's thought they may also have landed later at Wareham and sailed up the Frome to Dorchester. According to the book, it's possible they may have sacked the village of Charminster.
4. The first Sir Thomas Trenchard of Wolfeton. His monogram made up of spirally intertwined Ts is visible in carvings and plaques throughout the church.
5. She confessed to the "wicked and detestable offence of fornication with Christopher Harbyn." There is no record of Mr Harbyn having to pay similar penance.
6. It was built in the early 1700s as an alehouse called The Royal Oak. In its stables were spare horses to help teams climb the steep hill.
7. Charminster School. The book says the vicar was automatically chairman of governors. "This was not without problems, as the vicar at that time was in gaol for embezzlement..."
8. Charminster Women's Institute.
9. 1930s
10. What was then called the Dorset County Lunatic Asylum. The psychiatric hospital closed in 1992. The book says it was a source of pride that the people of Charminster played a "valuable part in the long struggle to ease the lives of mentally troubled people."

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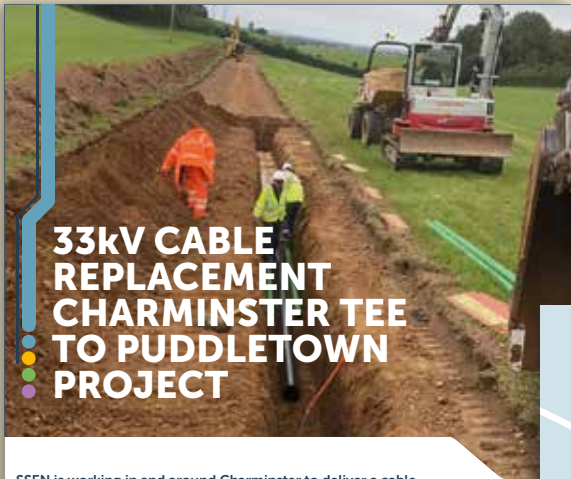
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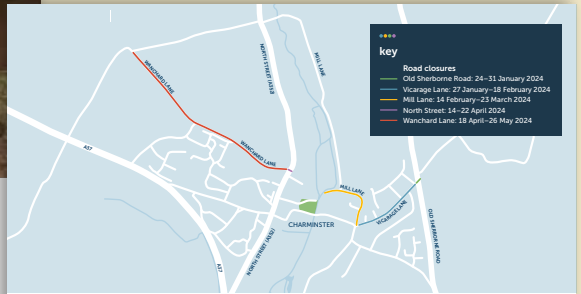
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### Minimising traffic disruption and noise

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Vehicular diversion signage will be in place for each phase, but it is intended that pedestrian access will be maintained at all times unless a brief temporary closure is required to keep pedestrians and the site team safe; the site team will advise you if this is the case.

Please note that the delivery programme is subject to change due to site conditions or adverse weather conditions.



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