

# Dorset County Council October 2016 Report

## **Buses**

A revised Bus service has been implemented in Bere Regis, Bloxworth and Briantspuddle and whilst the frequency of buses has remained the same the timings have changed slightly and there is now one bus that additionally starts and finishes in Blandford. The Bus Company has still not put the new timetables up when I last looked at the bus stops so I wrapped one round some of them and I am pushing them to do this for all Bus Stops.

The Bus Service from Wool that is run by Dorset Community Transport is likely to revert to Damory in October which will mean that concessionary passes will be able to be used again.

## **Unitary Update**

There is still time for you to respond to the web site on this critical subject. The consultation formally started at the end of August and will end on 25 October. We are encouraging residents and stakeholders to complete the consultation questionnaire, which is available along with further information, at [reshapingyourcouncils.uk](http://reshapingyourcouncils.uk). Paper copies are also available in local libraries.

## **Cycling Events**

Following the disruption caused by the Ironman event in September I will be having a meeting with Officers to review these events and to see whether they need to lock down part of Purbeck for, primarily, the benefit of Weymouth.

## **Safeguarding Children**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you have any concerns about the safety of a child or young person this should be reported immediately. This doesn't just apply in the workplace but also at home or in the community. If you see something say something. To spot the signs of child abuse or neglect, look for changes in:

- Appearance – such as frequent unexplained injuries, consistently poor hygiene, matted hair, unexplained gifts, or a parent regularly collecting children from school when drunk
- Behaviour - such as demanding or aggressive behaviour, frequent lateness or absence from school, avoiding their own family, misusing drugs or alcohol, or being constantly tired
- Communication – such as sexual or aggressive language, self-harming, becoming secretive and reluctant to share information or being overly obedient

Dorset County Council Children's Services is launching a single point of contact for any new referrals or safeguarding concerns you may have about a child or young person. From 5 September, the only number you will need is 01202 228866. This change is in anticipation of the launch of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) next spring. To discuss concerns about a child who is already known to social care teams, contact their allocated social care team or social worker as usual. If you are unsure if you should make a referral or want to discuss a matter in confidence then please contact Becks Kirk who is the Purbeck District Council lead for Children's Safeguarding. For more information about safeguarding children, contact: Rebecca Kirk – General Manager, Public Health & Housing 01929 557268

## **Surgery**

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you cannot make one of these please email me and I will arrange to come round to see you. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and can not get to the surgery my email address is [peterwharf@hotmail.com](mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com).

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