

In lieu of

Dorset Footnotes

Autumn 2025

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It is regretted that the Winter 2025 issue of Dorset Footnotes will not be produced or printed in the usual format. This is owing to the Editor suffering from ill health and his sudden but not unexpected resignation as Dorset Footnotes Editor.

We are therefore looking for a new Dorset Footnotes Editor and anyone who would wish to be considered for the post should contact the Area Secretary, David Coleman as soon as possible. Doug Pigg, who has been the Dorset Footnotes Editor for many years will be very happy to help anyone who takes on the role. Really all that is necessary is to gather articles for Dorset Footnotes as the copy for printing is put together, printed and distributed professionally and this does not involve the editor.

Dorset Area AGM 2025 – The notice of the Dorset Area AGM on Saturday 29 November 2025 at 1100 at Broadmayne Village Hall is included separately below.

Have You Walked in the Happy Bottom Area of Corfe Mullen – Jan Wardell Area Footpath Secretary is hoping to hear from members who have walked a path that is currently been obstructed by new Landowners but although the path is not a right of way the path has been used for many years by walkers without any problems. Please see article have you Walked this Way and map on page 3

ROW Alterations – The list of alterations to Rights of Way in Dorset produced by the Secretary to the Area Footpath Committee is also included separately on page 4.

RAMBLERS DORSET AREA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Which will be held at

11.00 am on SATURDAY THE 29 NOVEMBER 2025

at Broadmayne Village Hall, Cowleaze Road, Broadmayne, DT2 8EW

OS Grid Reference SY 7299 8643: what3words: ///decently.silk.rivals

**The business to be conducted will be as stated in Clause 12 of the Dorset Area Constitution.
Each individual member of the Area and one representative of each affiliated local organisation in membership of the Area shall be entitled to attend and vote.**

Dated: 10 October 2025

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**Ramblers – East Dorset Group
Purbeck Plod – Sunday 21 June 2026**

**Start at Swanage Pier at 0830 and 09 35 (12 mile route only) walkers - 0930 runners
(Entry on the day, please arrive at least 20 minutes before start time)**

25 miles via SWCP, Kingston, Swyre Head, Ridgeway Hill, Corfe Castle, Nine Barrow Down, Ballard Down
A shorter **16 mile** route is available for walkers only, Coast Path, Kingston, Corfe Castle and Ulwell
and an even shorter **12 mile** route for walkers via the Coast Path and the Priest's Way
All finish by 20 00 at All Saints Church Hall, Swanage

Entries and Information – please contact Event Secretary – email
PurbeckPlod@eastdorsetramblers.org.uk or click on the Purbeck Plod page on line
www.eastdorsetramblers.org.uk

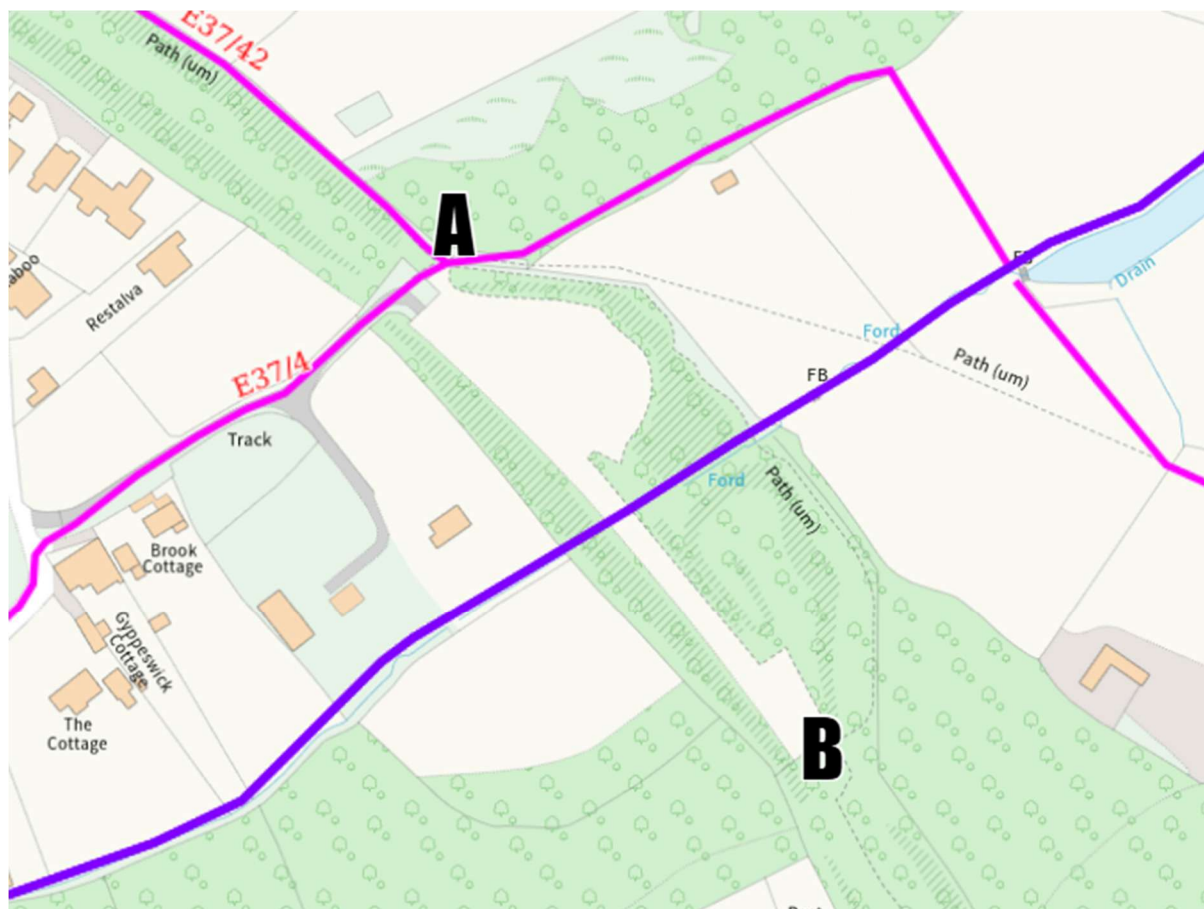
Please can you help out on the day?

We need marshals to help out at the Start and Finish and at Checkpoints
Please contact Gill Hale (edgsec@outlook.com) if you are able to help.

HAVE YOU WALKED THIS WAY?

In March this year, a path which had been used for years on the southern boundary of **Corfe Mullen** was closed, following a change in land ownership. An application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) to add the route to the Definitive Map is being considered, therefore if anyone who has used this in the past would like to submit an evidence form, please contact me in the first instance.

The route which has been closed off is from the southern end of footpath E37/42 (A) to B as shown below. (South of B is Happy Bottom)



E37/42 and E37/4 are footpaths: the other line is the Dorset/BCP Unitary Boundary.

Thank you.

Jan Wardell, Area Footpath Secretary

Bournemouth Hospital – My experience -

Mike Heckford

Most of us may need to visit Bournemouth Hospital from time to time. With the extra building that has taken place over the past three years at the hospital, over 90 car parking places have been lost. Car parking is now at a premium and on a recent visit it took me over 20 minutes from entering the car park to finding a car parking space, most of the time I was queuing. I was then 5 minutes late for an appointment. Please leave plenty of time to park if you are visiting Bournemouth Hospital by car.

CHANGES TO RIGHTS OF WAY

Orders affecting changes to the following rights of way have been confirmed since DFN Issue 100. Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs), and Public Path Orders (PPOs) being processed by Dorset Council, can be found [here](#).

CONFIRMED ORDERS:

Dorchester FP51: } Diversion (HA 1980, S119)
Winterborne Monkton FP6: }
Lyme Regis FP1: Diversion (HA 1980, S119)
Spetisbury FP30#: }
Spetisbury FP31#: } Modification to add footpaths

Please note that unless otherwise stated, the above Orders are also confirmed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(Section 53A (2)) #New number.

Long Term Temporary Closures/Diversions under Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: Section 14(1) or 14/2 (unless otherwise stated) all are needed to comply with Health & Safety Regulations.

Allington FP9: } From 31.07.25, for 18 months. To allow for the
Symondsbury FPs 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 95: } Vearse Farm housing development to take place.
On this occasion there is no alternative route.

Beaminster FP73 (part): From GR ST 4708 0155 to ST 4708 0166, from 23.06.25 for 26 weeks but may be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport. To enable construction of a new development. Alt route.

Bournemouth FPE41: From 15.09.25 for 5 days. To facilitate sewer connection for development.

Bridport FP81: From GR SY 4700 9428 to SY 4726 9420, from 08.09.25 for 26 weeks, but anticipated completion 02.01.26. To allow Wessex Water to carry out a sewer replacement. Alt route.

Ferndown FP30 (part): From GR SU 07378 00378 to SU 07314 00377, from 08.08.25 for 26 weeks, but completion anticipated 05.09.25. To allow the construction and installation of two new crossings along Church Road, Ferndown, and the widening of a new footpath in Millennium Park to connect the new crossing. No alternative.

Gillingham FP33: From 02.06.2025 for a period of 26 weeks, however it is anticipated the works will be completed by 27 June 2025. The Order is required to allow Redrow Homes Ltd to construct a new path and play area.

Gillingham FP78 (part): From GR ST 81926 25253 to ST 82043 25148, from 12.08.25 for 21 days, to allow the housing development to be built along with the permanent diversion routes. This is in conjunction with other temporary closures on these RoW.

Shapwick BR11: From GR ST 95498 01667 to ST 95204 00927, from 12.08.25 for 21 days. To allow fire/smoke abatement and removal of damaged asbestos from barn structure. No alt.

Spetisbury BR5: } From GR ST 91497 03545 to ST 91420 03459, from
Spetisbury FP2 (part): } 16.08.25 (following two 21 day closures) for 26 weeks.
Tarrant Keyneston BR7: } To prevent users crossing the leet stream bridge that is
Tarrant Keyneston FP14: } considered unsafe for Right of Way traffic.

(Please Note: All the above closures are for Health and Safety reasons. Any person who uses or permits the use of the footpaths in contravention of any of the above orders will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.)

Jan Wardell

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