



## **National Trust Community engagement update for Burton Bradstock October 2008**

First edition of 'In the know about' ...*Burton Bradstock* published and distributed to households within walking distance of Hive Beach, local shops & pubs.

The newsletter is a very recent idea and in the meantime a condensed version has been uploaded onto the Burton Bradstock Village web site, which is now 'live' and some copy for the next edition of the Bride Valley News has been submitted. As the BVN goes to all the households in the village, it might be a much more effective and cost effective way of communicating our plans.

The handover of the management of car park from the Parish Council back to National Trust was carried out on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The National Trust's Building Surveyor commissioned Brody Forbes to dig trial holes in the car park to establish the exact location and depth of existing services and the suitability of the gravelled foreshore for a soak away to enable any surface water to adequately drain from the car park. The design for the car park is now being finalised, the intention being to install new drainage and new track ways within the car park. Work is expected to commence in the spring of 2009.

## Feedback from the first Hive Beach 'surgery' – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

What you were concerned about...

Common concerns, issues & FAQ's from all participants included:

- The car park access road. Antisocial behaviour at night times on the NT upper car park field involving young people driving at speed and recklessly, disturbing adjacent properties and households with their antics and causing light pollution from the headlights of their vehicles.
- Drainage in the car park and run off to beach.
- Access/egress onto the foreshore/ beach. What is going to be done to improve things?
- Toilets. Need more and better maintained. Sends out a very bad message and image for NT if nothing is done or improved. Not very welcoming.
- Disabled access in the car park & toilets. Needs to be improved.
- Not tarmacing the car park. Consensus is for it to remain as 'natural' as possible.
- Dog fouling – by-laws need to be enforced.
- Signage. Needs to be 'decluttered'.
- Erosion of the coast path/cliff/rock falls. What is or can be done?
- Litter/waste. Investigate options to improve current arrangements. Can the Euro bins be re-sited? Are they needed at all?
- Proposed Hotel expansion. How might that impact on Hive Beach and the car park?
- Overnight camping – should be banned.

**Other topics, questions raised and discussed included the following:**

*National Trust responses are in bold italic.*

**Q.** Parking bays - will there be any?

**A:** *This is dependant on the final design, but if installing designated bays help maximise the space available, then it is an option that NT will be considering.*



**Q.** Car park machines. How many?

**A:** 4



**Q.** How much will it cost to park?

**A.** *£1 per hour. Max £ 5 per day.*

Q. Rabbit control – needs to be some as they are undermining boundary walls of some properties. What can NT do?

**A. NT are currently looking into the licensing requirements before undertaking this method of control, but it does form part of the planned work programme for the site.**

Q. Antisocial behaviour by young people, especially at night. What can be done to help stop it?

**A. NT are working with the local Police and Community Support Officers to help tackle this. Redesign of the car park will include elements to help eliminate this.**

Q. Closing the beach toilets at night. This should be done. Left open it encourages raves/overnight camping and antisocial behaviour.

**A. TBC - pending outcome of lease negotiations with the Hive Café.**

Q. Are there plans to install CCTV on site or in the car park?

**A. No. But NT sit on the local Crime and Disorder Partnership so from time to time we may utilise Capture Cars for specific surveillance issues.**

Q. Disabled parking- could there be a choice? Not all people want to look at the sea views. Some just want to access the café, so putting spaces nearer would be useful.

**A. Yes. The plans for the car park include a review of disabled parking and better access.**

Q. Disabled parking needs enforcement.

**A. NT will endeavour to enforce when staff are on site during summer period.**

**Q.** Are there plans to put a gate on the access road? If so, will local residents be given a key?

**A.** **A barrier across the top of the access road is being considered as one of many ideas. Pedestrian access will not be affected and emergency access will be available at all times. Access to the site by vehicle after the car park is closed will available for members of the community who have business at the Hive Café or use the site for fishing.**

**Q.** Could there be a discounted car park rate for non NT members who live in the village?

**A.** **Not at present. Membership of the NT offers great value – you can visit hundreds of fantastic places in England, Wales & Northern Ireland as many times as you like as well as enjoying the benefits of FREE car parking at most National Trust countryside, woodland and coastal car parks.**

**Q.** Better signage to alert people to cliff/rock falls. What can be done?

**A.** **All signage on site is being reviewed as part of our plan to on enhance Hive Beach. Visitor safety on the whole site is paramount and something that the NT strives to do efficiently and effectively. A free leaflet about the danger of rock falls has been has produced and is currently available from the Roving Recruiter on the beach and in the café. A more comprehensive version is currently being drafted and will be on sale in 2009. NT will work with the local community and schools so that we can to flag up and alert people to the dangers.**

**Q.** Youth engagement? Can NT help with solutions or ideas?

**A.** **Yes. NT plan to work with the Parish Council and local youth organisations and to identify and progress solutions that could lead to innovative projects for local children & young people. We would also welcome volunteer help.**

**Q.** Fishermen's hut - can it be moved?

**A.** *Contact has been made and negotiations are underway with the local Fishermen re opportunities to re-locate the shed and maximise space.*

**Q.** Position of fishermen's winch? Are there plans to re-position it?

**A.** *Negotiations underway and ongoing with the Fishermen.*

**Q.** Are there plans to install additional lighting in the car park?

**A.** *No.*

**Q.** Height barrier for car park – will there be one?

**A.** *This is under review and subject to negotiation as the design for the car park progresses.*

**Q.** Recycling on site. What are NT's plans? Nothing too big. Don't want beach turned into a recycling centre.

**A.** *NT has made contact with WDDC to discuss options for the removal of waste and opportunities for recycling on site from 2009.*



**Q.** Fishermen's rights to the car park. What are they? Do they have any?

**A.** *No individuals or organisations have any rights to the site other than to access and use it during the times specified.*

**Q.** Night fishing? Will there be access as it's quite popular during the season?

**A.** *Under review. Pedestrian access to the beach will not be compromised, but NT have right to close the site at night.*

**Q.** Coast path access for hotel guests. Will hotel need/want to rebuild steps to their property?  
Ditto Billy Bragg?

**A.** *Any proposed repairs or re-instatement of steps/stairs needs written consent from the NT. Plans to undertake such work will inevitably be informed by the problems of coastal erosion and related issues affecting the site.*

**Q.** Dog fouling. What can be done to improve the current situation?

**A.** *NT proposes to work with the WDDC dog warden to improve current situation and take advice about effectively enforcing fouling bylaws.*



And that completes the findings of the first BB surgery....

If you have any questions or additional comments about the improvements and work that the National Trust are proposing at Hive Beach Car Park, then please contact Caroline Richards – Visitor Services Manager for West Dorset on 01297 561900, e mail:

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