



## In the know about...Burton Bradstock



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### Fishermen's Green

We recently met with the local Fishermen to discuss and progress plans and ideas and agreed on the positioning of the winch and relocation of the hut, which currently sits on the green overlooking the beach.

The winch has now been sited and there is a proposal is to replace the existing hut with a block built timber clad structure which will nestle behind the Tamarisk bush adjacent to the café's external seating area and so won't impact on views. The new hut will enable the Fishermen to have a more secure storage facility which will help to sustain an important local industry in the longer term.

Planning permission for the new structure is currently being sought as part of the car park improvement plan.

NT's Rural Surveyor will be drafting a lease to formalise the use of the winch and boats.



## Welcome to the Second Edition of the Newsletter

### National Trust update - December 2008

#### All change at Burton Bradstock Car Park...



Greetings from the National Trust staff team in West Dorset.

Where does the time go? Well, here we are at the end of another year and Christmas just around the corner.

It's been a busy few months for NT with lots going on behind the scenes to push forward plans for the forthcoming improvements to the car park and beach environs.



So where are we up to?

Well, 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. To mark the occasion NT were approached by the Western Gazette to do a photo call, which we did, and the story was picked up in few of the local news papers, so you may have seen pics of some of the NT

team, our volunteers and Steve Attrill from the Hive Beach café' all saying 'cheese'....local of course!

The first edition of 'In the know about' *Burton Bradstock* was published and distributed to households within walking distance of Hive Beach, local shops & pubs, but with hindsight (always a marvellous thing!) we thought that as well as the newsletter it might be prudent to put updates into the *Bride Valley News* as it distributed more widely, goes to all the households in the village and might even be a more cost effective way of communicating our plans.

However, that said, we have been told that people quite like the newsletter, so the next issue will be available in March 09.

Updates are also submitted to the *Burton Bradstock Village Website*, so you can check out progress on line too [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

We are often asked why nothing much has happened on site since we took over the management of the car park from the Parish Council.

Well, I can report that NT's Building Surveyor has now drafted plans for the car park improvements which will be submitted for planning consent in December. The plans incorporate feedback, ideas and suggestions received from you, the local community, so we should know by end of February 09 if the plans have been approved. If all goes to plan then we can start work on improving the drainage on site by end of March.

During the planned improvements, NT will manage parking on site by opening up the two top fields, and where practicable, will accommodate disabled parking in the lower car park. We will do our best to ensure that your visit to Hive Beach during the planned works is as smooth and trouble free as possible.

## Hive Beach Café

Regular visitors to Hive Beach would probably agree that one of the main reasons for going was to sample the delights of the award winning and ever popular Hive Beach Café.

NT's plans for Hive Beach, include new lease negotiations with café proprietor Steve Attrill. Negotiations are underway and ongoing and so far things are progressing well. We look forward to a great working relationship with the Steve and his



team and working together to take Hive Beach and the café to even greater heights!



### *Celebrating Success*

You might be interested to know that Hive Beach Café has recently been recognised by the Kennel Club as being very 'dog friendly' and now proudly displays a certificate, which is good news for all the dog owners who regularly use the café.



And if that wasn't enough, the Hive has also been recognised as a Breast Feeding friendly café, and will also be mentioned in an article in the London Evening Standard magazine.

Great news indeed so if you haven't yet sampled any of the fine local fare on offer at the Hive then what are you waiting for!

The café will be open on Boxing Day & New Years Day, so why not pop along for a coffee



and a festive bacon bap on Burton Beach!



On behalf of his staff team at the Hive, Steve would like to wish everyone a "Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year" and looks forward to seeing you in 2009.



## Reduce Reuse Recycle



We can all do our bit for recycling and sustainable development and part of our review for Hive Beach and the car park includes a radical overhaul and rethink about the current situation regarding the siting and amount of bins currently provided and how we can do more to encourage more recycling. The Hive café will continue to have its own trade waste agreement but we are working proactively with Steve and his team on some ideas for joined up solutions. We would also like to thank him for helping us keep the car park clean and tidy during busy periods.

A major consideration for us is to think about ways we can reduce the amount of rubbish generated on site and encourage more recycling. We also plan to use slide top bins to minimise the impact of litter getting blown out of the bins and around the site.

As well talking to West Dorset District Council about how we can most effectively achieve this, we sincerely hope that our efforts to implement future schemes will meet with local approval and that you will continue to support us in our endeavours.



### Keeping a Look Out for Fly Tippers!

It has been brought to our attention by the local community and NT staff and volunteers on site maintenance visits to Hive Beach, that there has been a spate of fly tipping next to the NT Bins.

We are informed that a majority of the fly tipped household waste comes from the holiday cottages/homes nearby because the changeover days don't coincide with the regular scheduled refuse collection and so to ensure that the properties are tidy, visitors see the bins at Hive Beach as an ideal solution...which of course it isn't, at least for us, as we have a duty of care to remove the rubbish.

We actually caught someone red handed recently who confirmed that this was indeed the reason they had driven down to make free with the beach bins. So rather than put up a forest of signs, we hope that you will help us keep Hive Beach clean and litter free by reporting regular offenders.

Anyone fly-tipping is committing an offence and it can be potentially hazardous to the public and wildlife, as well as looking unsightly and spoiling the ambience and vistas of places such as Hive Beach. It's also a drain on NT resources as overflowing bins and large household items often have to be removed by our wardens and volunteers whose time could and should be better utilised on more important conservation tasks.

NT Warden's Sarah and Peter, will be around over the Christmas period to keep an eye on the Car Park and help keep on top of the litter.

So if you spot any fly tipped waste or see anyone fly tipping at Hive Beach please report it; ring us on 01297 561900. In the meantime we will do our best to liaise with holiday cottages/houses to ensure that an advisory note about the disposal and collection of refuse and waste is included in the information welcome pack.



### *The NT Doctor Will See You Now...*

The Burton Bradstock surgeries are going really well and we have had lots of excellent feedback, ideas and suggestions. The surgeries have been a good way of meeting and getting to know the local community, so do come along if you haven't done so already. It will be great to meet you. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 6th January 10am-12pm at the Hive Café'.

The following will give you a snapshot of common concerns issues and FAQ's from participants so far which include:

The car park access road – specifically mud on the road, antisocial behaviour at night on the upper car park fields involving young people driving at speed and recklessly, 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. Disabled access in the car park needs to be improved. **No** to tarmac on the car park. The consensus is for it to remain as 'natural' as possible. Safe routes for pedestrians in the car park and to the beach access. Dog fouling; by-laws need to be enforced. Signage needs to be 'decluttered'. Litter/waste need to investigate options to improve current arrangements. Rabbit control - need to do some and overnight camping, should be banned.

### **Lights, Camera, Action at Burton Bradstock**



The Burton Bradstock car park & Hive Beach project has been captured on celluloid by Media and Film students from Yeovil college who have been commissioned by NT to produce a short film to capture views, opinions and vox pops from the local community and stakeholders about NT, the project and what its like to live in Burton Bradstock. You may have even been interviewed!

The working title is **Burton Bradstock - the place, the people, the future...** and will look at coastal erosion, local issues and the future for the village. We are informed by the college that filming is now complete and that the footage is being edited. We'll let you know when the DVD is available and will arrange a viewing in the new year. Thanks to all of you who agreed to be interviewed and took time to talk to the students. Special thanks to the children & staff at Burton Bradstock Village School who also took part. We couldn't have done it without you!

So where are we up to? Well, using ideas comments and suggestions from the surgeries the design for the car park has now been finalised and is ready to be submitted for planning consent. The first stage works will be to install new drainage, re-profile, upgrade and renew the surface. Work is expected to commence in the spring of 2009. The car park machines will also be solar powered so we're doing our bit for sustainability!

So if you haven't been along to one of our 'surgeries', then a date for your diary is Tuesday 6th January 2009 10am -12pm at the Hive Beach Café. Look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget, if you have any questions additional comments or concerns about the improvements and/or work that the National Trust are proposing at Hive Beach and the car park, then please contact Caroline Richards – Visitor Services Manager for West Dorset on 01297 561900, e mail: [caroline.richards@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:caroline.richards@nationaltrust.org.uk) or write to the National Trust. Address on the back page.

### **Living with a Changing Coast**

Coastal landslips and rock falls...why do they occur? If you've ever pondered this then you might be interested in having a look at the Trust's new landslips and rock falls leaflet. Written by NT's Tony Flux, Coastal Zone Project Manager for West Dorset, the leaflet is another 'offer of useful information' to the people of Lyme, Charmouth & Burton Bradstock about the insecurity of the land upon which some of them live.



Tony says "As part of the duty of care philosophy, we felt that 'education' was likely to be a more productive route than heavy-handed signage that most people seem to ignore anyway!" "Bob Cornish, our roving recruiter at Burton Bradstock, is very successful at alerting people to the potential dangers of landslips rock falls, but he too has growing fears about safety, specifically people ignoring advice and warnings."

So to help get the message out there and help people to be more aware, we decided that we might usefully combine the landslip and rock falls issue with our 'situation' at Black Ven'.

Tony continues "If people understand something and how it works, they are more likely to respect it and be more aware of the potential hazards and danger".

The new leaflet is available at the Hive Beach Café, Charmouth Heritage Centre and at Bridport, Lyme, Weymouth & Dorchester TIC's. If you would like to know more about our changing coastline in West Dorset then give Tony a call on 01297 561900 or email: [tony.flux@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:tony.flux@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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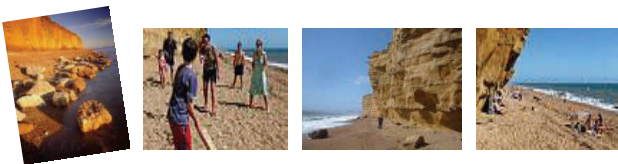
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### On the Beach with Bob



There are many reasons why people flock to Hive Beach and why wouldn't you? Burton's got it all. Beautiful scenery, coastal walks, fossils, the Hive Café' and ample parking which is free to NT members! But for many visitors, and local people, it's Bob Cornish, NT's Roving Recruiter who helps make a visit to Hive Beach so memorable.

During the season you'll find him on the beach with his shiny red Land Rover brimming with information and goodies and he will be more than happy to talk to you about the advantages of being a National Trust member, but will be equally pleased just to pass the time of day with you. Bob's fossil collection is a real crowd puller and provides a natural talking point for initial engagement on a neutral level. Photo albums of the local countryside, coastal walks and scenes are also on hand so visitors can see for themselves all the delights that NT sites can offer in Dorset and further a field.

NT are very fortunate to have Bob on site at Burton, not least because he is a friendly face, but his knowledge of the area, contact with local people and awareness of community issues often means that he acts as a first stop shop for people either flagging issues or wanting information about the café, toilets and car park.

The decision to call the Police in earlier this summer when recreational divers dismissed the car wreck they discovered whilst diving, resulted in solving a 12 month missing persons enquiry with the car and a body being recovered from the seabed. It was Bob's actions; instinct and local knowledge that helped bring closure for the family and friends of the deceased.

So, thanks Bob. What would we do without you?

And finally...don't forget that NT membership makes an ideal gift for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas so give us a call on 01297 561900 and make the most of the sensational off site discounts!

### Thank You Very Much...

A big THANK YOU to the Burton Bradstock regular Countryside Warden Volunteer working group who meet on the first Tuesday of each month to carry out nature conservation, maintenance and improvement tasks at the above sites. We couldn't achieve half of what we do without their enthusiastic help and commitment.

So far this year the volunteers have carried out the following range of work: Litter picking, repairing the fence on coast path, erecting a new fence around the Hive Cafe area, siting a new bench on Fisherman's Green, replacing the bench on the cliff top at Burton, clearing scrub and small trees on two SSSI sites at Cogden, dry stone walling at Cogden and some of the volunteers even found time to help with the re-chalking of the Cerne Giant!

Thanks also to Richard Overend, Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Burton group who does a splendid job of rallying the volunteers and keeping them all busy.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with the National Trust or are interested in joining the Burton Bradstock volunteer working group then give us a call on 01297 561900 and speak to Caroline Richards Visitor Services Manager for West Dorset.

