

The Village Welcome Pack

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Welcome To
BURTON BRADSTOCK



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The Village

At the westerly end of Chesil Beach, in the beautiful Bride Valley where the River Bride wends its way to the sea, lies **Burton Bradstock**, a pretty village of some 1,000 residents. Today, the heart of the village is still unspoilt with pretty 16th and 17th century thatched cottages clustered around St Mary's Church.



On behalf of the Online Group and the whole of the Village, we welcome you to Burton Bradstock.

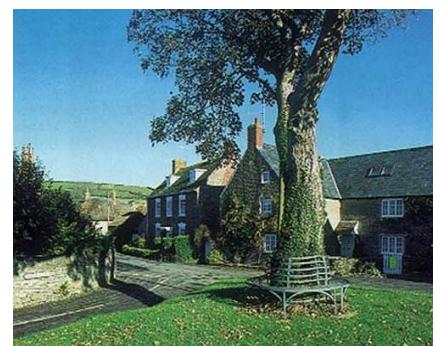
We hope the information given in this Welcome Pack will help you to settle more comfortably into your new home and the Village. We wish that you will soon enjoy getting to know your new neighbours and make new friends.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and advisors but please feel free to make contact with any of the organisations listed herein. As residents, we trust you will quickly become and feel part of this community. We have tried to gather as much useful information as possible but would be pleased to hear any suggestions or improvements you might have about this Pack.

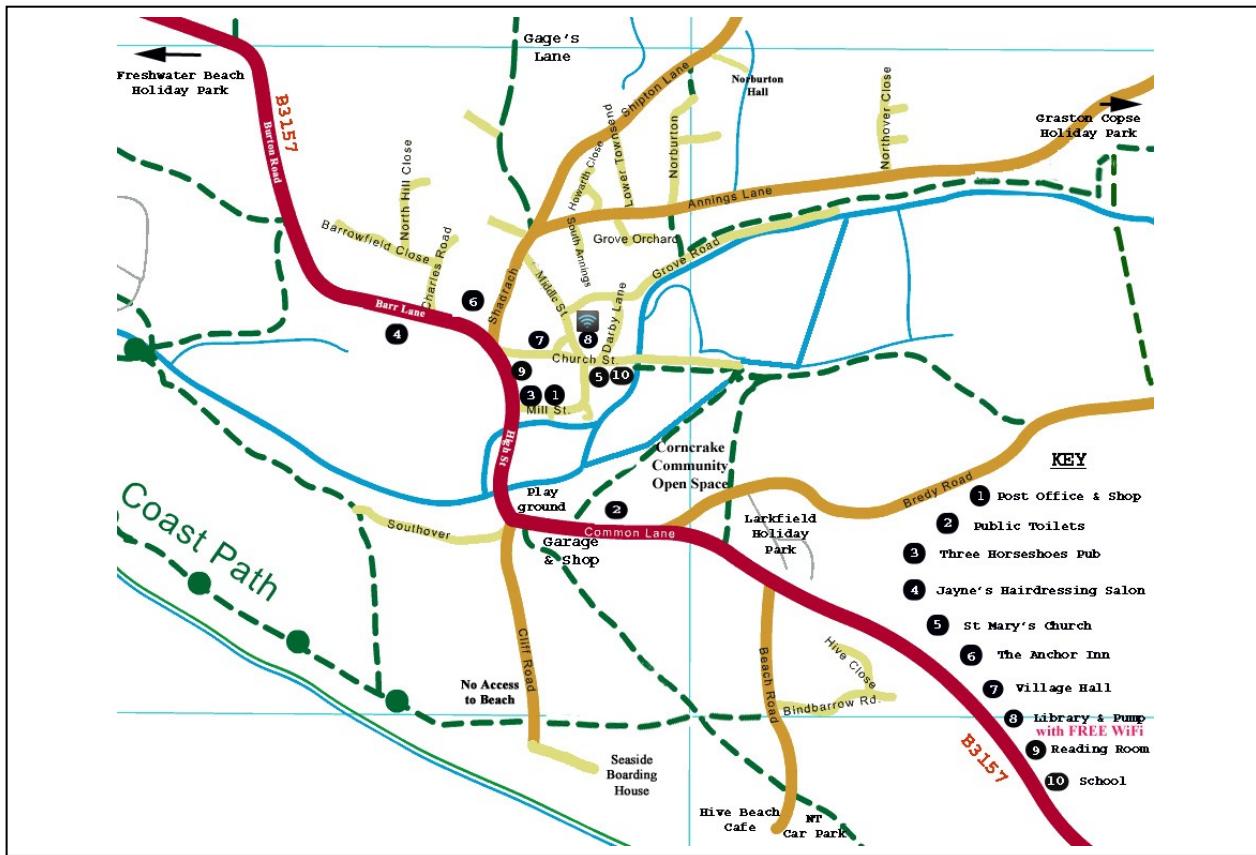
More local information is available via our website and in the Library. The website carries the most up to date version of this document. We hope you will have many happy years in Burton Bradstock and hope you will join with us in creating a vibrant and friendly community.

Where did the name Burton Bradstock come from?

In Saxon days, the village was called Brideton or Bridetone meaning the village of the river Bride which evolved to Bridetona as recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Bradstock came from Bradenstoke named after Bradenstoke Priory in Wiltshire to which the village once belonged. The present name appears to be a corruption of the two names.



VILLAGE MAP



USEFUL LINKS

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.burtonbradstockvillage.org

VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE

[Burton Bradstock](https://www.facebook.com/BurtonBradstock)

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

www.burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk

LOCAL FACILITIES

POST OFFICE, FARM SHOP AND STORES

The Village Post Office is on Mill Street next to the Three Horseshoes. One of the most valued assets of the Village, owned jointly by the Parish Council and the Village Society, the Post Office is leased by Gill and Pete Mayo. The Mayos are local farmers who run Maydown Farm Shop and the Stores selling locally-raised produce as well as full Post Office Services. (see Local Businesses).

Tel: 01308 897243

www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/postoffice



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library is run and managed by "Friends of Burton Bradstock Library" volunteers, with support from Dorset Council, our library is a friendly place to visit. Located by the village green it is open from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Tuesday and Saturday.

Book titles are regularly updated, and access to the extensive on-line catalogue is freely available to order items for local collection and download e-resources. Two public PC's, photocopying and laminating, jigsaws, DVDs, free WiFi, maps, notelets, magazines, and local newspapers all provide a wealth of information and facilities.

Tel: 01308 897563, Email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk,
[https://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library](http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/library) or Friends of Burton Bradstock Library on Facebook

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH

The Church lies at the heart of the village and the chiming of the clock and the ringing of the bells remind everyone of its existence.

It is an important historic building with 12th Century origins but much altered over the years. We now have a light and welcoming place for all to visit.

It is, however, much more than an attractive building. It is primarily a place of worship and all are welcome at the services, of which there are several different types. Details of these services are displayed by the churchyard gate, on the village website and in the Bride Valley News.

The church is used for many and varied events particularly by the adjacent school and the annual Music Festival.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School is a small, happy and caring establishment situated in the centre of the village next to the Church. It has close links with the Church and local community, a strong governing body, known as the Local School Committee and a thriving parent association known as the Friends.

It is part of the Initio Learning Trust, a group of seventeen schools consisting of primary, secondary, first, middle and upper situated in the Bridport and Wimborne areas of Dorset. These schools work together to share understanding, practice and expertise to provide the best education and opportunities for their pupils.

As a Church school the outlooks and attitudes centre around the core Christian values of Love, Happiness, Hope, Courage, Friendship and Respect. Every child is valued as being unique and is developed academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

The school is generally the choice for families living in the Village and Shipton Gorge along with significant numbers of families from Bridport and its surroundings. There is a pre-school, taking children from four years of age, which together with reception class form a highly successful Foundation Stage Unit. *More information is available on the School website at www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk*

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the Reading Room on the first Wednesday of each month except in August. In addition to considering local planning applications (as a consultee), meetings provide the opportunity for residents to express their views on all local issues. The Parish Council also owns and manages the Reading Room, Corncrake field, the Allotments in Southover, the Recreation Ground and Play Area (see below), and the Post office.

For more information see the website at www.burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk/ Contact the Clerk - clerk@burtonbradstock-pc.gov.uk or write to The Reading Room, High Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELD

On Cliff Corner opposite Burton Bradstock Garage are the Playground and Recreation area. Run by the Parish Council, the Playground had an extensive, three-staged renovation during the early months of 2021.

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £2 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

To book a journey, please call our voluntary co-ordinator on 07393 607025.



NATIONAL COASTAL INSTITUTION LYME BAY

NCI Lyme Bay is a recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. If you are afloat within the Bay, walking the coastline or partaking in any water-based sport, National Coastwatch is there to do radio checks, give weather and tide information and keep an eye out for you. Unless the Watchkeepers are involved in an ongoing incident, visitors are welcome at the Hive Beach Lookout. Come and learn about the NCI charity and our work as a member of the Search & Rescue Emergency Services.

*Contact: Judy Clarke, Station Manager on 07786 354403
or [f NCILymeBay](https://www.facebook.com/NCILymeBay)*

LOCAL BUSINESSES

POST OFFICE, FARM SHOP AND STORES

In the heart of the Village is the Post Office and Maydown Farm Shop selling Fresh Meat, Bread, Milk, Newspapers, Locally Sourced Produce, Stationery and all your Post Office needs including a free Cash Withdrawal facility. It is also a Parcel Collection Point and a Laundry Service is available too.

Tel: 01308 897243

www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/postoffice



THE THREE HORSESHOES

The Three Horseshoes Pub and Kitchen is a beautiful three-hundred-year-old thatched stone property. Menus reflect the local area and change regularly to ensure seasonality of the produce.

Tel: 01308 897259 or www.threehorseshoesburtonbradstock.co.uk

At Cliff Corner are two separate businesses:

BURTON BRADSTOCK CARS AND GARAGE

A long-established car dealership selling new and quality second hand cars and vans as well as providing repairs and MOTs.

Tel: 01308 897966

CENTRAL STORES

Providing a comprehensive convenience Store and Petrol Station.

Tel: 01308 897199





THE ANCHOR INN

The Anchor Inn prides itself on its high quality and locally sourced dishes, supporting West Dorset's farmers, fisheries and bakeries.

Tel: 01308 897228 or www.anchorinn.pub

THE HIVE BEACH CAFÉ

The Hive Beach Café is located right on the beach at Burton Bradstock. With far reaching views across Lyme Bay and Chesil Beach, it's an ideal location to enjoy fresh, local seafood, homemade cakes or just a simple cup of tea.

Tel: 01308 897070 or www.hivebeachcafe.co.uk



THE SEASIDE BOARDING HOUSE

Inspired by a mixture of classic British Edwardian hotels and the Cape Cod paintings of Edward Hopper, The Seaside Boarding House Restaurant & Bar is a unique collaboration of old and new; lovingly renovated furniture and fittings from the 1920's to 1980's, marine salvage, nautical paintings and then touches like a fabulous collection of Peter Blake prints on loan from art dealer Paul Stolper, that fit perfectly with the ageless decor.

Tel: 01308 897205 or www.theseasideboardinghouse.com

JAYNE'S HAIR AND BEAUTY SALON

Situated in the High Street, the Salon offers a full range of hair and beauty treatments.

Tel: 01308 897309

SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

THE VILLAGE SOCIETY

With over 280 members the Burton Bradstock Village Society is one of the best ways to meet people when new to the Village. In the Village Hall through the winter the Society holds monthly talks on a wide range of subjects appealing to all tastes, with wine, tea and coffee available. The Society organises the Annual Flower and Produce Show, an annual outing to places of interest and is the driving force for most of the events which have occurred in the Village since its inception in 1974.

The Society owns half of the Freehold of the Village Post Office with the Parish Council.

For further information please contact Roger Ashman, Honorary Secretary, 01308 898442 or link [here](#).

WI

The active WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month except August when there is no meeting. Meetings are in the Hall at 7.30pm, March to October inclusive and 2.00pm, November to February. There are various interest groups: Walking, Reading, Indoor Kurling, Mahjong, 4B's (where members bring their own sewing, knitting, craft or play cards, Canasta, Scrabble etc.) In addition, a Christmas Lunch, a Spring Lunch and various outings and trips are arranged.

Please contact burtonbradstockwi@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL

Owned by the WI, the hall is run by the Village Hall Trust Committee who are responsible for its upkeep, financial probity and day to day management. The vast majority of events in the Village take place in the Village Hall which can be rented for a small fee subject to availability.

The Hall is an ideal venue for functions and activities, regular or one-offs, can hold around 120 and has all necessary facilities. There is also a small Meeting Room which comfortably seats 12.

For more information contact the Bookings Officer on 01308 897648, email bbvhtbookings@gmail.com or www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/villagehall



The Hall is used regularly by a variety of organisations, some of which are listed below:

BRIDGE

An active Duplicate Bridge group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm-5.00pm (except July and August) in the Village Hall.

Contact Kathy 01308 485626

PILATES

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm and Thursday mornings from 9.00am.

Contact Felicity Cottenham 07590 521936 or felicitycottenham@gmail.com or www.physiofpilates.co.uk

COFFEE STOPS

Coffee Mornings, hosted by various village groups, with hot drinks, cakes and biscuits (and sometimes bacon rolls!) available. They are run on a mid-month Wednesday from 10.00am-12.00 noon to provide an opportunity for a general "meet and chat". All are welcome.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Meetings March to September on Mondays at 7.00pm-9.00pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm-4.00pm in the Village Hall. Informal friendly group, equipment supplied and no previous experience needed. Just come and see.

ARTSREACH

Artsreach is a registered charity which brings high quality performances of live theatre, music, dance and family shows to the heart of rural communities across Dorset. Burton Bradstock hosts a variety of events each year, usually in the Village Hall but also in St Mary's Church. Details are always in the Bride Valley News and on the village noticeboards. Tickets are available online and from David Witham on 01308 897403.

Full details and the programme throughout Dorset are on the Artsreach website artsreach.co.uk and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Artsreachdorset.

BB FILMS

Ordinarily, on the last Friday of the month from September to May the recent and most popular films in the national cinemas are shown in the Village Hall. Tickets are just £6 each and this price includes a large glass of wine or a soft drink. The evening is a friendly, social event and has become very popular with locals and visitors. Current and upcoming films are advertised each month in the Bride Valley News and tickets may be obtained from Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if available, at the door on the night.

BB PLAYERS

Burton Bradstock Players is a small but enthusiastic amateur dramatic society based at the Village Hall in Burton Bradstock. They have been producing various productions for over 40 years including one and two act plays, musicals, reviews, pantomimes and Murder Mystery evenings. All new members are welcome. Please click [here](#) for more details.

THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

One of the highlights in August is the nine days when Burton Bradstock holds its Festival of Music and Art. A wide range of tastes are catered for including classical, jazz and world music all performed by internationally renowned musicians under our musical director David Juritz. The Art Exhibition featuring both professional and amateur artists is run concurrently in the Village Hall with a large turnover of art making it worthwhile visiting several times.

For more information about becoming a friend or acting as a volunteer please contact Chris Sundt at sundt@echini.co.uk

YOGA

Tuesdays – 10.00am-11.30am

Gentle classes for all ages, run by Sue who is qualified with the Inner Yoga Trust and has 15 years teaching experience, to undo tension, find more space and freedom in the body, reconnect with ourselves, and relax!

Contact Sue O'Sullivan 01308 456940 or 07932 864852 or sueosullivan66@gmail.com.



TABLE TENNIS

Sessions on Fridays from 2.30-4.30pm. All equipment supplied and all welcome.

Contact Chris Mealing 07803 944024

NATIONAL TRUST VOLUNTEERS

Burton Bradstock has an active group of enthusiastic volunteers who would welcome any new recruits. They are easily contacted via the National Trust Hut at The Hive Beach.

QUIZ NIGHTS

A Spring Quiz, held in April, and the Christmas Quiz in early December are both organized by the Village Hall Committee. These events have proved very popular and raise funds in aid of the Village Hall.

SOCIAL SUPPER GROUP

The Group meets once a month for Supper at a local venue.

For further information, enquiries and/or to register, please call Mags Chue on 01308 897543.

VILLAGE FAYRE AND CHURCH FETE

The former is held in May in aid of the Village Hall - *Coordinator Graham Moody, email moodys@btinternet.com or 01308 898548*, the latter on the first Thursday in August to raise funds for the Church - *Coordinator Peter Tompkins, email peterjtompkins@hotmail.com or 01308 897043*.

Both events are great fun. If you would like to lend a hand, your help would be most welcome!

VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers objective, supported by the Parish Council, is to keep our village looking beautiful and serviceable. Since its inception in 2012, Burton Bradstock has been awarded runner-up in the Best Village Award - Dorset for 2012, Winner for same event in 2015, winner of an environmental award also in 2015, and first place for West Dorset Villages in 2018. The Volunteers work on behalf of the parish council, and are insured by them. They have purchased tools to use, which are stored centrally. Activities range from litter collection, gardening, planting, sowing wild flower seeds, weeding, painting, clearing leaves, trimming shrubs, clearing drains, sweeping gutters, clearing ditches, and a "Spring Clean" in April of each year. Volunteers choose what they wish to do. The Volunteers meet twice a month, the first Thursday and third Tuesday for a morning's activity. As a Volunteer, you can choose how much you do. They usually meet at 9am, and work between two and three hours. They are a very sociable group, and their efforts are recognised by local businesses, and sometimes rewarded!

Coordinator Peter Tompkins, email peterjtompkins@hotmail.com or 01308 897043

WALKING GROUP

Burton Bradstock Walkers: organise monthly morning walks of 5-6 miles around a convivial lunch spot. Less serious than the Ramblers - it's as much about the lunch as the walking!

For more information contact Graham Moody on moodys@btinternet.com.

This document has been created by the Burton Bradstock Online Group who are responsible for the Village website, in collaboration with the Burton Bradstock Village Society and the Village Hall Trust with the support of the Parish Council.

We would value Additions and Updates – please email to bbwpeditor@gmail.com