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PTAG NEWS – April 2023

Next PTAG Meeting

This will be an in-person, public meeting at the Purbeck Youth Centre, (by the Purbeck Sports Centre) from 1830-2030 on Thursday 27 April.

Active Travel

Sustainable Swanage is preparing an Active Travel Plan with the aim of getting more people moving around the town using sustainable and/or active travel, this includes walking, scooting, cycling, using public transport. The plan may provide some ideas for other communities in Purbeck. Useful contact organisations include:

www.livingstreets.org.uk

A UK charity for everyday walking, this leaflet has some useful tips and information. <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/3561/family-walk-to-school-kit.pdf>

www.sustrans.org.uk

A national charity that tries to make it easier for people to walk and cycle. They are the custodians of the National cycle Network.

However, at national level, last month the Government slashed dedicated funding for cycling infrastructure and active travel by two-thirds, from £308m to £100m over the next two years. This is a devastating funding cut and a huge step backwards for cycling in England – Cycling UK has [written to the Prime Minister and to every MP in England](#) to call for these cuts to be reversed to save the cycling budget. You may wish to add your voice and write to your MP today.

Car Free Day

International Car Free Day is on 22 September. Various groups in Dorset are planning events on or around this date. These will be positive encouragements for people to use alternatives to the car – cycling, walking, public transport. As part of the Purbeck Heaths Sustainable Tourism Project, the National Trust Project Officer has produced a leaflet: 'Car Free Days in Purbeck', which can be downloaded from the website purbeckheaths.org.uk

Beryl bikes are now live across Studland, fully integrating into the BCP Beryl bike scheme. In order to see the map of bike availability and hire a bike, you need to download the App which gives you all the information.

Bus Services

The £2 fare offer has been extended to end of June. First and moreBus summer buses should be back at the end of May.

moreBus plan a launch event for their new-look Breezers: see <https://www.morebus.co.uk/breezers-summer-launch-event-friday-7-april-poole-park>.

It looks like the routes of the 30, 31, 35, 40 and 50 will be unchanged. They've also brought former Yellow bus routes into the "Breezer" family: the 70 and 80.

First Bus are also keen to do a relaunch of the Jurassic Coasters, including the X52 & X54.

Rail Services

The 90 day Swanage Railway trial for the Wareham service is expected to start in June, using the diesel units. They will run on Saturdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pricing is still being worked out, but all services will call at Corfe Castle. It is planned to run the steam services in conjunction with the diesels to Wareham.

Speed Limits

Message below from Adrian Berendt, 20s Plenty Campaign Coordinator, England South:

'Good evening all. Many of you will know that I've recently taken over responsibility in the South of England for supporting communities that want 20mph in their place. I'm here to help you to persuade Dorset Council to change its policy and make 20mph a realistic prospect.

Below are details of a Zoom call in early May where we can plan next steps. I look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to forward to others that you think might be interested.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: May 3, 2023 07:30 PM London

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvcOisrTwrH9zODKdbIsEeJOqhrMAIf1-r>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.'

Please let me know about any other transport matters in Purbeck that you think should be publicised.

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Rail Services

The Swanage Railway 90 day branch-line running to Wareham begins on Tuesday 4 April. First Train from Wareham 11.19 a.m. SWR are offering thro' ticketing: £10.00 return to Norden. £25.00 Return to Swanage. Last train of 4 per day is 4.15 p.m. from Swanage. The last date to of this seasonal running will be 10 September.

See Swanage Railway Trust website for Timetable and ticketing details:

<https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/book-travel-tickets>

Apologies for outdated information.

Nick Ward