

Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting

Monday 13th November 2023

Investing in the future of Corfe Castle – At time of writing this report it is hoped that phase 1 of the conservation project on the castle would have commenced on Monday 13th December. I am working with Fleur, Senior Marketing and Communications Officer, to communicate to the local community, in more detail, what the conservation plans are and will share as and when. Hopefully, this will be with the communicated out before the project commences.

Christmas – The castle will be opening late in conjunction with the village lights and Santa on Saturday 2nd December. As always, the community of the Corfe Castle Parish can get free entry by showing evidence of the relevant postcode. The castle will close at 8pm on that evening. We are hoping to illuminate the castle throughout the month of December if we can get the new timer installed.

Maverick races Dark run – The castle will be hosting an evening running event on the 18th November 2023 between 5pm and 8pm. Runners will be setting off from the castle and completing either a 5km, 10km or 20km trail across the Purbeck countryside. The finish line will be back at the castle. More info can be found here: <https://www.maverick-race.com/products/the-maverick-exposure-lights-dark-castle-2023>

Changing places – There has been no updates since the last report. We are still waiting on third party information before we can commence. I am happy to say that the Changing Place, down at Knowle Beach, is currently being installed (hopefully by the time of the CCPC, will be fully installed and up and running)

Closure of permissive footpath advanced warning – I have instructed and given the contract to ATV Contract Services to commence work on the permissive footpath starting at gate opposite Castle View through to the bridge and surrounding area near the bottom of West Hill. Work will commence soon after the new year and the permissive path will be fully closed to the public for an estimated 6 weeks. Pre-warning signage will be put in place in December with the path being closed from 2nd December. We will leave a small section of the path open at the exit from the bottom of North Field to ensure the safety of walkers coming over the field. Work on the pathway goes toward better accessibility routes and will widen some sections and resurfacing the whole path.

