



Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting

Monday 14th November

October Half Term

We welcomed over 9,000 visitors to the castle during half term with over 2,000 of these taking up the 'Autumn Gold' promotion that the National Trust has been running where visitors are able to access our sites for free.

Christmas

Our Christmas activities commence on the weekend of Saturday 26th November then subsequently on each weekend throughout December and the week leading up to Christmas. The Castle lights will only be illuminated on the weekends instead of the full month of December to assist with the increasing electricity costs. The full offer will be now up on our website. Storytelling, firepits, marshmallows, crafting and mulled wine will hopefully be part of the offer!

2023 Events and programmes

Our programme of events has been finalised for 2023 but is still open to some small additional events if we can accommodate them. These include:

- Feb Half Term family activities
- Easter events
- Isle of Purbeck Engagement (free) open day where locals can come and see what the Trust are working on across Purbeck and aspirations for the future
- 1st May Bank Holiday – Artisan 'Have a go' activities will possible partnerships with other Heritage activity providers
- May Half Term – Return of the Village Fete (fingers crossed!) on May Day Bank Holiday
- Free Guided Walking Tours across the Isle of Purbeck
- Free History Tours of the Castle and it's connection to the village
- Storytelling weekends in connection to our family trails
- Summer activities connecting to 'Active Outdoors'
- Open Air Theatres
- Festival of Cultural Heritage – in connection to Open Heritage Days
- 'Dark Dorset' in collaboration with Maverick Races
- October Half term – Living History remonstrations
- Christmas offer – TBC – lets get through 2022 first!

Weddings at the Castle

We are in the process of recruiting a Wedding and Functions Manager for the property, with the castle now fully licensed for ceremonies we are looking at how we can create this into a commercial venture. Initially starting very small scale but looking to expand later.

King Charles Coronation

The Trust would be interested in finding out if the CCPC have any plans for the Kings coronation and what, if any, support we can offer – similar possibilities to the Queen's Jubilee but open to suggestions.
