

Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting

Monday 14th February 2022

Quinquennial works – Scaffolding was erected on two areas with the West Bailey a few weeks ago and Sally Stretchy ([SSHConservation | Conservators of Historic Buildings, Monuments & Sculpture](#)) commence work today, 7th Feb 22, for an 8 week period. I have included a map of the areas that they will be covering during this stage. It is likely that after the summer period there will be more work happening now that we have returned to a format of ongoing conservation works.

Conservation Management Plan – After a great meeting with Keystone, we are planning on commencing and updating the CMP from April onwards. The previous report is very out of date now (due to covid) so it's important that we have a new one as soon as possible.

Tea-Rooms and Castle View – both have been closed recently for essential maintenance – work in the Tea-room started later than anticipated due to covid within the contractors. We are hoping that the Tea-room will be back open and ready for half term.

Village Welcome Map – Feedback was received from the PC (thankyou) and passed onto the designer, now that he has finished other work streams he will be working on completing this asap – when we have the final copy we will then make contact with the local businesses through the village and asking if they wish to be included. Names of businesses can easily be removed from the text of body if they chose to opt out.

East Street – We have had the adjoining wall on the pathway to 42 East Street assessed, we are hoping to divert the contractors working on Boar Mill to complete the needed works. It maybe that the Trust has to request the closure of the pathway for a period of time during and leading up to the time of work.

2022 event highlights

Feb Half Term – this sees the return of the much loved Teddy Bear Zip wire and commencement of the Bankes 40 Family Trail: [February Half Term Fun at Corfe Castle | National Trust](#)

Easter - We have opted out of the 'National Programming' for the Easter period – mainly due to Corfe's proximity to Kingston Lacy, Studland, Brownsea Island and West Dorset properties who are all running the 'Adventures in Nature' programme of events. This year, we have decided to run an inhouse developed Easter programme relating to a Dragon in the Castle: [The Castle and the Dragon Family Trail | National Trust](#)

Quiet Hour – After consulting with some third-party organisations who specialise in individuals with disabilities we are trialling an event, currently on Wednesday mornings 9am – 10am, where you can book time to come to the castle and enjoy its surroundings with a limited number of 20 individuals: [Quiet hour at Corfe Castle | National Trust](#)

Queens Jubilee – We are waiting to hear back from our central team to see if they are hoping to use the castle for some type of celebration over the Jubilee weekend – more information to follow when we know.

Christmas – After some meetings with lighting contractors we have decided that due to cost/benefit it is unlikely that we will have an evening offer this year and stick to a more enhanced day time offer.

Festival of Archaeology – We recently had a meeting with the British Council of Archaeology (BCA) who are interested in hosting some events across Purbeck in the summer. The Festival runs between the 16th and 31st July.