

Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting

Monday 10th January 2022

Tea-Rooms – the Tea Room will be closed for roughly 6 weeks as it undergoes a much needed make over and maintenance works, the plan is that it will be reopen ready for ½ term in February.

Christmas – We welcomed just over 7,500 visitors to the castle in December who enjoyed the open fire pits, marshmallow toasting and 'Lord of Misrule', in 2022 we are planning on running selected dates evening opening alongside normal trading days.

Village Welcome Map – We have received some great feedback from the PC and will be looking into incorporating this into the map, we hope to pass this out to the local businesses as soon as possible (once the final draft has been drawn) to seek their permission if they wish to be included.

Quinquennial works – The Pre-contract meeting go ahead on Friday 14th January to finalise the plans. At present we believe that post work scaffolding should be going up near the end of January and conservation work commence shortly afterwards.

Conservation Management Plan – We have been in contact with Keystone, who were appointed in late 2019 to complete the Conservation Management Plan for Corfe. This had to be put on hold over the last 18 months due to restrictions that was put in place regarding the spending of funds. Keystone is hoping to commence the delivery of the CMP from April 2022 onwards.

2022 – Planning for events for next year is already well under way by the Visitor Experience team and there will be some slight changes compared to previous years. There will be no large-scale events, such as Vikings and Saxons and Civil War re-enactments. We will be focusing on more smaller scale events that are still as entertaining and enjoyable for our visitors throughout the year.

40 years of National Trust – 16th April 1982 was the day that the Bankes Estate got officially handed over to the National Trust, 2022 marks the 40th anniversary of this occurring and the Isle of Purbeck portfolio are working in partnership with the Kingston Lacy portfolio to host some events to celebrate this.