

Changing places – There has been push back from the local planning officer about the colouring of the unit and currently they have not granted us permission. We are working with both the suppliers and Dorset Council to come to a mutually agreeable outcome. Once we have agreed this we will then move onto the next stage of the instillation process. We have planned restorative works to commence on the car park at the same time to minimise the impact of the visitor. We have no time frame of this at the moment.

Closure of permissive footpath advanced warning – By the time of the CCPC the newly updated pathway from Castle View to West Hill should be finished and looking great. The work was done to widen the path and create a better surface.

Peregrines at Corfe Castle – Springwatch – We are in conversations with the BBC to try and install some temporary bird cameras into the castle ahead of time for the next Springwatch to document the yearly use of the castle by the Peregrines

Conservation works – We are coming up to the mid way point of work for Phase 1 of the conservation project and are in the process of going to tender for Phase's 2 and 3. Phase 2 is planned to commence in June 2024 and Phase 3 in early to mid 2025 going through into 2026

Events in the castle – The NT Corfe Castle webpage has been updated for the events that we are running through 2024, up to September and is available for all to look at. This year there will be a 'free to enter' weekend on Saturday 23rd March where we are working in partnership with the BCP Indian Association and are hosting their 'Holi' event.

We have met with the Festivities Committee and have a plan of action for the delivery of the Village Lights turn on event in December and will be working with them to ensure that we do not have the same situation of over crowding like we did last year.

The Old Stable - I am waiting on conformation for a start date for the works to happen on the roof of the Old Stable, once I have more details I will share. As you will know, from previous correspondences, it is likely that there will be 3 weeks' worth of road traffic management in the area. I have asked that this doesn't occur during half term to ensure that the area doesn't get more congested than usual.

The Rings - We have applied for consent to complete conservation works on The Rings and move the badgers that are currently claiming as their home. This area is currently on the Heritage at Risk register, and we have secured external funding to complete the works. At this time we are still the planning stage but will share more information as and when it is confirmed.
