



Bridport Town Council

Why work in Bridport?

Bridport is an exceptional place to live and work, offering natural beauty, community spirit, and creative energy. With its strong sense of local pride, Bridport is a friendly and welcoming town where you'll instantly feel connected, whether you're participating in community groups, attending local events, or simply enjoying the town's vibrant atmosphere. As the UK's only Rights Respecting Town, Bridport is deeply committed to human rights, environmental sustainability, and community health.

Located on the Jurassic Coast, Bridport is surrounded by stunning landscapes, including scenic walking routes and the picturesque West Bay beaches, all part of the town's charm. The town combines the best of both worlds—independent shops, a twice-weekly street market, and four supermarkets—alongside a range of small, family-run restaurants and cafes offering diverse cuisine, from British to South East Asian, Italian to Indian, and of course, the popular fish and chips of West Bay.

Culturally, Bridport is thriving, with a lively arts scene that includes the famous Bridport Literary Festival and a wide array of live events, films, and exhibitions at venues like the Bridport Arts Centre, the Electric Palace, and the Lyric Theatre. The town is home to a large creative community that celebrates local talent and welcomes innovation. The town has a fascinating history, particularly known for its rope-making industry that dates back to medieval times. You can explore this heritage at Bridport Museum and West Bay Discovery Centre.

Despite its small size, Bridport is well-connected to nearby towns and cities like Dorchester, Weymouth, and Exeter, offering easy access to larger hubs while maintaining its charm. The nearest train stations in Axminster, Dorchester and Crewkerne take you to Southampton, London, Exeter and beyond.

Living and working in Bridport means being part of a dynamic, forward-thinking community in one of the UK's most beautiful and inspiring locations. Whether you're seeking a fulfilling career or a peaceful, purposeful lifestyle, Bridport offers the perfect balance.

Why work for Bridport Town Council?

Bridport Town Council offers a supportive and forward-looking environment for those looking to make a real impact in a thriving, engaged community. Despite a small population of just 13,500 people and a dedicated team of 20 Councillors and 28 employees, we consistently deliver at a level comparable to much larger organisations, thanks to our proactive and collaborative approach.

We are outward-focused, building strong partnerships and fostering relationships that expand our influence and enhance community life. We work with Dorset Council to deliver services, local businesses to seek joint funding opportunities, and the Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP) which brings together around 100 community groups to address key issues like homelessness, health, and wellbeing.

We manage a wide array of services that enrich the community, including:

- Allotments
- Bridport Cemetery
- Charity fundraising car boot sale
- Community buildings for hire
- Community grants
- Civic/community events
- Highway verge maintenance
- Parks, open spaces, and play areas
- Planning and the Neighbourhood Plan
- Public foot/cycle paths
- Round-town bus service
- Sitting-out licensing and A-boards
- Tourist Information Centre
- Twice weekly market
- West Bay Discovery Centre

These services are guided by a five-year corporate plan, developed in consultation with residents, to ensure alignment with the town's priorities.

We place a strong emphasis on community engagement, with numerous opportunities for residents to get involved, such as:

- Over 6,000 people participating in our Access & Movement Study
- A comprehensive consultation on Community Governance Review proposals
- Hosting and engaging at numerous public events, including the popular Community Charter Fair
- Offering hybrid meetings to increase accessibility, both in person and virtually
- Regular councillor engagement sessions out and about in the community

Here at Bridport Town Council, we go above and beyond to support the community, embracing our role as a proactive and compassionate organisation:

- Proudly declared the UK's only Rights Respecting Town, advocating for human rights within the community
- Managing services beyond the parish boundary, benefiting neighbouring areas
- Leading the drive to achieve more affordable housing in Bridport
- Saving community assets, including the Tourist Information Centre, Youth & Community Centre and WI Hall, ensuring vital local resources remain available

With our diverse and innovative approach, Bridport Town Council is an inspiring place to work, where every team member plays a key role in shaping a vibrant and resilient community.