



SPRING PROGRAMME

April – June 2025

b-side

PORTLAND

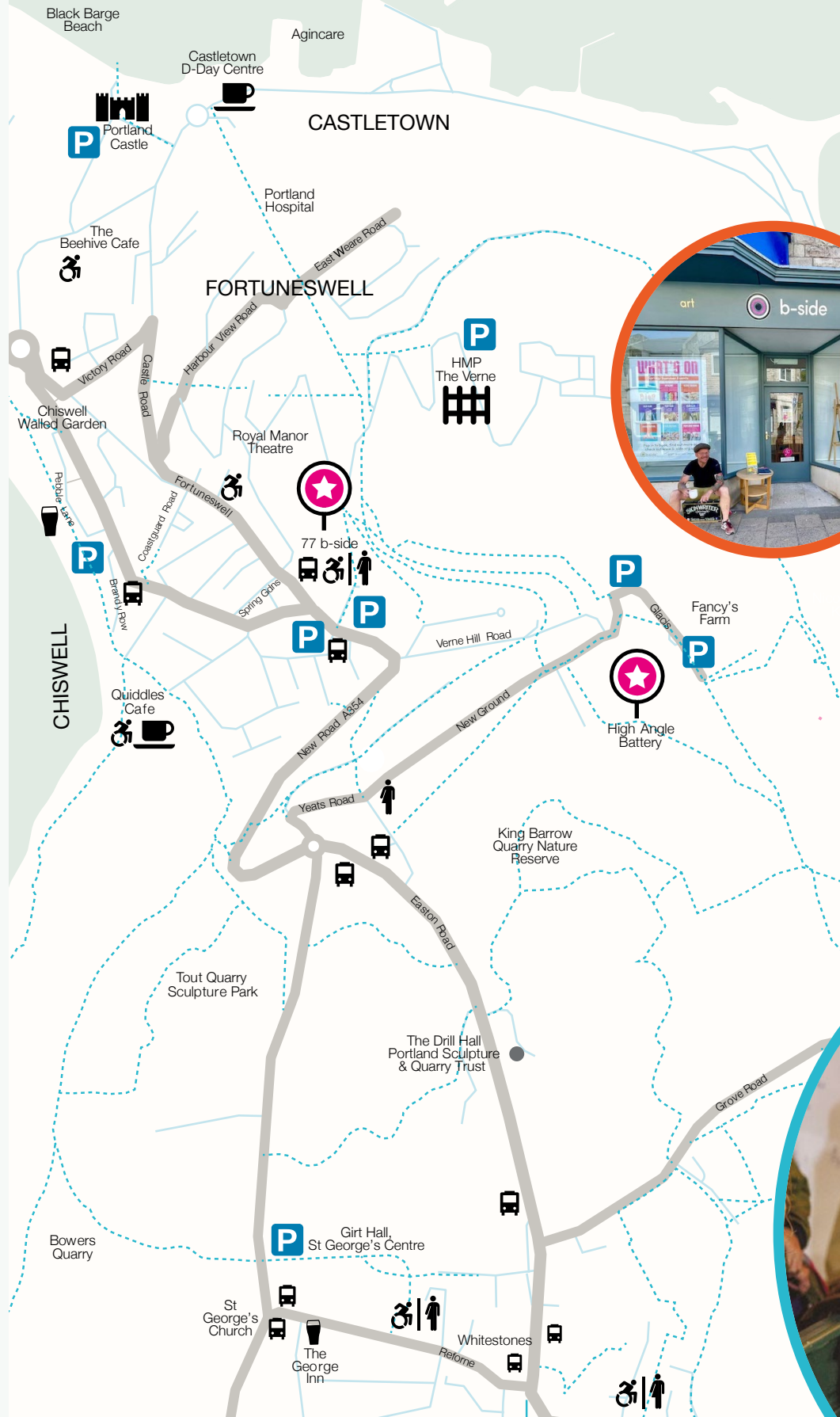


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-  Bus stop
-  Car parking
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-  Café/pub
-  Main road
-  Minor road
-  Footpath
-  what3words
-  Family friendly



USEFUL INFORMATION

ACCESS

Please contact us by phone or email to discuss anything we can do to ensure your enjoyment of our events. We have indicated which venues and sites are wheelchair accessible and there is more access information on our website.



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Give us a call
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WHAT3WORDS

Use **WHAT3WORDS** to help you navigate your way. Use your web browser or download the app.
www.what3words.com

HOW TO GET HERE BY BUS

Buses frequently run between Weymouth and Portland. Service **Number 1** from King's Statue [K4] Weymouth to Portland does a circuit of the island as far as Southwell. For timetables visit First Group's website or call **0345 646 0707** (Mon-Sat 7am-7pm, Sun 7am-6pm).

BY TRAIN

Trains to Weymouth run from London Waterloo via Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (South West Trains) and from Bristol Temple Meads (First Great Western). Take a look at Trainline for train times.
www.thetrainline.com

BY BOAT

There is a daily ferry service from Coastline Cruises from Weymouth to Portland.
[@coastlinekiosk](http://www.coastlinecruises.com)

BY CAR

From the South + London: A35 towards Dorchester then A354 to Weymouth.
From the West: follow the signs to Bridport, then either the B3157 to Weymouth via Abbotsbury or the A35 to Dorchester.



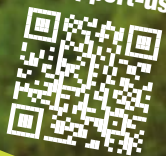
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HELLO

Welcome to b-side's spring programme!

This year is very significant for b-side, Portland, and Weymouth as we proudly embrace our designation as Dorset's Towns of Culture 2025. Join us in celebrating the vibrant people, captivating stories, and bountiful creativity that give Portland and Weymouth their unique character. b-side is delighted to be coordinating Towns of Culture for Portland and Weymouth and true to our mission, we are shining a spotlight on Portland's remarkable and often overlooked sites.

Pop into our project space to meet our team and get stuck into workshops and meet-ups. And dive into an unforgettable experience as we present an array of exciting cultural events at the historic High Angle Battery on Portland starting in April right through to our BIG b-side weekend in September.

See page 8 for details



POP IN TO 77

JUST POP IN

Workshops, meet-ups, arts and culture books, and more at our project space

77 Fortuneswell, Portland, DT5 1LY

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Nearest accessible public toilet Fortuneswell

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CAFÉ OPE

APRIL 8th, May 13th, June 10th

6-8pm

FREE

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Join us for tea, coffee, delicious cakes, and inspiring stories of hope that will warm your heart and lift your spirits. Different speakers every month, check website for more info.

All welcome.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH





BOOKING ESSENTIAL

PORTLAND PRINT RISO CLUB

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th
10–12am and 12.30–2.30pm

Tickets £5

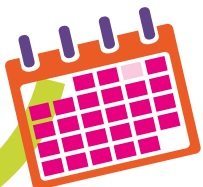
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**Come and learn how to use a
Risograph to create stunning
colour prints**

RISO CLUB is back! First Saturday of the month join artist Jodie House and make Risograph prints.

Risograph duplicators are renowned for delivering some of the best colour and texture you can find in print with bold colours, grainy gradients with a mysterious “hand-crafted appearance”.

**FIRST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH**



ARTACHAT

April 30th, May 28th, June 25th

FREE | Booking recommended

Art, chat, food and friendship

A safe space for our LGBTQIA+ community led by and for the community. Monthly meet-ups include workshops, short film nights, dancing or discussion – the group decides! Take a look at the website to find out what’s happening next and how to join in.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS

FREE



**LAST
WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH**

STATE OF ALARM

By Mark Anderson and Liam Walsh
See page 9 for details



Photo: Giles Bennett

TOWNS OF CULTURE LAUNCH WEEKEND

Four brilliant events to launch Portland + Weymouth Towns of Culture 2025

FREE

WEYMOUTH

FREE

TOC25 LAUNCH PARTY

Fri April 25th | 7-10pm
St Nics, 11 St Nicholas Street,
Weymouth DT4 8AA

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FREE

Bar and food available

Don't miss the launch of Towns of Culture 2025! Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, art and dance! The Vinyl Van will be parking up to deliver an eclectic mix of sounds, featuring special guest DJs to ignite the dancefloor. But that's not all! The Friendly Society of Artistic Labourers will be transforming St Nics Gallery into a dynamic creative hub, bursting with inspiration and artistic energy.

This is an event you won't want to miss – everyone is welcome! You are part of Towns of Culture 2025 and we can't wait to see you!

Photo: Two Cats in the Yard Photography

RAMSHACKLICIOUS & HIJINX PRESENT: TRUTH! PLUS 'CAN'T STOP THE BEAT' BY THE REMIX

Sat April 26th | 11.30am + 2.30pm

Weymouth Town Centre
(see website for site info)

FREE



A unique roving outdoor performance by an inclusive ensemble of playful troublemakers! Join in with the unfurling games, exploring power and control. A curious sense of excitement bubbles, uniting THE PEOPLE in a joyful riot of love! TRUTH is a Dadaist take on a brighter future, a gentle call to action, a quiet rebellion.

Supported by Arts Council England & Arts Council Wales.
Presented by Activate Performing Arts.

High Angle Battery
New Ground
Portland
DT5 1LF

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WEYMOUTH CONCERT BRASS

Sat April 26th | 1-1.30pm

Enjoy the gorgeous brass tones of Weymouth Concert Brass welcoming all to this historic site.

Photo: Hugh Warwick

By Mark Anderson and Liam Walsh
Sat April 26th & Sun 27th | 2-7pm
both days

FREE

“A pulsing, gorgeous and threatening world woven out of sound sculptures and beautiful, rhythmic notes”

A captivating sound-world that comes alive through an ensemble of visually striking ‘instruments’ – gongs, bells, whistles and explosive events. State of Alarm gives a voice to the social and ecological alarm rippling across our planet. A hypnotic and playful invitation to contemplate our future together.

A bespoke version of this acclaimed artwork using the tunnels, chambers and striking architecture of the High Angle Battery.

Oxford
Contemporary
Music



RE-DISCOVER THE HIGH ANGLE BATTERY

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Walks

A series of walks exploring the many layers of High Angle Battery history.

Booking essential for all walks. Tickets £3.50

Guidance: Dress for the weather. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear – some walking over rough ground is included. Check website for all access information.

Meeting point for all walks is at the car park nearest the Verne gate, look out for b-side signage.

 ramps.slogans.delved

History Tours

**Sat May 10th, June 14th
11am–12.30pm**

Join Dorset Council's Senior Archaeologist Steve Wallis for an informative and engaging walk through the High Angle Battery.

Learn how the High Angle Battery operated, why it was soon obsolete, and the many changing uses of this remarkable site up to the present day.

Secret Stories of Plants

**Sun May 11th
11am–12.30pm**

Join herbalist Andrew Cowling for a herbal walk and listen to the many myths and folklore that surround them. Andrew studied herbal medicine at the School of Phytotherapy/Herbal Medicine, is the author of "A Portland Herbal", and is a Fellow of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists. These walks are always popular so book your place soon!

Archaeology Walk

**Sun May 18th
11am–1pm**

Take a stroll back through time with archaeologist Andrea Frankham-Hughes.

Dive into Portland's deep history and discover stories of the Iron Age and Romano-British residents of the Island. The areas around the Verne and the Grove were rich in burials and significant artefacts, from the enigmatic beehive huts to Iron Age collars, mirrors, coins and ingots.

Botany Walk

**Sat June 7th
2pm–4.30pm**

Take a walk with botanist Bryan Edwards and discover the rich and diverse plant and animal life that inhabits the High Angle Battery and its surroundings.

UNDERGROUND GALLERY

Thurs June 26th to Sun 29th
Opening hours 11–6pm

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Age guidance: see website

Explore the tunnels and chambers of this historic monument and discover stunning photographs by torchlight. Underground Gallery has been co-curated by Portland's LGBTQIA+ group and artist Gil Mualem-Doron featuring images by photographers from across the globe. A captivating exhibition that explores the overlooked, the unseen and aspects of otherness including work from the "No Man's Land" series by Gil Mualem-Doron.



FREESTYLE EMBROIDERY

Fri May 2nd | 10am–1pm

BnB-side, 77 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

Tickets £40 (inc materials and refreshments)

Join "The Red Dress" artist Kirstie Macleod for a hands-on embroidery workshop with a difference! Inspired by a more painterly approach to embroidering (which Kirstie uses in her own work) the class will be led through different ways of mark-making using wool on canvas to create high-impact expressive pieces. See website for access information.

PORTLAND DRESS TEXTILE WORKSHOP

Sat June 7th | 12.30–4.30pm

St George's Centre, Reforne,
Easton, Portland, DT5 2AN

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FREE DROP IN

Be part of Portland history in the making!

Did you see The Red Dress at the b-side festival in 2024? Thousands experienced this significant international artwork, made by artist Kirstie Macleod and 100s of people from around the globe. Now, Portland is creating a sister dress that shares our stories. Join Antje Rook and Sarah Whiteside for hands-on textile art. No experience is needed.



BOOKING ESSENTIAL





LOOK OUT FOR SUMMER PROGRAMME OUT IN JUNE INCLUDING THE B-SIDE BIG WEEKEND SEPT 11-14.

THANK YOU

To our wonderful volunteers, board members, and team who make our events possible.

Thank you to our Partners and Supporters: The Arts Development Company, Activate, Bournemouth Arts by the Sea, Bridport Arts Centre, Portland's LGBTQIA+ Club, Portland and Weymouth Towns of Culture Project Board, In the Bag PR, Wallis Agency, Weymouth Drama Club, and the Wren Room.

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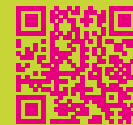


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The logo for Towns of Culture 2025, featuring the text "Towns of Culture" in a smaller font above "2025" in a larger, bold font, all contained within a blue rectangular border.

Towns of Culture
2025

PORTLAND & WEYMOUTH

The word "REVEAL" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. A blue graphic element, resembling a stylized swirl or a ribbon, is integrated into the letter "R".

REVEAL

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