



SUMMER/ AUTUMN PROGRAMME

July–Sept
2025



Islands of Imagination, Portland Parade 2024, partnership production with Sophie Fretwell. Puppets by Emerald Ant



Cover image: Tom Marshman, Section 28 and Me



HELLO

Welcome to b-side's Summer–Autumn Programme

This year marks an extraordinary moment for b-side, Portland, and Weymouth as we proudly celebrate our designation as Towns of Culture 2025. Over the next three months, expect a vibrant mix of community-led events that celebrate culture in all its forms—from yarn bombing and mass sea dips to analogue film workshops and digital poetry trails. There truly is something for everyone. Check out www.portlandweymouthculture.com to see the full line-up of Towns of Culture funded events.

At the High Angle Battery, our summer programme continues with a lively series of walks and tours that explore the many layers of this remarkable heritage site. Families can look forward to joyful, unexpected happenings—join a community chorus or take part in the soon-to-be world-famous teddy bear flinging competition. At b-side, we revel in the weird and wonderful—and the High Angle Battery is the perfect stage for it.

In September, b-side's BIG Weekend honours the spirit of Portland and Weymouth as Towns of Culture 2025, revealing untold stories from our island. With inspirational artists and communities as your guide, discover memories from the armed forces, moments of joy and resilience in LGBTQ+ lives, and heartfelt testimonies from those seeking asylum.

Whether you're joining a mass stitching workshop to complete the Portland Dress, or dancing in a boxing ring, come celebrate the extraordinary people, captivating stories, and creative spirit that make Portland and Weymouth truly unique.



PORTLAND & WEYMOUTH





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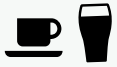
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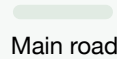
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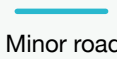
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Café/pub



Main road



Minor road



Footpath



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Family friendly



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

At b-side the whole island becomes a venue – that's a big space!

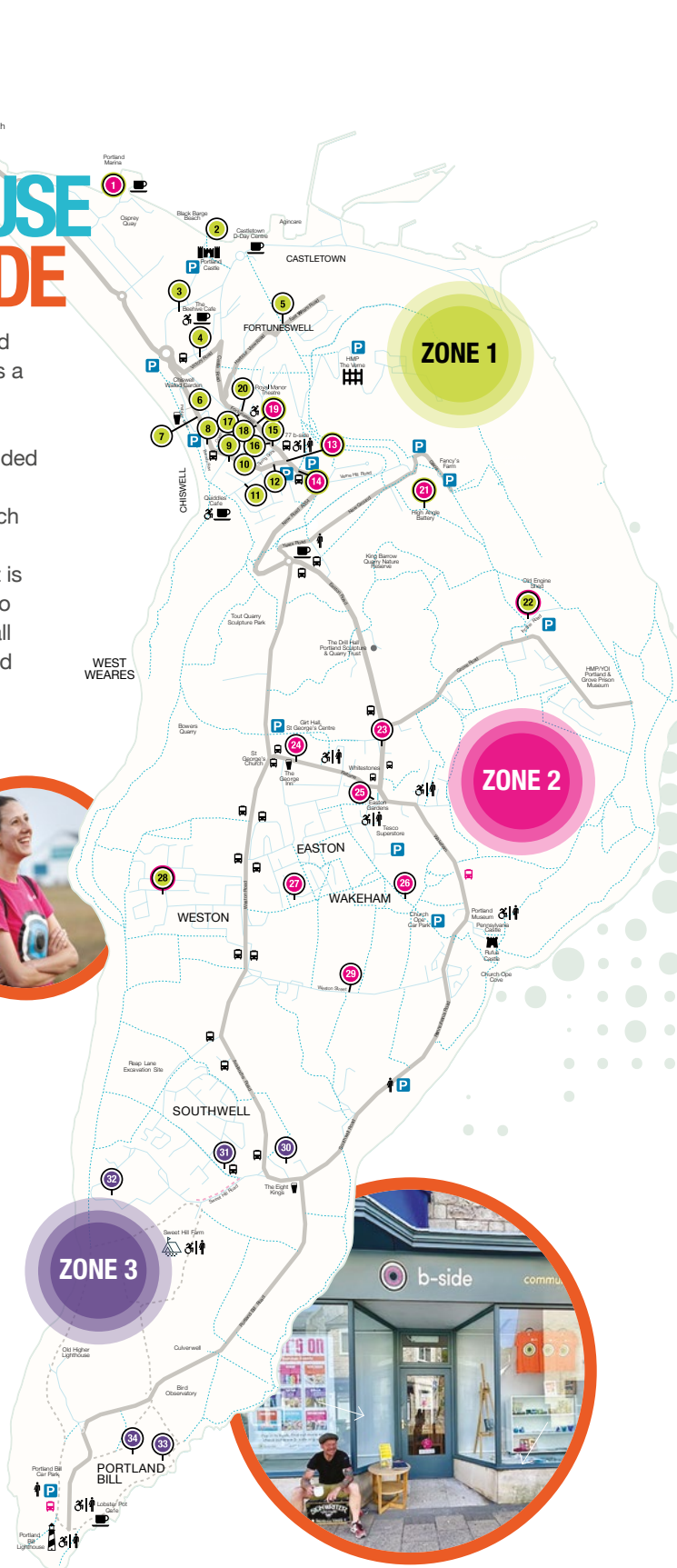
In this Guide we have divided the BIG Weekend events into 3 Portland zones. Each zone has its own map so you can easily see all that is happening nearby, how to get there and of course, all the great places to eat and drink along the way too!

One of the best things about a journey is all the amazing people you meet on the way. Look out for our brilliant b-side volunteers in bright b-side t-shirts who will be happy to help you find your way around.



WHAT3WORDS

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



USEFUL INFORMATION



ACCESS

Please contact us by phone, email, letter, or by popping into our info hub to discuss anything we can do to ensure your enjoyment of our events.

Our info hub at 77 Fortuneswell site 13, is the place to go to for information, booking tickets or finding out more. The hub will be staffed by one of our team throughout the BIG Weekend to support you with any access requirements.

RELAXED HOUR

Sometimes looking at an artwork amongst a crowd of people can be too much, so we have planned a bookable relaxed hour at some of the most suitable sites.

Look out for Relaxed Hour information online.



LOST? CAN'T FIND SOMETHING?

Give us a call

**01305
568044**



STRAIGHT FROM THE ARTIST'S MOUTH

Audio descriptions and insights into some of the artworks can be heard on your smart phone by scanning the QR code at the artwork venue or site.



GETTING AROUND

Portland is an amazing landscape to walk around, but if you fancy a wheel-based journey, we have got you covered!

Take a Trishaw Ride

We are pleased to be working with Cycling Without Age again this year to offer free trishaw rides for people with walking difficulties. Catch a ride from New Ground Car Park to High Angle Battery.

Electric Bike Tours

Cycle your way around b-side with some extra help for the hilly bits by hiring an electric bike from 'Electric Fury' www.electricfury.com

Hop on Board – The Weyline Accessible Bus

Thurs 11th Sept 11am.
Starts and ends at Tesco's car park, Easton.

FREE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

A free and accessible minibus courtesy of wonderful Weyline. Enjoy a tour of some of the b-side BIG Weekend sites with time to enjoy the artworks too. Every site we will take you to is accessible for those with walking difficulties, and there are sites with accessible toilet facilities en route.

HOW TO GET HERE BY BUS

Buses frequently run between Weymouth and Portland. Service **Number 1** from Kings 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.



REGULAR MONTHLY TREATS



Get together, walks and workshops every month for regulars and newcomers - all are welcome!

77 Fortuneswell, Portland, DT5 1Y

 firepower.list.cake

Please note this venue does not have an accessible toilet.

Nearest public toilet: Fortuneswell

FREE

CAFÉ OPE

Tues 8th July, 12th Aug, 9th Sept
6–8pm | FREE

Join us for tea, coffee, delicious cakes, and inspiring stories 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



PORTLAND PRINT RISO CLUB

Sat 12th July, 16th Aug

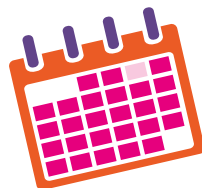
10–12pm and 12.30–2.30pm

Tickets £5

Booking Essential

Come and learn how to use a Risograph to create stunning colour prints. Risograph duplicators are renowned for bold colours, grainy gradients with a mysterious “hand-crafted appearance”.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



LGBT+ SIDE

Weds 30th July, 27th Aug,
24th Sept | 6–8pm

FREE | Booking recommended

Art, chat, food, and friendship. A safe space for our LGBTQIA+ community led by and for the community – talks, workshops, craft, films – the group decides! Check the website to see what's on month by month.

MONTHLY
MEET-UPS



THE LITTLE LGBTQIA+ LIBRARY

**Pop in Tues & Thurs 3–6pm,
Sat 1–3pm**

A cozy, discreet reading haven at b-side, offering a rich collection of LGBTQIA+ literature and resources for support groups. The Little Tiny Library is for those who are out, not out, questioning, allies, or simply curious. You are all welcome.

RE-DISCOVER THE HIGH ANGLE BATTERY

Known locally as the ghost tunnels, enjoy events, walks and activities to delight, inform and intrigue!

High Angle Battery
New Ground
Portland
DT5 1LF

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VOICES UNBOUND

DESTINATION OPERA

Sat 19th July | 2–5.30pm workshop, 6–7pm performance



Thought opera wasn't for you? Think again!

Join Destination:Opera for an inspiring afternoon of music-making at High Angle Battery. Work alongside talented opera singers to master famous opera choruses and unlock your vocal potential. The day will conclude with a special informal workshop performance featuring the Dorset String Quartet. Don't miss this chance to elevate your voice and immerse yourself in the enchanting world of opera!

Leading up to the day there will be seven Sunday rehearsals which are entirely optional....the more prepared you are the more empowered you are going to feel. See website for all dates.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT
WWW.B-SIDE.ORG.UK

Photo: Brendan Buesnel

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 with Steve Wallis

**Sat 12th July, 9th Aug, 13th Sept
11am–12pm**

Join Dorset Council's Senior Archaeologist, Steve Wallis for a walk and talk, find out more about the fascinating heritage of High Angle Battery on Portland.

Foraging Walk

Sun 13th July | 11am–12.30pm

A foraging walk with food at it's heart! Join foraging expert Paul Burkhardt and learn about foraging. You will never look at the countryside, coastline, or High Angle Battery in the same way again!

Herbal Walk

Sun 27th July | 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

Sat 23rd Aug | 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 Roman-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.

Facebook Walk

If you can't access High Angle Battery or get out and about, then let Portland resident Sylvia Webster do the walking for you. Follow Sylvia as she explores and documents the site in photos and captions and enjoy this incredible place from afar. See our website b-side.org.uk



BOOKING ESSENTIAL



BIG FLINGER

EMERALD ANT

Sun 24th and Mon 25th Aug
11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm
Tickets £3.50 per team/family
Booking essential to send your
teddy on a flinging adventure

Watch Out! Emerald Ant performers will take military occupation of the High Angle

Battery. We invite you, and your teddy, to join us on our training exercises with our purpose-built canon, culminating in a High Angle Adventure! Will you, and your teddy, help us defend King and Country? Are you made of the 'Right Stuff'? Those of a less courageous disposition, please come, watch and cheer!



**Is Your Teddy Ready...
for a
High Angle
Adventure?!**

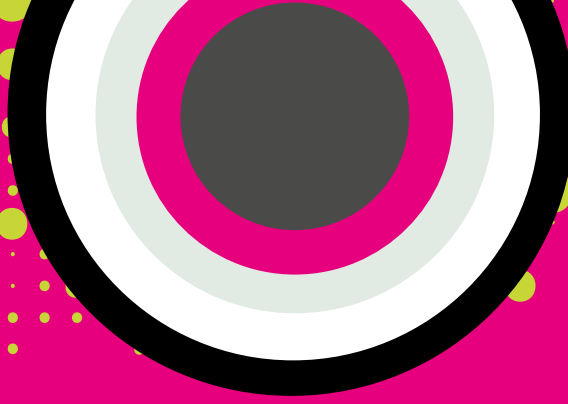


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Be a b-side lover **DONATE ONLINE OR POP**
SOME POUNDS IN OUR DONATION BUCKETS

b-side.org.uk/support-us/#donorbox





B-SIDE BIG WEEKEND SEPT 11–14 2025

Portland & Weymouth are Towns of Culture 2025, to celebrate this very special year b-side is a little different! This year we embrace b-side FRINGE and the Portland Parade into one BIG WEEKEND of culture, art and community. Pick a zone, enjoy the beauty of Portland and discover art and events by our talented Portland artists and inspirational b-side guest artists.

FEATURING:

CONCRETE

KEVIN CAMERON

LUKE WRIGHT

MARK BRUCE COMPANY

TOM MARSHMAN

ANTJE ROOK

SARAH WHITESIDE

**THE PORTLAND DRESS MADE
BY 100'S OF PORTLANDERS**

PLUS

THEO MCINNES & THOMAS RALPH

ANNA STOODLEY

RIA EKASARI

LGBT+SIDE GROUP

A HUGE B-SIDE FRINGE

A SUPER WEIRD PORTLAND PARADE

**WORKSHOPS, TALKS, TRISHAW RIDES,
DELICIOUS CAKES**

Portland Marina



Osprey Quay

Black Barge Beach



Castletown D-Day Centre

Agincare

ZONE 1

CASTLETOWN



The Beehive Cafe



FORTUNESWELL



Chiswell Walled Garden



Royal Manor Theatre



HMP The Verne



77 b-side



Fancy's Farm

CHISWELL



Spring Gains

New Road A364

New Ground

Verne Hill Road

Yeats Road

Easton Road

King Barrow Quarry Nature Reserve

Tout Quarry Sculpture Park

High Angle Battery

High Angle Battery

High Angle Battery

High Angle Battery

High Angle Battery

High Angle Battery

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1 B-SIDE

SUPER 8 WORKSHOP WITH KEVIN CAMERON

Portland Marina, Portland Marina, DT5 1DX

/// dignify.fliches.loads

Sat 11.30am–1.30pm. See p 17

2 FRINGE

ALMOST SYNCRO

Open water synchronised swimming and workshop

Black Barge Beach, Castletown DT5 1AZ. See p 17

/// friday.clouding.flotation

Sat & Sun performance 11am, Sat workshop 10am, see b-side website for workshop booking

3 FRINGE

THE TINY ART GALLERY MINIATURE CIRCUS EXHIBITION

In front of The Beehive, Victoria Park, DT5 1GB

/// meanders.jingles.glorious

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

4 FRINGE

TEST SPACE MARITIME MINI CRAZY ART GOLF!

4 Officers Field, DT5 1FH

/// reduce.mural.rubble

Thurs–Sun 12–5pm

5 FRINGE

JACQUELINE KIRBY

Portland drawings, paintings and mixed media

6 East Weare Road, DT5 1EU

/// flap.protests.adjusting

6 FRINGE

ANNABELLE DAWSON

Live portrait drawing and painting

29 Clements Lane, DT5 1AS

/// tangent.cringes.cherished

Thurs & Fri 1–3pm, Sat & Sun 1–4pm

7 FRINGE

AMANDA WALLWORK

This Beguiling Isle: drawing, painting, and maps

Ranters Lodge, Pebble Lane, Chiswell, DT5 1AW

/// bagpipes.ember.infringe

Thurs, Fri & Sat, 2–5pm

8 FRINGE

WEST WEARES ARTISTS

Outdoor gallery of drawings, prints and paintings

Stonehall, Chiswell, DT5 1AP

/// lashed.depths.lands

Thurs–Sun 12pm–6pm

9 FRINGE

BILL PEARCE

Portland: A Sense of Place, photography exhibition

Mallams Telephone Box, DT5 1NJ

/// olive.loitering.renamed

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

10 FRINGE

CLAIRE MAXFIELD

Photographs of the unique rural/industrial Portland landscape and have your portrait taken

131 High Street, Fortuneswell, DT5 1JH

/// skimmers.invest.justifies

Thurs–Sun 12–4pm

11 FRINGE

STEPHEN YATES HELPING HANDS

Dance performance with
ceramics installation

Portland Community
Venue, Three Yards Close,
Fortuneswell, DT5 1JN

/// herb.securing.spreading

Sat 11am–4pm

12 FRINGE

MODERN FOLK STUDIO

Open studio and bakery:
coastal art, vintage items
and antiques

1A Guernsey Street,
Fortuneswell DT5 1JR

/// rods.mammals.repeating

Sat 8am–3pm, bakery open
8am–1pm

13 B-SIDE

INFO HUB, SHOP AND EXHIBITION

Photography exhibition -
selected works from Bibby
Boys and Underground Gallery

77 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

/// cobbles.country.landowner

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm
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GREEN APPLES PERFORMANCE

Portland Boxing Club, East
Street, Fortuneswell, DT5 1NF

/// pioneered.boring.serves

Tickets £3.50 See p 19

Fri 4pm & 5.45pm
Sat 1pm, 3pm, 5pm

15 FRINGE

PODI LAWRENCE

Artist's perspective of
Portland display and live
demonstrations

Serra Properties, 79
Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

/// heeding.springing.replenish

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm, Fri &
Sat 11am–2pm demonstration

16 FRINGE

JULIA WOOD

Wizard wands, sea glass
spell bottles, driftwood
sculptures and all day
Pyrography Workshop

85 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

/// consoled.judge.skate

Thurs–Sat 11am–5pm,
Sun 11am–4pm

17 FRINGE

FUGU TATTOO

Illustrative window display

87 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

/// microfilm.duplicate.scouting

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

18 FRINGE

JUDY CROMBIE

Glass fusion art decorated
window

8 Ventnor Road, DT5 1JE

/// lanes.elsewhere.typical

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

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19 **B-SIDE**

ROYAL MANOR THEATRE

138A Fortuneswell DT5 1AE

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19 **CAT'S CAFE**

Thurs–Sat 11am–6pm,

Sun 11am–4pm

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19 **BATIK WAX IMPRINTS**

Thurs 11–1pm Sat 1–3pm

Tickets £5

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19 **POTTY FOR PORTLAND**

Sun 3–5pm

Adults £24 Children £12

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19 **SECTION 28 AND ME, TOM MARSHMAN**

Fri doors open 7pm,

show 7.30–8.30pm

Tickets £8.50 or 2 for £15

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19 **PUB GRUB, LUKE WRIGHT**

Sat doors open 7pm,

show 7.45pm

Tickets £15

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19 **SOUND & FORM - LUKE WRIGHT WORKSHOP**

Sun 10–11.30am. Tickets £12.50

See p 22

20 **FRINGE**

DANIELA DIDIER & SMUDGE

Home studio:
multimedia abstract art
with live guitar music

142 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LT

 beanbag.juggled.pointer

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

21 **B-SIDE**

EXCESS BAGGAGE - KEVIN CAMERON

Film installation

High Angle Battery, New Ground,
DT5 1LFF

 bricks.handbags.defended

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

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21 **B-SIDE**

MAS(S) - CONCRETE

Sound sculpture installation

High Angle Battery, New Ground,
DT5 1LFF

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Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL



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SUPER 8 CAFFEINATED MAGIC

KEVIN CAMERON

Sat 13th Sept 11.30am–1.30pm

Portland Marina, DT5 1DX

 dignify.fliches.loads

Tickets £5 | Limited places. Booking essential

Join film-maker Kevin Cameron to shoot and hand process Super 8 film.

Prior to the mid-1980s, Super 8 was the only accessible way of making moving images and became the favourite medium of home movie devotees as well as artists. A Super 8 reel lasts for around 3 minutes, so we will be developing some sequences and trying out various techniques such as stop frame animation. We will then go onto develop the film in a lomo tank using an organic process known as cafenol, a mix of instant coffee, soda ash and vitamin C.

Don't miss! Kevin Cameron's film installation at High Angle Battery p 24



FRINGE FEATURED EVENT

ALMOST SYNCHRO

Black Barge beach

Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept

11am performances

Sat 13th Sept 10am

Synchro Workshop

FREE

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After making a splash in 2024 Almost Synchro, Bristol's open water synchro team make a return visit to b-side. Enjoy Synchronised performance with a difference and maybe be part of it too!

Join in a free synchro workshop with the team starting with learning a simple routine on land in groups of 8 and then taking it into the water. Some open water swimming is essential for the sea swim part but all are welcome for the land practice. Come swim ready! Book via b-side website to participate in the workshop.

Funded by Reveal Portland & Weymouth Towns of Culture 2025





B-SIDE INFO HUB AND SHOP

Thurs 11th–Sun 14th Sept 11am–6pm

77 Fortuneswell, DT5 1LY

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(please note nearest accessible toilet is Fortuneswell)

Need some BIG recommendations for the BIG weekend? Book tickets? Can't find something? Come and ask our friendly team and we will



do all we can to help. Grab yourself some exclusive limited edition b-side and Towns of Culture merch too!

Plus, selected photographs from Bibby Boys and Underground Gallery Exhibitions.

Get exploring!

GREEN APPLES

MARK BRUCE COMPANY



Fri 12th Sept 4pm, 5.45pm
Sat 13th Sept 1pm, 3pm, 5pm
Portland Amateur Boxing Club, East
Street, Fortuneswell, DT5 1NF

 blushes.huts.pile

Please contact us for access information

Tickets £3.50

Choreographed by Mark Bruce to the music of the White Stripes, "Green Apples" is a powerful duet performed in a boxing ring. Separated from the performers only by a rope, the audience is immersed in a visceral and immediate experience as the dancers move around each other with physical intensity and magnetic energy.

Think contemporary dance isn't for you? This production will change your mind - it has real bite!

Performance lasts 15 mins

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

GREEN APPLES DANCE WORKSHOP



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

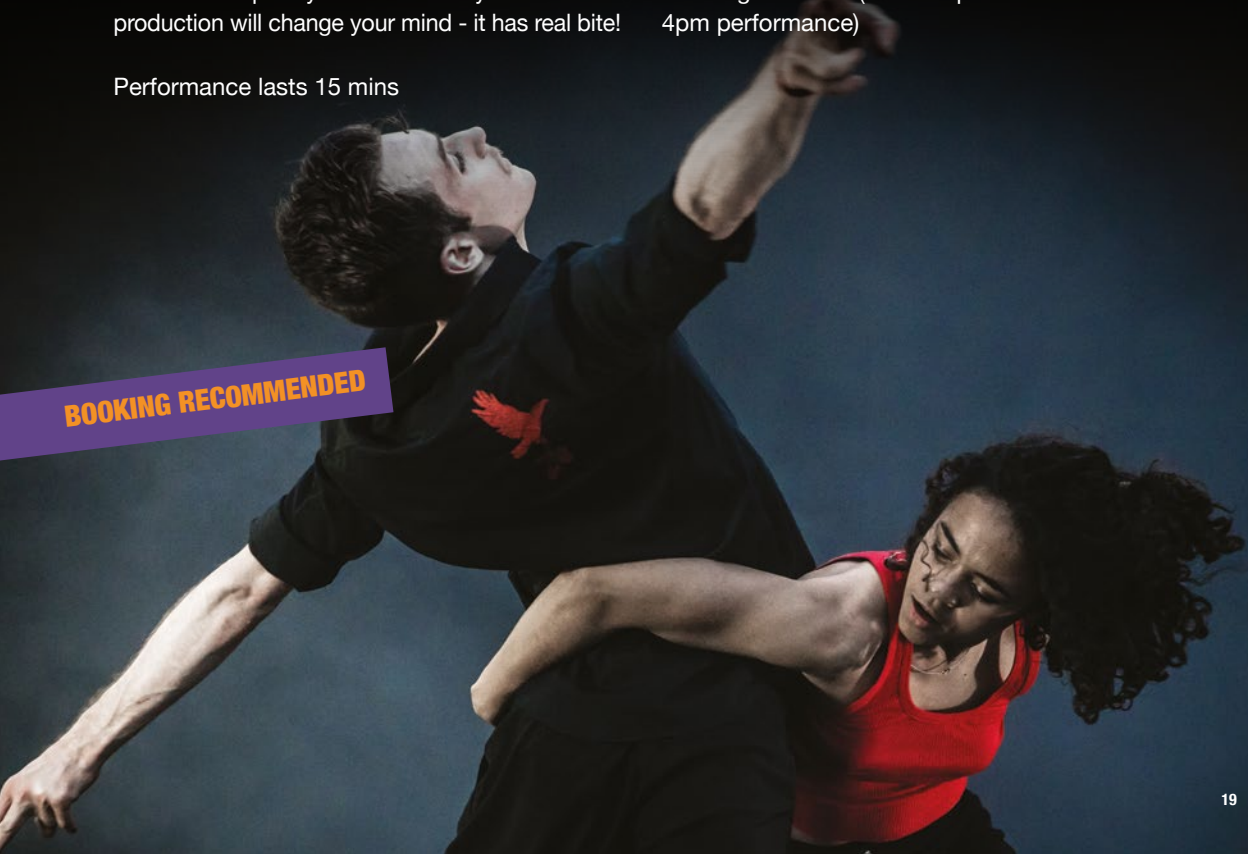
Fri 12th Sept 4–5.30pm

Tickets £15

No dance experience necessary

Join professional dancers Layla Bruce and Dominic Rocca for a unique dance workshop in the boxing club. An opportunity to learn a short extract from Green Apples. Suitable for all abilities and aimed at beginners, no partner necessary. Come with comfortable clothing and dance barefoot. Suitable for participants ages 14 and upward, 11 and up for those who already study dance.

Booking essential (workshop ticket includes 4pm performance)





EVENTS AT ROYAL MANOR THEATRE

138A Fortuneswell, DT5 1LT

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CAT'S CAFE

**Open Thurs–Sat 11–6pm,
Sun 11am–4pm**

Pop in for refreshments and cakes that definitely require a double helping PLUS some pop-up surprises. Plan your visit and pick up a FREE sensory bag (we have bags for adults and children) to accompany you on your BIG weekend journey.

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SECTION 28 AND ME

(the b-side edition)

TOM MARSHMAN

Fri 12th Sept 7.30–8.30pm
(Doors open 7pm)

Tickets £8.50 or 2 for £15

Booking Recommended

Section 28 and Me is a playful, honest, and heartfelt portrait exploring the legacy of Section 28 - legislation that silenced queer voices in schools from 1988 to 2003. Part performance,

part presentation, this b-side edition invites audiences into theatre-maker Tom Marshman's creative process, as he reflects on making and touring the original show across the UK.

Through storytelling, tea parties, and conversation, Tom asked queer communities: What's your Section 28 story? From living rooms to libraries, including a very special gathering in Portland hosted by LGBT+side, he collected powerful intergenerational responses. These voices—funny, raw, and deeply personal - challenge the shame and silence of that era.

In the show, Tom explores how growing up under Section 28 shaped him, as both a show-off and an oversharer. Drawing from his past performances, personal memories, and even his dad's surprising perspective, he revisits a time of erasure to celebrate queer resilience and visibility.





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PUB GRUB

LUKE WRIGHT

Sat 13th Sept

7.45pm (doors open 7pm)

Royal Manor Theatre

Tickets £15

Booking Essential

Age Guidance 14yrs+ some swearing

After selling out shows across the country with his last show JOY!, Luke Wright is back with a sticky-floored celebration of the ordinary. Wright conjures up a world of Tuesday lunchtimes and small-town boozers in poems that burst with inventive language, sonic trickery, and big-hearted storytelling. Fun + filthy poems from someone who knows what they're doing.

SOUND & FORM WITH LUKE WRIGHT

Sun 14th Sept

10am–12 noon

Tickets £12.50

Booking essential

Age advisory 14 yrs+

Poet Luke Wright leads an engaging, fast-paced poetry workshop. Discover how you can use rhyme, metre and other sonic devices to make your spoken word pieces sing. Featuring examples by John Cooper Clarke and the OULIPO poets. A rare chance to work with one of the UK's leading performance poets.

BOOK EARLY LIMITED PLACES

“A STREETWISE PANACHE AND A SARDONIC COMIC VERVE TO RIVAL STEWART LEE.”

★★★★★ TELEGRAPH

19



POTTY FOR PORTLAND!

ANNA STOODLEY

Sun 14th Sept 3–5pm

Royal Manor Theatre

Adults £24 Children £12 (inc materials, tools and refreshments)

Pots 'N' Pints is back for a potty and creative, hands-on pottery workshop. In this family-friendly session, you'll create your own clay masterpiece inspired by Portland; maybe a lobster, a bunny, a quarryman's boot, Chesil Beach pebble, or a mer-chicken (yes, really — ask us about the local legend!), the choice is yours! No experience or creative bone necessary — all ages and abilities are welcome!



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BATIK WAX IMPRINTS

Thurs 11th Sept 11am–1pm

Sat 13th Sept 1–3pm

Royal Manor Theatre

Tickets £5

Booking Essential

Join artist Ria Ekasari from Jakarta for a hands-ons exploration of Batik. The session starts with traditional Indonesian tea and you will be led through pattern making, use of natural pigments and hot wax to create a beautiful Batik artwork. Supported by the British Council's Connecting Through Culture 2024 grant.



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

FREE



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EXCESS BAGGAGE

KEVIN CAMERON

Thurs 11th–Sun 14th Sept

11am–6pm Daily

High Angle Battery, New Ground DT5 1LF

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FREE

Excess Baggage is a video and sound installation exploring the overlooked stories of military families - those raised not in uniform, but in the shadows of it. Centring on Portland's naval past, the project draws from the artist's personal history as a child of the Royal Navy, raised in married quarters in Wyke Regis during the 1970s

Presented as an immersive installation in the High Angle Battery, drawing the viewer into an intimate rethinking of what service, family, and memory mean when the personal and national are tightly entwined.

MEET THE ARTIST
Friday 12th Sept 7–8pm
see p28 for details


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MAS(S) CONCRETE

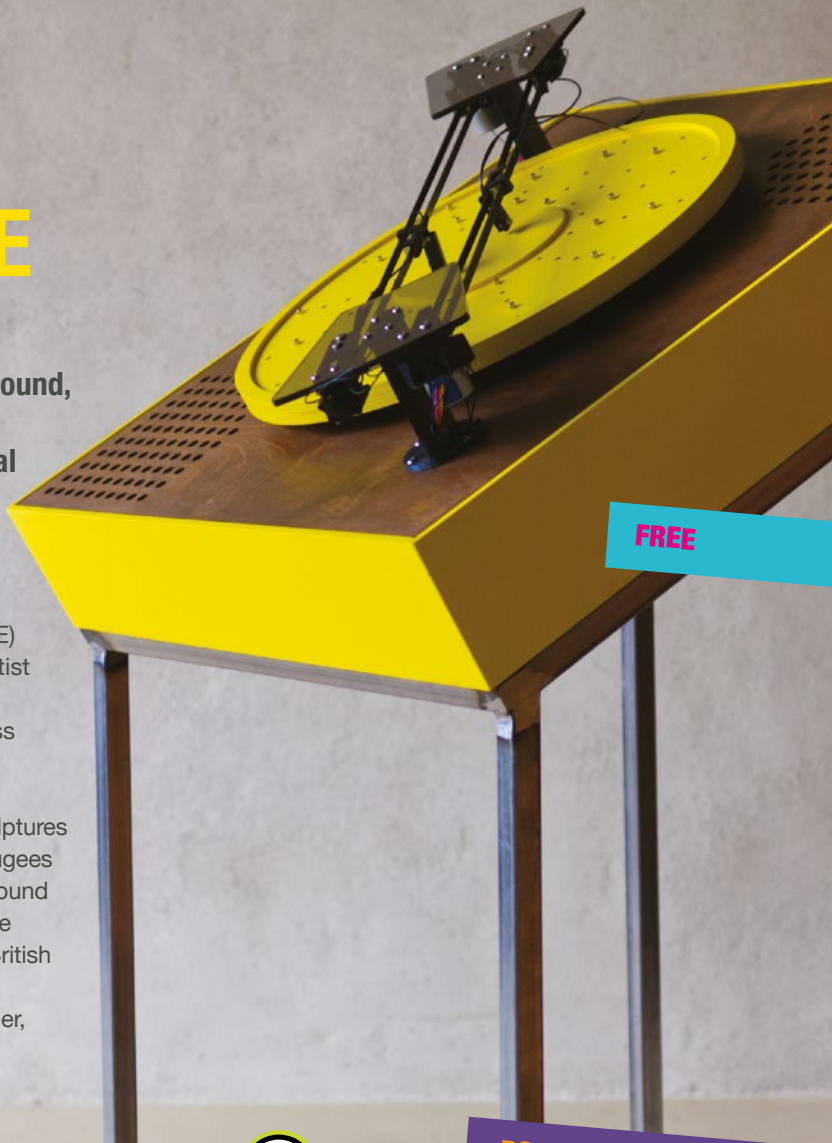
Thurs 11th–Sun 14th Sept
11am–6pm DAILY

High Angle Battery, New Ground,
DT5 1LF

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FREE

MAS(S) is a new sound art project by artists Tristan Shorr and Rae Champion (CONCRETE) in collaboration with Scottish artist Lomond Campbell, exploring migration, refugees, war and loss through the human voice.

A series of generative sound sculptures turn the audio testimonies of refugees into a multi-channel immersive sound experience, culminating in a voice siren that will call out along the British coastline, allowing audiences to actively walk the siren call together, mapping our borders.



FREE



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SOME POUNDS IN OUR DONATION BUCKETS
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

BAT WALK

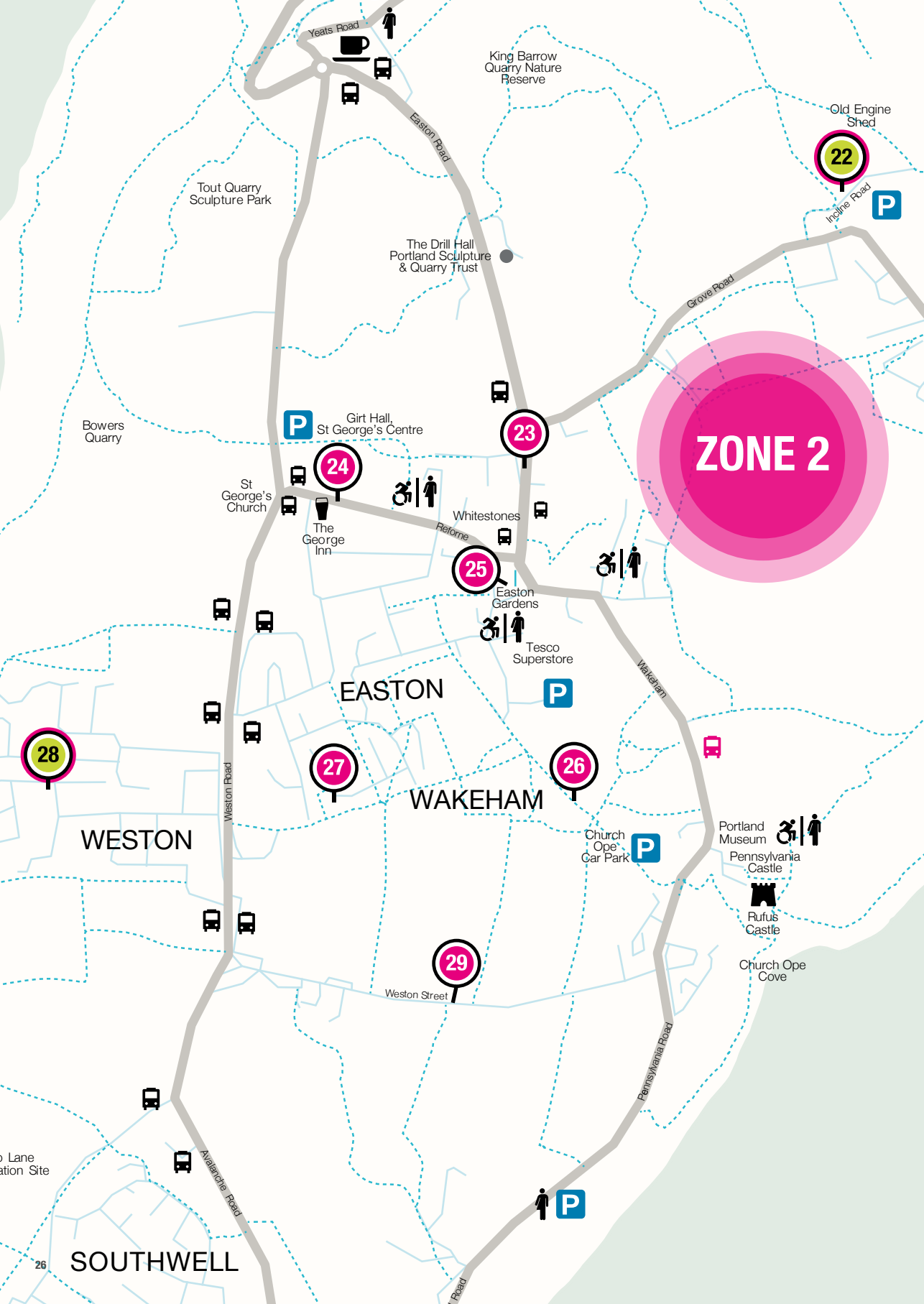
Fri 12th Sept 7.30pm

Tickets £3.50

Booking essential

Join us for a twilight walk around the High Angle Battery. Catch a glimpse of our bat friends and learn some facts about this misunderstood animal and how we need to protect them, not fear them.

Some walking over rough, uneven ground



ZONE 2

Yeats Road
Easton Road

King Barrow
Quarry Nature
Reserve

Old Engine
Shed

Tout Quarry
Sculpture Park

The Drill Hall
Portland Sculpture
& Quarry Trust

Incline Road

Grove Road

Bowers
Quarry

Girt Hall,
St George's Centre

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St
George's
Church

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Whitestones

Reform

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Easton
Gardens

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Weston Road

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Church
Ope's
Car Park

Portland
Museum

Pennsylvania
Castle

Rufus
Castle

Church Ope
Cove

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Weston Street

Wakeham

Pennsylvania Road

Avonham Road

SOUTHWELL

Lane
ation Site

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WWW.B-SIDE.ORG.UK

ZONE 2

22 B-SIDE THE PORTLAND DRESS

Old Engine Shed, Grove,
Portland DT5 1GD

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Exhibition + Events.
See p 29

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

23 FRINGE SARA HARPLEY

Dark Skies: astronomy themed
decorated window

63 Easton Street, DT5 1BS

/// tricks.sparkles.bookings

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

24 FRINGE ARTIST STUDIOS

Behind St George's Centre,
Reforme, DT5 2AN

/// shift.messaging.skinning

24 FRINGE KATE ARBON

Contemporary silver jewellery
with live demonstrations

Fri–Sun 11am–4pm

24 FRINGE CARO LESTER

Printmaking, drawing and
sketchbooks

Thurs–Sun 11am–4pm

24 FRINGE YOLLANDE POSTHUMUS

Textile printing and illustration
with live demonstrations

Thurs & Sat 11am–3pm, Fri
12–4pm, Sun 11am–2pm

25 FRINGE THE IGUANODON RESTAURANT

Comical performance with
Iggy about famous Victorian
fossil finds and Portland
Museum Dino Workshop

Easton Gardens, DT5 1EB

/// avoid.hedgehog.print

Sun, Performances 12pm &
2.30pm, Workshop 11am–
12pm & 1–2.30pm. See p 30

25 FRINGE ICA COMMUNITY CRAFTERS YARN BOMB FESTIVAL

Easton Gardens, Easton
Square, DT5 1EB

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Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

25 **B-SIDE**
**PORTLAND
PARADE**

Easton Gardens, Easton
Square, DT5 1EB

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Sun 6pm. See p 31

26 **FRINGE**
CAROLE MEADS

Small outside gallery with
miniature paintings of Portland

20 Kingbarrow Drive, DT5 2FH

/// blushes.umbrella.treetop

Thurs–Sun 11am–3pm

27 **FRINGE**
MAGDA MALAK

Dorset seascape oil paintings
and live demonstration

37 Haylands, DT5 2LA

/// subplot.classed.evaporate

Sat & Sun 11am–5pm

28 **B-SIDE**
**EXCESS
BAGGAGE TALK**

Kimberlin Club, Blacknor Rd,
Portland, DT5 2HU. See below.

/// goggle.landlords.rational

29 **FRINGE**
HAPPY YOU AND MEE

Ceramic sculptures and free
workshops to book via Facebook

117 Weston Street, DT5 2DG

/// escapades.incurs.prickly

Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

29 **FRINGE**
**BRIDGET ROSE
DESIGNS**

Handmade jewellery

@ Happy You and Mee,
117 Weston Street, DT5 2DG

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Thurs–Sun 11am–6pm

FREE

28 
**EXCESS BAGGAGE
TALK**

Fri 12th Sept 7–8pm

Kimberlin Club, Blacknor Rd, Portland DT5 2HU

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FREE



ARTIST
TALK


Film-maker Kevin Cameron talks about his project 'Excess Baggage'. While Portland's naval legacy is familiar, this project turns its attention to the families - described by his mother as "excess baggage" - who followed the ships and the postings, shaping a lesser-known pattern of internal migration across Britain. Through interviews with local naval families, hand-processed Super 8 film, and home movies, Excess Baggage captures the textures and contradictions of life inside this hidden world.

THE PORTLAND DRESS

Thurs 11th–14th Sept

11am–6pm daily

Old Engine Shed, Incline Rd, DT5 1DB

 redeeming.picked.charted

FREE

Inspired by The Red Dress visit to Portland in 2024, a sister dress has been slowly and gently collecting the stories of Portland thread by thread - in the spirit of The Red Dress, this dress is a textile narrative of community voices.



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HELD BY THREADS – THE FINAL STITCHES

Thurs 11th Sept 5.30–7.30 pm

FREE

A chance to come and celebrate The Portland Dress and all the 100s of contributions that have made it happen. There will be a final ‘live’ stitching and if you haven’t contributed to date, this could be your chance. Refreshments and live music.



FREE

ARTIST TALK

ARTIST TALK – MEET THE PORTLAND DRESS MAKERS

Sun 14th Sept 2–3pm

FREE

Discover the journey of The Portland Dress, which began as a simple idea last year, inspired by The Red Dress. This project has grown, thread by thread and story by story, with the gentle guidance of Portland artists Antje Rook and Sarah Whiteside.

FRINGE FEATURED EVENT

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FREE

THE IGUANODON RESTAURANT

Sun 14th Sept

Performances 12pm & 2.30pm,
Workshop 11am–12pm & 1–2.30pm

FREE

Easton Gardens, DT5 1EB

 [indicates.claim.piglet](https://www.indicates.claim.piglet)

Performances last 35 mins

An outdoor theatre show to delight all ages, set in and around a Victorian iguanodon.

Comical performance with Iggy about famous Victorian fossil finds and Portland Museum Dino Workshop.

Bring a picnic and some seating!



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TIME OUT



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PORTLAND PARADE

Sun 14th Sept 6–8pm
Easton Gardens, DT5 1EB

 tradition.emerald.gravest

Now in it's 5th year! Getting weirder every year, just the way we like it! Get dressed up, meet in Easton Gardens, then Parade like you mean it! 'Tongues of Fire' are back to play an upbeat live soundtrack of New Orleans grooves, Ska, funk, Balkan tunes and more, a joyful noise for dreaming, dancing and celebration. If you can't Parade come and wave and cheer the Paraders on!

KEEP PORTLAND WEIRD



SOUTHWELL

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Sweet Hill Road

The Eight Kings

Sweet Hill Farm

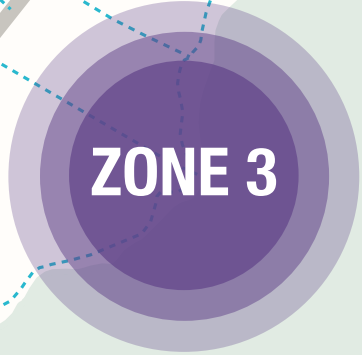


Portland Bill Road

Old Higher Lighthouse

Culverwell

Bird Observatory



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PORTLAND BILL

Portland Bill Car Park



Lobster Pot Cafe



Portland Bill Lighthouse



ZONE 3

30 FRINGE CARRIE MASON

Open Studio: drawings,
printmaking and fibre sculpture

7 Page Drive, Southwell,
DT5 2EL

 spurted.dashes.fabricate

Fri & Sat 11am–6pm,
Sun 11am–5pm

31 FRINGE LIZ DAVIS

Paintings and mixed
media displays

13 Mead Bower, Southwell,
DT5 2DZ

 handsets.adopts.tries

Thurs–Sun 1–6pm

32 FRINGE 4 ISLE OF PORTLAND ARTISTS

Environmentally conscious glass
sculpture, coastal paintings,
prints and mixed media

Emma Bradley Glass, Suite 6,
South Way Business Centre,
Southwell Park, DT5 2NA

 fulfilled.shoppers.spans

Thurs–Sun 11am–3pm

33 FRINGE PENNY & SPIKE PIDDOCK

Photos of Portland people,
places and nature

Portland Bill Beach Hut

 newsstand.toggle.crystal

Thurs–Sun 11am–4pm

34 FRINGE TONI DE BROMHEAD

Oil paintings of Portland seas

Portland Bill beach hut
on coast path

 rebirth.cement.circles

Thurs–Sun 11am–3pm

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ORPHEUS AND THE UNDERWORLD

TEATRO VIVO

Thurs 11th Sept 8.30pm

Fri 12th Sept 7.30pm

Sat 13th Sept 2.30 & 7.30pm

Nothe Fort, Barrack Rd,
Weymouth, DT4 8UF

 shorts.rift.gravy

Tickets: www.teatrovivo.co.uk/Event/orpheus

Created especially for Weymouth and Portland, site-specific theatre experts Teatro Vivo invite you to Orpheus and his girlfriend Eurydice's gig at the Nothe tavern. But when something goes wrong you'll need to journey into the underworld beneath Nothe Fort to rescue Eurydice from Hades. If you can get past the three-headed dog Cerberus and negotiate with the dead then you might just make it out again. There will be mystery, fun and the gig to end all gigs. Remember: Do not look back.....

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PLACES TO VISIT

We think Portland is a very special place and we aim to take you to as much of the Island as possible as you discover b-side artworks and events. Here are some other places that we think you will enjoy visiting – many near b-side sites and events. Please check opening times and ticketing info on the organisations' websites.

HIGH ANGLE BATTERY


Glacis, DT5 1LF

 oven.stealthier.headstone

A former 19th century gun battery with tunnels to explore.

TOUT QUARRY

Just off Wide Street, Tophill


Parking is  explorer.fire.hazel

Open daily | FREE

Tout Quarry Sculpture Park and Nature Reserve is a disused site of former stone quarries, now a sculpture park and nature reserve. Since 1983 artists have been visiting Tout and creating sculptures; an ever-growing exhibition, it contains around 70 works.

www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/Tout_Quarries_Nature_Reserve
www.learningstone.org/toutquarry-sculpture-park

NICODEMUS KNOB

 ruffling.detergent.urban

Nicodemus Knob is a 30-foot pillar located at the spectacular East Cliff. A relic of the quarrying industry, many believe it records the natural ground level prior to the area being quarried.

PORTLAND MUSEUM

217 Wakeham, Easton DT5 1HS

 funded.staked.instincts

Open: 10.30am–4pm, closed Fri


See website for ticket prices

www.portlandmuseum.co.uk

Founded in 1930 by Dr Marie Stopes, the Museum houses many artefacts associated with the history and culture of the Island.

CASTLETOWN D-DAY CENTRE

Admiralty Buildings, Castletown, DT5 1BD

 impulses.fight.cork

Open 10.30–3.30 daily


See website for ticket prices

www.castletownddaycentre.com

The D-Day Centre is situated in Castletown's impressive Admiralty buildings. Staffed by true enthusiasts, it offers an immersive visitor experience telling the story of embarkation in WW2 from a busy wartime dockyard.

PORTLAND CASTLE

Liberty Road, Castletown DT5 1AZ

 racing.encoder.skid

Open daily 10am–5pm

See website for ticket prices

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Henry VIII's finest coastal fort built in the 1540s.

GROVE MUSEUM


104 Grove Rd, DT5 1DZ

Sat 10am–2pm | FREE

A fascinating museum situated within the former Deputy Governor's house showing the history of HMP Young Offenders with film, information, photographs and items of interest on show.

PORTLAND BILL LIGHTHOUSE VISITOR CENTRE

Portland DT5 2JT

 ideal.excellent.nicknames

Open 10am–5pm, closed Fri


See website for ticket prices

www.trinityhouse.co.uk/about-us

Portland Bill Lighthouse is a functioning lighthouse. Visitors can climb it and see for miles along the beautiful Dorset coastline, the world famous Jurassic Coast and out to the treacherous Portland Race.

PORTLAND BIRD OBSERVATORY & FIELD CENTRE

The Old Lower Lighthouse, DT5 2JT

 during.sonic.encoded

Bookshop 10am–3pm Sat & Sun

www.portlandbirdobs.org.uk

Situated in the Old Lower Light at Portland Bill, Portland Bird Observatory and Field Centre is a place of interest for naturalists and in particular birdwatchers. It is open throughout the year and accommodation is available.



PLACES TO EAT

We know looking at art and exploring the landscape can be thirsty work, but the good news is that most of our installations and events are near some great places to eat and drink.

ZONE 1

SALT

Portland Marina
Dorset, DT5 1DX
/// news.pleaser.pursue

DORSET ADVENTURE CAFE

Castletown, DT5 1BD
/// glow.trials.swimsuits

CHESIL CHIPPIE

1A Olde Stables,
Victoria Square Roundabout,
DT5 1BJ
/// dugouts.prospered.opts

BEEHIVE CAFE

Unit 1, Victoria Park, Lerret
Road, Portland DT5 1GB
/// vets.cheetahs.regarding

THE COVE HOUSE INN

91 Chiswell, DT5 1AW
/// boxing.rephrase.salaried

HOTEL AQUA

The Aqua, Castletown
DT5 1BD
/// pound.complier.timeless

QUIDDLES CAFE

The Esplanade, Chiswell
DT5 1LN
/// likening.bookmark.curated

ZONE 2

VIEW CAFE & BAR

Yeates Rd, DT5 2EN
/// outbid.shun.tangent

WHITESTONES ART CAFE

13 Easton Square, DT5 1BS
/// invented.shares.masterful

SUGARLOAF CAFE

4 Reforne, Easton, DT5 2AL
/// gasping.unguarded.wakes

LUNA LOUNGE

Easton Shopping Centre
DT5 1EB
/// song.interviewer.watching

THE GEORGE INN

113 Reforne, DT5 2AP
/// conquests.shimmered.firelight

ZONE 3

THE LOBSTER POT PORTLAND

DT5 2JT
/// lame.stretcher.ally

THE EIGHT KINGS

40 Southwell Rd, DT5 2DP
/// hides.spending.tangible

THE ISLAND CAFE

Weston Road, Weston, DT5 2DT
/// inner.pads.straddled

CODFATHERS

44 Weston Rd, DT5 2BZ
/// ticked.introduce.vest



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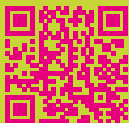


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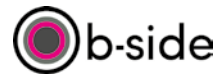
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PORTLAND PARADE

Sun 14th Sept
6pm

Easton
gardens

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Dress up and keep it weird - starting
from Easton gardens

Parade 2025 poster by Sophie Fretwell