

Beneath the Vale

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Parish Council

Clean round the bend or flushed with success

Something of real concern for residents who have a traditional septic tank or a more modern sewage treatment plant - you have to register your sewage discharge with the Environmental Agency by the end of the year.

Not a law passed by parliament but a 'regulation to implement a DEFRA directive' it affects almost everyone around here - and that's not nice; nor is it simple, nor is it sense. Doesn't matter if your arrangements work fine and bothers no one, Brussels knows best.

In principle it is not unreasonable for Eurocrats to demand that standards are set for domestic waste disposal nor is it a bad idea to be able to tell from where pollution may originate. Sewage found on Church beach in Lyme Regis is believed to have come from an unknown pipe draining into the Lym.

But the way the Environmental Agency is going about it is so complex as to be impractical, if not impossible. Indeed it is so ham-fisted it is as though they don't want you to register – perish the thought.



Environment
Agency

You needed to be a psychic as there has been no publicity, only documents until recently hidden deep within the Environmental Agency website.

You need to understand flow charts and be a lawyer.

You need to know how many litres of sewage goes down your drain.

You need to be able to douse to find outflow pipe usually buried deep underground.

You will need to be inch precise since the Environmental Agency demands that kind of accuracy.

You need to be computer literate to have a chance.

You need to be very patient to use the recommended website to get the grid reference of the outflow, but is so clumsy that what could be done by Google Earth in seconds takes as many hours.

You need to register to be exempt when you will not be charged (so far). If that is not allowed, a permit will set you back at least £125 but up to £885 and £684 per year.

You will need to keep records for 5 years not just of registration, but also of inspection, maintenance and emptying, all by 'authorised contractors'.

This means **you will need** to empty the tank every year, something strongly disputed by most users.

You will need to be lucky because very few will actually succeed in registering. So talk to Environment Agency's Matthew Sulley, he is the sort of guy who will deal with your registration and is far more practical and helpful than you would expect.

To register on line

<http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/122003.aspx> or phone 08708 506 506 for a form.

But don't worry; there aren't enough people at the Agency to prosecute us all and EA promotes encouragement over enforcement!

Mind you our vigilant MP, Oliver Letwin has called on London-centred EA to bin the whole rigmarole without any option to recycle. He writes to the Environment Agency -

"I think we have, here, a clear case of bureaucracy gone mad. This cannot be sensible to require an enormous number of people to send in registrations, merely to indicate that they are exempt from the regulations.

"I am putting this right away on to the list for the Red Tape Challenge, but I hope you will beat me to it by getting this as an unnecessary requirement."

However Marshwood has been ripped with a new water main from Wessex Water, so perhaps they should now add main drainage. If agreed, Wessex Water would pay for the main installation. Each home would be charged a £312 fee and meet the cost of piping to the main sewer though some may get an up to 10 metre pipe free; no doubt there will be other costs.

Whitchurch has a similar problem and are reconsidering mains drainage for the road through that village.

*Why not tell others what you think
– letters to the editor!*



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Council News

New Woodroffe School Bus Service

MORNING JOURNEY	TIME	AFTERNOON JOURNEY	
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Lodgehouse Farm Turn	0751	Newlands Bridge	1613
CHARMOUTH		End Of Berne Lane	1618
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Newlands Bridge	0807	Lodgehouse Farm Turn	1629
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Lwr Catherston Road Entrance	0810	Cypress Farm	1631
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Bowshot Farm	0815	PILSDON	
Junction Pound Lane / Monkton Wyld Lane	0820	Mabeys Cottage	1644
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LYME REGIS		SHAVE CROSS	
The Woodroffe School	0835	Shave Cross Inn	1650

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Losing our Bottle?



Uncertain future for The Bottle

The future of The Bottle Inn at Marshwood remains in doubt after repeated failures by the owners to repair the historic pub.

A new tenant had been found who had planned to re-open The Bottle, which has been closed since January, in time for the main summer holiday period. There were even tentative plans to hold the famous annual nettle eating championships, normally held in June, during August.

But the owners, Michael and Pauline Brookes, who live in Australia, failed to meet undertakings to carry out sufficient external repairs, particularly to the thatched roof, and in its current state it is impossible to obtain public liability insurance.

West Dorset District Council has now intervened and on August 25 wrote to Mr and Mrs Brookes giving them four weeks to carry out the

repairs and telling them that if they failed to do so formal action would be taken.

One possible option open to the Council would be to carry out the repairs themselves and take out a charge on the property to cover its costs. The new tenant had found two men with previous experience of running a pub to manage The Bottle. At his expense the two of them had undertaken a

superb renovation of the inside of the pub but with no certainty as to whether it will ever re-open they have now left.

It was almost three years ago that the long standing landlord of The Bottle, Shane Pym, threw in the towel and closed down. Trade had fallen off but he had also complained of failures by Mr and Mrs Brookes to invest in the building.

After a brief closure Mr Pym's former chef, Rory MacLeod, took over and he ran The Bottle until the following July before closing suddenly amid rumours of substantial debts. This time it was closed for 10 months until Simon and Shelly Dumper re-opened in May of last year.

Although Mr MacLeod and Mr and Mrs Dumper made obvious mistakes they both complained bitterly about Mr and Mrs Brookes repeatedly failing to carry out promises to repair the building.

I personally read a number of e-mails Mr and Mrs Dumper had been sent by them with clear written undertakings that repairs would be done and none of these were met. Sadly all three of them were left with dire financial problems as a result of trying to make a success of The Bottle.

When the new tenant, who lives in Kent and has experience of pubs and restaurants, first spoke to Mr and Mrs Brookes in January he was told by them that repairs were already underway which was untrue. Eventually he managed to meet them at The Bottle in May when Mr Brookes told him that £30,000 was available to carry out the repairs.

A thatcher was actually appointed by Mr and Mrs Brookes and he arranged to put up scaffolding a few weeks ago to carry out the work to the roof. But the money he had been promised never arrived and the scaffolding has been removed leaving the thatcher to join the lengthening list of people who have lost money in the quest to revive The Bottle. The new tenant reckons he has already invested at least £8,000. There are now tentative moves for the new tenant to join up with some of his predecessors in suing Mr and Mrs Brookes for the money they have lost as a result of what has happened.

The Bottle is currently an eyesore and we welcome the intervention by West Dorset District Council to try and get this lovely building properly repaired.

Please give us your views as to what you would like to see happen there.



Some people in Marshwood are discussing what can be done to save The Bottle before it is too late. I have managed to contact Mr and Mrs Brookes in Australia to invite them to give their side of the story for Beneath The Vale. Although they have replied making criticisms of some of the people who have been involved they are not prepared to comment on whether they will undertake sufficient repairs to The Bottle to allow it to re-open.

With the accompanying land and the various outbuildings it is a site with enormous potential. It must be hoped that Mr and Mrs Brookes will be prepared to work co-operatively with those who want to find a sensible solution to the problems. It is tragic to see the financial misery that The Bottle has created in the last few years to people who deserved better.

Mark Van de Weyer

Magna's Opus

Since mid-April we have been following a welcome development for residents of Marshalsea - the long-awaited replacement of their overloaded septic tank with a fine new sewage treatment plant.

This was when Magna Housing were due to replace the unit to fulfill what residents believe is a 20-year commitment, but at the last minute it was realised that power could not be run by Western Power as planned as access was too limited. This left the 8 homes involved without relief and the new treatment tanks blocking Magna's yard.

Marshalsea is the only side road in Marshwood village and these ex-council houses, in common with all other Marshwood homes, are not on mains drainage. Most Marshwood residents use a septic tank or a more modern sewage treatment plant to deal with the waste and consider these arrangements are satisfactory, many fondly recalling the days of Laurie the Lorry whose pump-out and repair service was legendary.

Hidden out of sight behind garages, the Marshalsea communal septic tank has long been inadequate. Locals claim that when Magna took over these houses a substantial reduction was given by the council to pay for the tank's replacement. The problem was that these houses were - and still are - homes for families who use more water than expected; with the advent of washing machines and later dishwashers, the volume of waste to be treated has become far more than the old tank could handle.

Over the years this has led to the occasional discharge of raw sewage into the garden of the nearest house, yet in spite of complaints to Magna - which they deny - the promised replacement was delayed year after year until recently when local environment officers investigated and issued warnings.

Marshalsea residents have changed with the passage of time, as have the houses. Only two tenants remain in the cul-de-sac as others bought their homes, some selling on to new owners.

Magna did arrange for more frequent pump-outs to try to deal with the problem. A temporary fix, this made things worse as they added the cost of this to the charges levied from tenants and residents of Marshalsea.



Marshalsea's old septic tank and the new power feed awaiting connection

All had paid Magna a charge set to cover routine pump-out and contributing towards the cost of a new system, but as the frequency of pump-out increased to stop the flooding, it was residents that paid for it, even though they felt that it was housing association's inaction that caused the problem.

August 18th, bang on due date, Western Power workmen quickly dug a new trench zigging down Marshalsea, in front of the garages, into the field and down to the septic tank. With the cable in place and power to a cabinet, they re-tarmaced the road and departed.

As we go to Creeds for printing (August 30th), Gavin and Mark have arrived at Marshalsea and the 3 Enso sewage treatment module rated to cover 50 individuals has arrived on site ready to replace the old septic tank within a week or so.

They will dig out the old tank and sink most of the new modules underground before connecting then up to the drains.

So when you read this, the long wait is over and Magna has come up smelling of roses??

Magna Housing, a socially-responsible housing association comments: "There has been no sewage overflow and no complaints. The plant had come to the end of its useful life and needed replacing."

Surprising as this is to residents, Magna adds: "Technically, we didn't own it because, for reasons unknown, it was included in the sale when the adjoining house was sold by West Dorset District Council under right to buy legislation, prior to the stock transfer to the housing association in 1993. However, we continued to maintain it and, in order to replace it, we negotiated with the owners to sell it back to us so we could replace it."

"There was a slight delay recently because of changes in the provision and route of the electric service but this was only a few weeks for the additional easement to be agreed."

All those years ago, did Magna, both accepted a discount to cover replacement of the tank and assume the responsibility so to do?

They deny even buying it, yet have been looking after it for 8 years as being the socially responsible thing to do.

The 2nd Enso sewage treatment module is off loaded



Churches in the communities

Even when they are not churchgoers many Marshwood residents are happy to donate to fund raising events in aid of the village church.

This support is much deserved following the inspired decision a decade ago to get rid of the pews and replace them with chairs that can be removed during the week allowing the staff and children at Marshwood School to use the church. This has been of immense benefit as it not only provides extra space for teaching but has enabled the school to offer additional music and drama and hold special events more easily.

But as is the case in thousands of villages and towns across the country Marshwood Church faces a grim battle for financial survival. The major problem is that much of the money raised by villagers has to be paid over to the church centrally and this amount has risen steeply in recent years.

As a result vital repairs that are needed to Marshwood Church, particularly to the tower, have been put off for many years. A bequest enabled some work to be carried out in the last weeks but unless more



Chairs not pews in Marshwood Church

can be found soon the church might have to close which would be a tragedy both for those who regularly worship there and for the school which would lose this vital facility.

A recent survey undertaken showed that 4,000 of the churches belonging to the Church of England were in poor or very poor condition and needed an average of £80,000 spent on repairs and restoration. Recently a church in Bridport was closed for some time when it became dangerous.

The three main churches in Upper Marshwood Vale, at Stoke Abbott, Bettiscombe and Marshwood, all come under the Salisbury Diocese which requires them to contribute nearly £20,000 a year to central church funds. Some of this is used for salaries and pensions of local clergy but a large chunk is swallowed up by

the church's growing central bureaucracy.

With considerable help from a small number of significant donors our three churches have so far managed to meet these payments but an increasing number of parishes are failing to do so. The Salisbury Diocese has admitted that there was a shortfall of almost £450,000 last year and unless it can cut its own costs substantially – and it is under increasing pressure to do so – the parishes that can afford it will be asked to pay even more.

Apart from the potential damage to Marshwood School does this all matter to the vast majority who rarely, if ever, go to church? Many argue that the disappearance of thousands of churches is inevitable.

But with the necessity to reduce public spending local authorities are missing a trick. Churches are almost all underused and could be used to house community services which otherwise might not exist. Up to the time of the Industrial Revolution churches were usually the hub of a community. The most obvious local example is at Charmouth where its

library is one of those earmarked for closure. But just a few doors away is Charmouth Church which could easily accommodate a library which is open on only three days a week for a total of around 10 hours. This way the County Council would make a profit disposing of the building, the Church would earn some extra money and the local people could still have their own library.



Our councillors need to sit down with our church representatives to work out a joint plan that could save us all money on our council tax, ease the financial pressures on village churches and preserve Marshwood School for generations to come. It just requires common sense and a bit of effort.

Mark Van de Weyer

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Happiness is a new Oak!

Ten Marshwood Vale residents who share a rather special dream waited on tenterhooks as a June deadline came and went; but their fears were unfounded. The news came through of grant to help make their hopes become everyone's reality, by planting more oaks in our Vale.

Matching that, the AONB team led by Tom Munro responded just as swiftly - hardly typical of officialdom - and came back just two weeks later. Not only that but they liked the submission enough to offer all that was asked for - £2,500.

Caroline Conran, who leads the Oaks working party asked two of her

team Aviva Halter Hurn and Elizabeth James to set out the report and liaise with AONB and they set out four areas for development – Woods, traditional hedges, power-flailed hedges and Oak awareness in the form of 'Oakactivities' for children and adults.

As well as the spectacular funding success, the Working

Party has been approached by no less than three landowners, who want to add or extend woodlands on their property. Now Vale farmers are being asked for their ideas for oaks in the hedgerows in a survey.



New oaks for old

And all because they seized the opportunity, contacted Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, set down their plans, wrote a report, filled in an application form and returned these all within a week.

Contributors urgently needed:

Share your memories of the good old days
Quiz masters for crosswords, brain teasers or sudoku
Reports from clubs and institutes
All these and more contact the editor – see p12

Working Party Reports: Broadband

Things did not go as expected when the Dorset County Council (DCC) broadband plan was rejected in June by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). BDUK has now asked DCC to resubmit their plan focused this time more specifically on rural broadband and, in addition, backed by equal matching funding, this a new requirement. BDUK very recently announced the level of funds available to DCC as £9.4m and DCC has committed itself to finding the same amount since better broadband service is now viewed as one of the top priorities for the county.

BDUK also redefined their target to ensure that 90% of premises receive 'superfast broadband' (20+ Mbps) with the remainder getting 'at least 2 Mbps'. Marshwood and Stoke Abbot would probably fall into this category and the improvement could be

achieved via the installation of fibre-optic cables connecting the nearest BT exchange to street-side cabinets from where homes could be connected via the existing overhead copper cable network. Bettiscombe and Pilsdon would probably fall into the 10% category with connection via radio link to some similar sort of roadside cabinet, again with existing copper cables as the final connection: such a link could deliver better than just 2Mbps.

DCC called an initial meeting in July of all existing local community broadband groups and plans to work with them over the next months in order to prepare a revised plan, this expected to be completed and resubmitted within October. Our group continues to work closely with DCC and is contacting adjacent parishes from September in order to gain support across a wider area.

Affordable Housing

With a choice of two possible sites, Marshwood would seem to be in an enviable position. But having two options involves far more work as both need to be carefully assessed initially by the authorities and the developers Hastoe.

But two sites means two assessments to be followed by two alternative plans; work that has been continuing behind the scenes.

Then the rest of us get involved:

- a) with the working party that came out of the Parish Plan
- b) a village meeting
- c) a parish council at which the arguments can be decided.

Hopefully by the next (winter) issue of Beneath the Vale due out end of November, we will have far more details of what each option will look like and a date set for a village meeting.

Editorial

Help!
No! not me, you!
Do you need help?

I know I do - and I went to university (a day-trip, don't ask).

Really, we all need help at times, life is simply getting too complicated these days and it is becoming worse every day.

Just looking through the issues covered in this Beneath the Vale and I worry for others as well as myself – how do we get to know the things society now considers normal? Where do I learn to speak gobbledygook, why should we allow 'civil servants' to impose on us?

This Beneath the Vale highlights the administrative absurdity of impossible rules bought in not by our elected representatives but by officials.

One of these days an elderly lady or gentleman living alone will answer their front door bell to find an overalled Official who will hand them a small booklet and tell them in a perfectly friendly way that they have to undertake some activity totally outside their experience.

But who can help?

Opportunistically, a leading Bridport firm of solicitors has just advertised the existence of the new problem: registering your system onto the Environment Agency's database. But worry not, they'll do it for you!!

How useful! Yes, but at £90 a throw, only to *their* bank balance.

In fact the registration service is free - if you just ring the EA on the number we list on p2, but it is not easy and it is only possible by cutting corners and making approximations.

Surely it is better to turn to others who have experience or are in a similar situation, neighbours and, by the very name, parish councillors and for serious concerns our MPs surgeries are always helpful.

If you have a particular problem or worry, maybe we can find a man that does or a lady that knows. If we can't find an answer directly, we'll print the problem - anonymously if you wish - and ask for readers' good advice.

So for annoying, worrying or perplexing concerns, why not turn to your newest neighbour and ask Beneath the Vale.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for my copy of “Beneath the Vale” that arrived by email this afternoon.

Your article “Roads to Wisdom” on potholes goes some way as to why we get potholes, but not one of the main reasons as to why our roads crack up during the winter months.

When you say road drains to most people they only think of the gulleys with grids that get sucked out by the lorry that comes around. The real drains are the ones that go from gully to gully and then to a ditch to empty. Many of these drains are not cleaned out and this causes the water to run down the roads so washing the tarmac away especially when we have hard frosts like last winter.

Dorset County Council don't seem to understand this and I think they have even tarmacked over one grid at the bottom end of Bettiscombe, we need these drains cleared out before next winter or the roads will be back to a bad state again.

Many of the drains from Horsemill Cross to Cowdea Farm in Bettiscombe do not work properly as they are blocked up. Please could we have something done about this matter as we all pay our Community Charge which we don't see much for in our rural area.

Henry Smith

Why does Henry get two letters in this Beneath the Vale? Because his points are valid and he took the trouble to write to the editor!

Dear Editor

I write regarding your article on Broadband, many of us are far from our telephone exchange, which makes the strength of our broadband very slow.

At present my broadband speed is never over half a megabyte, but most of the time I do get connected and it is faster than dialup. We would all like a faster broadband speed but will we get it as we are so far from exchanges. We hear much about satellite broadband but that would possibly be very expensive to have unless you had a big business to warrant it.

I wonder if BT has worked out how much their copper cable is worth for scrap to pay for fibre optic lines.

We all look forward to hear of any major progress.

Henry Smith

*See page 11 for the update from Charles Somers
who leads the Broadband Working Party*

Leading in the Lanes

In these stringent times our roads and lanes face county-wide cutbacks to save money, so can we expect cuts in service, breaks in the road surface and bigger and better potholes then?

Not if construction manager Adrian Norcombe and his Charminster-based team have anything to do with it. Preparing for the cutbacks is one thing, after 21 years of mending our roads the end of County Council's Dorset Works Organisation is another. Replaced by a smaller, leaner organisation 'Dorset Highways' is able to be far more ambitious, both the structural and maintenance teams are determined use the opportunity of changes to go for broke.

BTV has a copy of the work scheduled all 280 individual jobs spread over West Dorset. Some of this work has started already. 'Surface Dressing' has been completed from Birdsmoregate's Horse Cross to Shaves Cross and on to Dottery.

Having watched this being done through the Vale this seemed to

amount to applying a thin coating of tar and a sprinkling of grit, but it is apparently more complex than this and does have the effect of sealing the surface so this is claimed to be an effective and speedy technique.

The Birdsmoregate road to Thorncombe has been similarly treated; however the B3164 from



Birdsmoregate through Horse Cross and onto Broadwindsor is to have far more fundamental treatment, very similar to the Marshwood motorway. These B roads are often old coach roads that have a 100+ year old layers of metallised surface but limited

foundations leaving the road uneven and pitched. So for such roads Adrian's teams are digging much deeper to rebuild the road's foundations rather than resurfacing. This is done with impressive new technology that varies width and levels out bumps and dips as the road is extruded.

Driving through Marshwood's new 30mph zone does certainly show the improvements and the good news is that the same smooth surface - except for the protruding cats eyes - will also soon be extended westwards past Marshwood school, through the woods at Lamberts Castle and up to the county border.

Not confined to those in and around the Marshwood Vale, in effect all these rebuilt B class routes will be new roads and have a design life of 20 years.

But as usual, heavy and wide loads and the worrying phenomenon of 'frost heave' have

damaged the narrower lanes of the Vale leaving many of those potholes. Where these are grouped as 'Defect Clusters' the underlying foundations may have been damaged so deep remedial action for the worst of these is at last on the schedule.

This represents a logical way of analyzing the problems and concentrating on the worst problems. Both these approaches are more expensive in the short term but, it is claimed, will be better value in the long term.

This extra cost has been covered by a fortunate bonus that resulted from the heavy early winter snows of November 2010. To cover this government deployed funds to repair the damage so Adrian's team were able to take the unexpected largesse to extend their planned repairs

So the next time you see falling snow, don't worry, this just may result in better lanes and tougher roads – a real bonus for us drivers and passengers.



Start of Marshwood's motorway: new roads as smooth as this?

Councillors' Comments - bigger than Twitter

Perhaps it is apt that in just the second issue of the newsletter, Beneath the Vale finds itself reporting on not one but two events caused by bureaucratic bungling over one of the less pleasant aspects of rural life. Yet these are not directly connected with one affecting a very few of us a great deal and the other affects us all, promising to be a Kafka-esque nightmare or a totally unjustifiable expense that no-one needs.

We believe that in reporting both somewhat distasteful events, as well as considering the impact on parts of our community, we are able to reassure residents that Beneath the Vale at least is on their side.

Someone else definitely on our side is Oliver Letwin who conceived the idea of Localism. Originally this set out to return power to local communities so injecting common sense into silly situations. Has the Localism bill been emasculated too much to be applied or are more subtle arts need to restore sanity to DEFRA's centrist directives.

Thank goodness Magna has no such qualms about doing the right thing!

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Public Transport:

Bus services:	Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride	01404 46520
	Mike Halford MiniCoaches	01308 421106
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	Stagecoach South West	01823 672247
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Health and Welfare:

Dorchester Hospital Governor	Wendy Nightingale	01297 678165
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Environment:

Flytipping, Graffiti & Abandoned Cars (WDDC)		01305 251010
Dorset AONB	www.dorsetaonb.org.uk	01305 228239

Safety and Security:

Police	Non Emergency	01305 222222
	enquiries.bridport@dorset.pnn.police.uk	
Marshwood Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team		01305 226912
	marshwoodvalesnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk	
Crimestoppers		0800 555111
	www.crimestoppers-uk.org	
Anti Terrorist Hotline		0800 789321
	https://secure.met.police.uk/athotline/index.php	

Others

Dorset County Council	Switchboard dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk	01305 221000
Trading Standards Consumer Advice		08454 040506
BREG - Bridport Renewable Energy Group	www.breg.org.uk	
Highways Office		01305 221020
Highways Agency	www.highways.gov	01203 358300

Emergency numbers

Childline	Abuse, bullying, worries www.childline.org.uk	0800 1111
Electricity	Western Power Distribution www.westernpower.co.uk	0800 365 900
Floodline	Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk	0845 988 1188
NHS Direct	We're here 24 hours a day www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk	0845 4647
RSPCA	Cruelty line www.rspca.org.uk	0300 1234 999
Local Hospitals	Axminster Bridport Community Crewkerne Dorset County	01297 630400 01308 422371 01460 72491 01305 251150
Samaritans	Talk To Someone www.samaritans.org	08457 909090
Women's Refuge	West Dorset www.womensaid.org	01305 262444