



Welcome to Bryanston

Bryanston is a friendly place and hopefully this information will help to ease your arrival into our village.

Parish Council

There are seven seats on the Parish Council which meets on the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are held in The Old Powerhouse starting at 7p.m. with an opportunity for members of the public to have a say. The agenda and minutes are displayed on the notice boards located near the telephone box on The Cliff, opposite Home Farm, in the entrance of The Old Powerhouse, and on the Council website www.bryanston-pc.gov.uk



Conservation Area

Bryanston is situated within a Conservation Area and a National Landscape (formerly an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - AONB), a status that underscores its unique and precious environment. As residents we play a vital role in safeguarding the character and natural beauty of our surroundings.



Planning and Property Works

If you're considering any property modifications - such as extensions, solar panels, outbuildings, or boundary walls - it's essential to consult the Dorset Council Planning Department beforehand. These types of works may need planning permission or are likely to be subject to specific conditions and limitations. Checking in advance helps to safeguard the character and appearance of our shared environment.

Tree Protection

Preserving our trees is a fundamental part of conservation in Bryanston. If any tree on your property has a diameter greater than 7.5 cm, measured 1.5 m above ground level, need to give Dorset Council Planning Department at least six weeks notice of the proposed work. This process is straightforward and can be completed via the Dorset Council website (navigate to 'Trees in Conservation Areas'), or by calling 01258 484248, or email treeteamwest@dorsetcouncil.govt.uk



Facebook Page - Bryanston Village Community

This is used extensively by villagers and acts as a community noticeboard, with masses of current information. www.facebook.com/groups/bryanstonvillage.

The Old Powerhouse

Originally built to house one of the earliest electricity plants in Dorset, for Lord Portman's mansion (now Bryanston School). More than a century later this historic building remains the heart of Bryanston village. Formerly known as Bryanston Club, it has evolved into a Community Interest Company. The Old Powerhouse C.I.C. is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to bringing people together through regular community events. There are two bars, one in the Portman Room, a function room for private hire, and the other in the main area where everyone can use the pool tables and darts. There are also skittles and snooker which you can hire out privately.



The spacious Portman Room hosts a variety of activities, including fitness classes, community gatherings, seasonal children's events, and private parties. It is also well-equipped for commercial meetings, offering a projector, screen, flip chart, and whiteboard. Guests can relax in the beer garden or patio, and there is free parking available for added convenience.

The Old Powerhouse also serves as a popular stop along the 64-mile Stour Valley Way footpath, welcoming walkers from across the county.

For the latest events and more information, visit www.oldpowerhousebryanston.co.uk or follow [@oldpowerhousebryanston](https://www.instagram.com/oldpowerhousebryanston)

Defibrillator

The village defibrillator is located around the back on the patio of The Old Powerhouse.

Village Newsletter

You will receive a Newsletter informing you of happenings in the village, your contributions will be very welcome, please email bryanstonnewsletter@gmail.com. The newsletter is usually produced every two months or so.



The Jubbly Group

This residents group organises social events and raises money to fund the Bryanston Newsletter, village get togethers, and contribute to The Old Powerhouse improvements. If you would like to get involved contact bryanstonjubbly22@gmail.com. New members are always welcome.



Church

Bryanston's Parish Church is St. Nicholas in Durweston. More information can be found at: www.psdbenefice.org.uk/the-parishes/st-nicholas



Schools

Bryanston is in the catchment area for Durweston CE Primary School and The Blandford School. There are several Early Years and Childcare options in the area, these are listed on the Dorset Council website. Bryanston School is a co-educational boarding and day school for pupils aged 3-18. The school is set in more than 400 acres of countryside within Bryanston Parish.

The Red Telephone Box

The iconic red telephone box at the heart of the village has become a space for local initiatives. Previously transformed into a book exchange and a plant swap station, it serves as a symbol of community spirit and resourcefulness with a variety of innovative uses. Local residents, groups, and organisations are invited to share their ideas with the Parish Council for future uses.



Post Boxes

There are two post boxes in the village, one outside No.8 Forum View on the first bend after leaving New Road and the second is built into the wall of The Old Post Office, No.4, Bryanston. There is a third post box at the far end of New Road at the junction with Walnut Avenue, opposite Keeper's Cottage.



Refuse Collection

Currently there are four segregated refuse bins. The green top recycling bin and glass box are emptied one week, and the following week will be for the black top rubbish bin in a fortnightly cycle. The food waste bin is emptied weekly.

The garden waste service (brown bin) which can be purchased from Dorset Council also operates on a fortnightly cycle. Details and collection dates can be found at: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/bins-recycling-and-litter



Allotments

The village has an agreement with Blandford St Mary for access to their allotments.

For more information, contact Matt Holmes on 07511 744298



Doctors

The Blandford Group Practice is located in Whitecliff Mill Street, Blandford Forum. More information can be found at www.theblandfordgrouppractice.co.uk or on 01258 452501. Nearest A&Es **Poole Hospital** -13 miles, **Dorset County Hospital (Dorchester)** -18 miles.

Vets

There are two vets in Blandford:

Damory Vets in Edward Street, DT11 7QT who provide care for small animals (pets), horses and farm animals. 01258 452626

www.damoryvets.co.uk

Friars Moor Vets in Higher Shaftesbury Rd, DT11 8ST, who provide care for pets and farm livestock.

01258 472160 www.friarsmoorvets.co.uk



Blandford Library

The public library is situated at The Tabernacle, Blandford DT11 7DW

Tel: 01258 452075. Opening times and details of other library services can be found at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/libraries

Transport

Unfortunately, there is no longer a bus service for Bryanston, but there are community transport options. To access these visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and follow the "Your Community" links. However, excellent services to neighbouring towns are available from Blandford town centre. There are several local taxi companies in the area some of which are listed here:

Blandford Cabs (01258 410000), Blandford Taxi (01258 410021), Ken's Kabs (01258 456136)
Oakwood Taxis (01258 455555), Prime Cabs (01258 878787), Riverside Taxis (01258 453553)

