

## **Sherborne Youth Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, 19 June 2025**

**12.30 to 2 pm at Sherborne Prep School**

### **Present:**

All local schools were represented at the meeting, except for Sherborne Boys and Girls School, who unfortunately could not send councillors to this meeting. A Youth Trustee from Sherborne Museum was also in attendance.

### **Welcome and opening remarks:**

It is hoped that future meetings can be arranged on a suitable day and time for all schools to ensure an inclusive attendance.

Sherborne Town Council (STC) are looking to adopt telephone kiosks located on Cheap Street and Newland soon. They will then be maintained and by STC. A public consultation will then be arranged to welcome ideas for the future use of these kiosks. It is hoped that a Sherborne Reusable Cup will be introduced this year funded by the cash award for Sustainable Town of the Year 2024. Other projects being considered are public transport and feasibility for a Riverside Project. The introduction of a digital noticeboard is also being considered.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The Minutes from the previous meeting dated Thursday, 27 March 2025 were approved.

### **Bollard Decorating:**

Some schools are still finalising their designs. A few designs were reviewed and presented at the meeting. It was agreed that the best option for decorating the bollards would be to use paint, led by older students, with younger children assisting.

A map of the bollard locations has been created, starting at the top of Cheap Street. To ensure the longevity of the designs, a coating film will be applied. STC have submitted a grant funding application to the Dorset Youth Fund, and we should receive a response in the coming months.

Each child chose their favourite picture and then voted on their top selection. It was suggested the names of the winning designers would be displayed publicly.

Four votes were received for design number 1, one vote for number 2, one vote for 3, one vote for 4, three votes for 5, one for 6, two votes for 7, zero for 8, zero for 9 and zero votes for 10. Therefore, the winning designs were for number 1 and 5. It was noted the effort of all designers who took part in this competition.

### **Sherborne Museum Updates:**

Sherborne Museum is currently working on improving its youth programme to encourage more children to engage with the museum. So far, 800 children have visited, which marks a 10% increase on previous years. Our goal is to collaborate with other organisations and help support the town. The museum covers a variety of topics, including the Romans, the abbey, natural

history, and clothing, among others. There is a wealth of history to explore. Sherborne Primary School extended an invitation to any trustees who are interested in attending a future assembly.

"Messy Mondays" continues to attract children from across the town. We have a wide collection of materials, though some items cannot be displayed due to space limitations. Remember to include information related to the Second World War.

Schools were asked if they would consider placing loan boxes at each of the educational settings. The loan boxes are themed boxes of replica objects or resources that can be borrowed by schools and other organisations for educational purposes, allowing for hands on learning. These boxes are often created by museums and archives to bring topics like history, art, and science to life in the classroom and are available for a set period. It was agreed that further information would be provided before the schools consider this initiative.

### **Dream Scheme:**

This initiative is being organised by St. Paul's Church and aims to bring together young people in Year 7 and below to learn new skills while giving something back to the community. Rev Eadie is looking for ideas on possible activities, as well as locations in Sherborne that could benefit from some cleaning and tidying up. We need approximately 20 participants for this project.

Possible ideas for consideration include:

- Repaint the skate park and address the graffiti on the ramps
- Repaint the court lines for Tinney's Youth Club to improve visibility
- Tidy up graffiti in Sherborne
- Plant more flowers similar to those of Sherborne in bloom
- Organise litter picking activities
- Clean or pressure wash the paving outside the barbershop.
- Arrange for bag packers in Sherborne supermarkets.
- Explore the potential for street art.
- Assist with a litter pick in Pageant Gardens.

Sherborne in Bloom may provide opportunities for the Youth Town Council. STC is doing its best to assist this group in introducing new planting across the town. Some new planting has now been agreed for the grass verge outside of Platinum Skies.

### **Any other business:**

Concerns were raised about the Abbey not agreeing to fly the Pride flag on the lead up and during Sherborne Pride. It was agreed a letter would be sent to Rector Martin Lee on this matter. A flagpole for Pageant Gardens was requested for consideration by STC.

An update on the proposed new pedestrian crossing on Horsecastles Road was requested. Updates will be provided at a future meeting.