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## D-Day 80: Picnic In The Park



The community came together on Saturday 8 June to attend our Picnic In The Park. Family and friends came along with their picnic blankets and hampers to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and activities including a bouncy castle assault course, face painting, crafts and the wonderful vocal chords of Heather Williams and The Land Girls.

As part of the D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations, the event's purpose was two-fold: a celebration of freedom and an opportunity for reflection. The festivities were paused at 3pm as the Rev. Matt Simpson read a short blessing reflecting on the sacrifice made by so many who took part in the Normandy Landings. This was followed by our guest of honour, Dorset's High Sheriff, Anthony Woodhouse who reminded us of the importance of community which was in abundance at the event.

Many thanks to all those who took part in the event and made it such a success.

If you did attend, please let us know what you thought of the event and how we might improve it.



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## Roadside Verges

A big bugbear for many of the Town's residents is the condition of the grass verges. Verges are the responsibility of Dorset Council and not the Town Council. It is an important fact that roadside verges are havens for biodiversity and wildlife. It is Dorset Council's policy to maintain the verges so that they are safe for road users but also encourage biodiversity and pollinators. This is why the verges look overgrown or only partly mowed around the edges. We acknowledge that this has mixed views across our residents.

The Town Council is an avid supporter of practices to aid wildlife and cut emissions. However, we do endeavour to inform Dorset Council of our residents opinions and to report areas where it is becoming unsafe for road users.

## Redwood Road Play Area Improvements - Update

The Town Council has invited play equipment companies to submit proposals and designs for an updated play area at Redwood Road. The Council's specification was based on the feedback from the public consultation in October 2023. Two companies have submitted exciting proposals and a public consultation will take place soon to establish what people think of the designs such as what bits they like, what they don't like as much and what they would change.

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