

What's On in Chesil Locality...Summer 2026

Local Activities for families

When?	Time?	What?	Cost?	Where?
Saturday 18 th & Sunday 19 th July	10am to 4pm	Quirky Island Unearthed - Nature themed exhibition & crafts, walks and talks, activities for families; refreshments available & a raffle. Please bring cash. Drill Hall, Easton Street, Portland, DT5 1BW https://buytickets.at/islandcommunityaction/2287093	Free / low-cost	Portland
Sunday 19 th July	12pm to 4pm	Family fun day at Castle Cove Beach Music, mermaids, games, a craft stall, sandcastle competition, face painting and a seaweed survey. Bring a picnic and a towel, maybe a bucket and spade.	Free	Wyke
Every Monday afternoon & Thursday morning	during opening times	Get crafty at Wyke Regis Library, no need to book.	Free	Wyke
Wednesday 22 nd & 29 th July, 5 th & 12 August	2pm to 3pm	Beat Street Kidz Summer fitness and dance sessions at Islanders Youth & Community Centre for all ages. Book via Facebook or Instagram.	£5	Portland
Wednesday 22 nd to Sunday 26 th July	All day	Beach Volleyball Exciting beach volleyball on Weymouth Beach, featuring Armed Forces, corporate and elite UK competitions, with free spectator access throughout the festival.	Free	Weymouth
Saturday 25 th July	10am to 4pm	American Car & Hot Rod Day Enjoy spectacular American cars and custom hot rods on Weymouth Esplanade in a lively seaside display for all ages.	Free	Weymouth
Monday 27 th July	11.15am to 12pm	Chesil Wildlife Wander – Wild Chesil Centre A short walk to spot some of the wildlife found along Chesil Beach and Fleet Lagoon. Suitable for the whole family. Call 01305 206191 or email enquiries@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk to book.	Free / small donation	Portland
Tuesday 28 th July	10.30am to 11.30am	Read to the Beat - summer event Join Portland Library for some fabulous music themed craft events this summer. Booking essential - please pop into the library or call on 03105 820171.	Free	Portland
Friday 31 st July	10am to 2pm	Love Parks Family Fun Free family fun in Nothe Gardens featuring family yoga, storytelling, live music, a teddy bear zipwire, picnic activities, community stalls and refreshments for all ages.	Free	Weymouth
Wednesday 29 th July	10am to 11.30am	Pond Dipping – Lorton Meadows Discover and identify fascinating pond wildlife with help from Dorset Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers. More info at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events . Booking essential via Eventbrite.	Child £4 Adults free	Littlemoor



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Wednesday 29 th July & 5 th August, Thursday 20 th & 27 th August	10.30am to 2.30pm	Join Weymouth Library for a creative self-led drop-in – no booking required	Free	Weymouth
Monday 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st August	9.30pm	Organised fireworks display at Weymouth Beach. Events on 10 th & 24 th August have reduced noise.	Free	Weymouth
Thursday 6 th August	10am to 12pm	Read to the Beat – Spectacular Stories Become a storyteller who can bring books to life. A fun story and craft session fat Weymouth Library filled with music, sound effects and mime for age 6+. Book on Eventbrite , one ticket per child	Free	Weymouth
Tuesday 11 th August	3pm to 4pm	Read to the Beat – Poetry + Beats Make music and share poems at Weymouth Library. For ages 6+. Book on Eventbrite , one ticket per child.	Free	Weymouth
Wednesday 12 th August	10am to 12pm	Bug hunting- Lorton Meadows Discover the world of minibeast in the shady woodland or in the meadows. More info at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events . Booking essential via Eventbrite .	Child £4 Adults free	Littlemoor
Friday 14 th August	11am to 11.45am	Read to the Beat – Library gets Lively Get creative at Littlemoor Library story and craft session. Ages 4 to 11yrs.	Free	Littlemoor
Saturday 15 th August	2pm to 6pm	Houseworks Dorset Arts - Wonderland Day Alice In Wonderland theatre show, plus crafts, snacks and free refreshments. Open to all at Littlemoor Family Hub, Louviers Rd, DT3 6AL. To book a free family space please text Clover on 07423555318.	Free	Littlemoor
Saturday 15 th August	10am to 12pm	Read to the Beat Creation Station Craft activities at Portland Library. No booking required.	Free	Portland
Wednesday 19 th August	10.15am to 11am	Meet the Musical Instruments Join Dorset Music Service at Weymouth Library for an exciting 45-minute session for the whole family. Suitable for Under 12's.	Free	Weymouth
Wednesday 19 th August	12.15pm to 1.30pm	Meet the Musical Instruments Join Dorset Music Service at Littlemoor Library for an exciting 45-minute session for the whole family. Suitable for Under 12's.	Free	Littlemoor
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Friday 21 st August	3pm to 4pm	Read to the Beat – A Musical Mystery Join Weymouth Library and step into a world of sound and secrets to solve the musical mystery. For ages 6+. Book on Eventbrite , one ticket per child.	Free	Weymouth
Tuesday 25 th August	2.30pm to 3.15pm	Rhyme Time at the Park – Radipole Gardens A fun session perfect for babies, young children, and their parents or carers. Radipole Park gardens, Weymouth DT4 7LN	Free	Weymouth
Wednesday 26 th August	3pm to 3.45pm	Read to the Beat - Lego Stop-Motion Create stories with stop-motion technology and Lego at Weymouth Library. Bring your smart devices and enjoy creating some stop motion. For ages 6+. Book on Eventbrite , one ticket per child.	Free	Weymouth
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Things to do anytime for FREE.....

Family bike rides - Get the kids active with a shorter ride for little legs or something a bit more adventurous for older children: take a look at some great cycling routes here - www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cycling-in-weymouth-and-portland

Sculptures at Tout Quarry, Portland - enjoy seeking out the creations carved out of stone at the Tout Quarry Sculpture Park and Nature Reserve on the isle of Portland, it's also a great place to take some lovely family photos – picture perfect!

Radipole Gardens – play park, café, sensory garden, free use of tennis courts and multi-use games area and outdoor table tennis

Weymouth Beach - There's free drinking water, toilets and showers, and even a toy library where you can borrow a bucket and spade if you've forgotten to bring your

Murial Trail - from Overcombe to Lodmoor, to the town centre and South harbourside, as well as the Nothe Gardens, there are plenty of fantastic artworks to find. www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/weymouth-mural-trail/

Nothe Gardens - Families can enjoy the adventure playground, nature trail and if you follow the path down to the sea, you'll reach a great rock-pooling spot at Newton's Cove

Lorton Meadows - a lovely variety of meadows, woodlands and hedgerows with plenty of wildlife to look for throughout the year, with a picnic area and circular walks. Visit the Conservation Centre and see what's on the live web cams (subject to open times).

Lodmoor Country Park - This beautiful open space has level, gravel paths suitable for pushchairs and lovely, secluded, shady spots for picnics and BBQs. Children can let off steam at the pirate-themed adventure park, there's an orienteering course plus outdoor gyms suitable for both adults and children

Dorset Council is not responsible for the above activities. We advise checking details before attending any of the events; the information provided to us was correct at the time of printing.

You can also visit the Chesil Locality Facebook page - www.facebook.com/groups/chesillocality



or contact the Family Advisors in Chesil Locality on 01305 762400