

Spring News 2026



Spring walk at Canford Cliffs

News from PBHA

Wild wet and windy weather has been the hallmark of the winter season, limiting the amount of time many of us have used our huts over the winter. Tenants have reported that on their first return visit, many huts with old wooden doors have been impossible to open without significant force. Equally difficult to close and secure due to swollen rotten wood. We understand that urgent reported problems have been dealt with by BCP staff, but in some cases tenants have had to complete their own maintenance, such as painting, where the poor state of their huts has caused such exasperation.

It has also been brought to our attention that poorly maintained huts have been rejected by some prospective new tenants. Hardly surprising given that annual rents often now exceed £3,600! Few new tenants would be prepared to pay over £300 per month to rent a dilapidated hut.

There appear to be more empty huts than usual at this time of year. According to data received from BCP's Seafront Visitor Services Manager, 123 relinquishments were received by the end of March.

Has the time come when BCP must significantly invest in the upkeep of their stock in order to ensure that every hut is let? Vacant huts like the traditional ones at Canford Cliffs Chine will not provide the income required to support the budget BCP needs.

It was disappointing that our AGM, originally planned for 2nd April, had to be postponed due to the unavailability of BCP guests. This was due to the Town Council elections being held in May and public engagement restrictions imposed on elected members.

However, we look forward to seeing PBHA members at the rearranged AGM on 19th May at East Dorset Tennis Club.

It's been good to see a number of improvement works have been carried out on our seafront over the winter months including new glass balustrades along Branksome Chine and repairs to staircases. We are also delighted to report that after years of campaigning from our committee members, the toilets at Branksome Dene Chine have been completely refurbished. However, many beach huts are still in a poor state and in need of urgent repair.

Keep up-to-date with PBHA news and regular updates on www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk

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Good news at Branksome Dene



We are delighted to report that BCP has completed a new roof and renovation throughout the popular Community Room.

In addition, a thorough and most welcome refurbishment of the public toilets, which are so well used by guests attending functions at the community room, as well as beach goers.



Rockwater construction site - Sandbanks Beach



According to a recent report in the Daily Echo, work will recommence on the Sandbanks site with an expected completion date of July.

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A host of events this summer

This year's summer BBQ is planned for

13th July at 7pm so please save the date.

Branksome Community Room, Branksome Dene Chine.

Tickets on sale shortly £20 per person, please bring your own wine.

Raffle prizes most welcome on the night.

Beach Polo



What's On locally



Poole BID is the headline sponsor for all events on Poole Quay this summer

Summer Fireworks

With live music and family street entertainment on Poole Quay every Thursday evening in August

Every Tuesday from April till September

Poole Bike Nights weekly motorbike meet evenings on Poole Quay

2 May - Mini Steam on the Quay

A festival of mini steam engines from a bygone era

June 12 -14 Upton House Festival

Top tribute acts and street food at three day family friendly festival

June 19 -21 Grooves on the Green - Ashley Cross

Tribute acts and local bands, family entertainment

June 27/28 Folk on the Quay - Poole Quay

Live music, Morris dancing and family fun

July 31 - 2 August Poole Harbour Festival - Baiter Park

Live music acts including Kaiser Chiefs



SandPolo Weekend will be held 10th/12th July at Sandbanks Beach

Sandfest -

12th July



PLEASE NOTE BELOW THE NEW REVISED DATE FOR OUR AGM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting is to be held on **19th May 2026 at 7pm**

East Dorset Lawn Tennis Club, Salterns Road, Poole.

Refreshments are available at the venue.
Guest speakers from BCP will be invited to speak and take your questions.
We look forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

If anyone would like to serve on the committee next year please let me know. We are URGENTLY seeking to elect a new Secretary

Bob Lister
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USEFUL BCP EMAIL ADDRESSES:

For reports of beach related issues email: seafrofrontadmin@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

For persistent problems email: richard.herrett@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

A reminder - Your £5 subs for 2026 are due now!

Our treasurer Tony Mullins would like to remind those members who have not yet renewed their annual subs that they are now due for this year. You do risk being removed from our mailing list if payment is overlooked.

Please contact Tony by email tmullins196@gmail.com, with your name, home address, most importantly your hut number and location and email address.

Please send a BACS transfer to the Poole Beach Huts Association account with Lloyds Bank.

New members are always welcomed so please encourage new and neighbouring tenants to join us.

Sort Code: 775024 Account : 32480860.

For more information about the Association visit www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk or contact

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