

From an architect's perspective..

Anybody considering building work without professional help needs to be either quite clever or very lucky if the operation is to be carried out successfully from start to finish.



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If you are going down the permitted development route and make the assumption that planning permission is not required you have to be very sure of your ground. A planning officer is very unlikely to confirm that permission is not needed and that you should just get on with it. The 2008 Permitted Development Order was framed to simplify the planning process. In most circumstances it allows you to extend your house, space permitting, on the back and sides by up to four metres and even increase its original length by up to 50%. However, there are a lot of qualifications which restrict the scope of the work you are allowed to do, and it is not difficult to imagine that the effect of the Act encourages bad architecture. To obtain council confirmation that it is not in breach you will need to make an application for a certificate of lawfulness. That requires the preparation of drawings and attracts a fee. In effect it is another layer of complexity in planning law unless, that is, you just want to build a shed in the garden.

So, why not start by considering a proposal that suits your house and your needs and spend a little more on making a planning application. Never forget that your house is an investment and that a badly conceived addition can actually depress its value. Conversely, a well designed project will add not only to the value of your house but to the everyday pleasure you derive from living in it, so it is worth hiring someone who is properly qualified to help you do the job.

An architect, like a builder, can turn your vision into reality by just giving you what you asked for. That may be enough, but architects should also have the ability to think laterally and produce an original and sometimes unexpected solution by unlocking the potential offered by your brief. This is where the design process should start to be -yes- fun. And if it is not fun, apart from the occasional hitch (my favourite client used to call them opportunities) you are probably missing something. Choose the right person, agree a fee structure and the scope of their work, and let them do all the organising. After all, good design does not just happen, and it is better to pay a little for getting it right rather than a lot because you got it wrong.

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Weekly Activate 1000 Sessions organised by Moors Valley

Health Walks, Fitness Walks, Cycle Rides, Fitness Buggy Workouts

Every week we run a variety of volunteer-led activities for all abilities, at several different locations throughout East Dorset. These provide a great opportunity to achieve regular exercise, explore the beautiful countryside and to meet new people. The Health Walks are free, so no need to pre book, and they run Monday to Friday from Moors Valley Country Park, The Allendale Centre, The Verwood Hub, Ferndown Leisure Centre, QE Leisure Centre, Penn Court Cafe West Moors and Kingston Lacy National Trust*

Other activities subject to small charge.
*The Kingston Lacy Health Walks will start from Thursday 26th May 2011

Way of Life Programme

May - September 2011

- Have a Go @ Golf £2.00 per session
- Tai Chi £2.50 per session
- Yoga £2.50 per session

Fancy a bit of fishing?

Family Taster 29th July £4.00

An ideal opportunity for the family to experience the joy of fishing at MoorsValley with tips, techniques and guidance from a qualified instructor - perfect for novices

Croquet 5th August £2.50

A chance to try croquet and depending on numbers we can make a competition of it!

Family Volleyball Competition 26th August £5.00

With the Olympics fast approaching why not try a sport that is sure to be one the Games most popular. With prizes for the winning families/teams and fun for everyone!

Family Health Walk & BBQ 2nd September £7.00

A follow on from 2009's popular Natures Way, a health walk followed by a fabulous fish/venison BBQ by the lake

Single Track Ride 9th September £3.00

Ranger-led Single Track ride. A chance to experience the whole 7km track with tips, hints and techniques from a Qualified Ranger

Help raise funds for The Reef - take part in THE BIG BIKE RIDE, SUNDAY 10TH JULY
Tel: 01202 842311 or email sa.davies1@btinternet.com
Become part of Colehill's Big Society in Action!

Dark Night Skies

The County Council is reducing the provision of street lighting due to a decrease in the funding allocation from central government. However, this does not mean that lights will be turned off permanently, just a reduction in times that residential areas are illuminated. The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the change in street lighting policy and whilst we have been advised that most roads and footpaths will be unlit between midnight and 05.30 in the winter and between 01.00 and 06.30 in the summer if it is still dark, we have asked DCC to ensure that certain busy junctions remain fully illuminated. Junctions at the Co-op, St Michael's Church and Sandy Lane/Lonnen Road have been included with the proviso that if any issues arise as a result of these changes we will inform DCC immediately.

Climb-down on forests

Local areas of woodland have been given a reprieve in the recent u-turn by Caroline Spelman MP, Sec. of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Government's change of heart means that Cannon Hill plantation is no longer under threat. The commercial arm of the Forestry Commission will continue to sell off cut timber and return land to open heath: there is also a programme of planting and encouraging deciduous timber. Pine trees were planted for commercial purposes and as their age reaches harvesting point, they will be felled for the woodchip industry and possibly for biomass fuel use.

In the coming months we will receive a more authoritative report on the future of our forests but as this was an issue that raised great concern amongst local people, we wanted to clarify the situation as we understand it and to allay residents' fears that Cannon Hill, in particular. People Power really works!

The National Coastwatch Institution, Eyes along the coast



In 1992 the Coastguard Service was reorganised in the belief that radio and radar could replace visual surveillance of the sea around our coasts but in 1994, within sight of the then unmanned Coastguard Station at Bass Point, Cornwall, two fishermen drowned. As a result, local residents volunteered to man the Lookout. The 'National Coastwatch Institution' (NCI) a registered charity, was born.

From this beginning, many communities have realised the contribution to safety around our coasts that can be achieved by the manning of former Coastguard Lookouts. Volunteer Watchkeepers monitor radios and radar, survey electronic charts, plot and record the movement of vessels ranging from kayak canoes to the largest Sunseeker cruisers and so are on hand to assist the 'Maritime and Coastguard Agency' in whatever it requests of them. NCI now operates 44 Lookouts with a staff of over 2000 volunteers. Dorset is well served by four NCI Stations - at Peveril Point, Swanage, St Albans Head between Swanage and Kimmeridge, on Portland Bill and at Burton Bradstock overlooking Lyme Bay.

Why not plan a cliff top walk and visit one of the most beautifully located NCI Lookouts - St Albans Head. This Lookout is some two miles from Worth Matravers. Remotely situated, it stands on the cliff edge, at an elevation of 320 feet close to the 12th Century St Aldhelm's Chapel. The Station enjoys commanding views of the coastline, from Anvil Point in the east to Portland in the west.

During 2010, NCI Stations were involved in 262 incidents, initiated 42 RNLI rescues and identified and logged 462,084 vessels. www.nci.org.uk

St Alban's Head will welcome visitors between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm during the late May Bank Holiday - 28, 29 and 30 May and again in August - 27, 28 and 29.



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Bikeability- get pedalling!



Bikeability is cycling proficiency for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. There are 3 levels to the scheme with children as young as 7 years starting lessons and then progressing through the levels. Every child who successfully completes each stage will be awarded a shiny, luminous badge and a certificate and all will be encouraged to complete all 3 levels.

The **Bikeability scheme** has attracted substantial funding for this current academic year so that any child aged 7 to 12 who attends a school within the East Dorset Schools Partnership will only have to pay £5 for a level one course and £10 for the level two course.

Ferndown Leisure Centre delivers cycle training on behalf of Dorset County Council Road Safety Team and all instructors are accredited through the Department of Transport and enhanced CRB checked. The Leisure Centre instructors are available to run courses for schools during the school day as well as after school and at the weekends.

For individuals, families or small groups wishing to book Bikeability training then courses can be booked at times and locations convenient to you! Contact the leisure centre on 01202 877468 or e-mail enquiries@ferndownleisurecentre.co.uk

Cycling for Better Health

Cycling can lead to many health benefits including lowering both blood pressure and the resting heart rate; improving stamina, strength and cardiovascular fitness; increasing calorie consumption and raising the metabolic rate: this can, in turn, lead to weight loss; improving co-ordination and balance; promoting psychological well-being; exercise can improve mental capacities, reduce stress and give a sense of well-being.

Why cycle?

It's faster than walking, you'll get fit, it's good for the planet, it gives you freedom, you discover new places, children who cycle are more confident, independent and perform better at school. Most of all, it's fun and it's FREE!



Colehill Memorial Hall

During the week the Hall is booked with a great variety of activities -take a look at the noticeboard whenever you are passing so that you don't miss anything! Call Jenny Munson, the Booking Clerk (883643), if you are interested in hiring the Hall.

Dates for your Diary

June

- 10 Allotments Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 10-12 Wimborne Folk Festival
- 11 Minster Green Fair
- 17 Hayeswood School Summer Fair
- 17 Pamphill School Strawberry Fair
- 18 Waitrose Summer Fayre
- 18 Co.Mad, an Evening of Music & Comedy, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Tickets £8.00 Tel: 01202 887084
- 24 St Michael's School Summer Fair
- 25 St Catherine's School Summer Fair

July

- 1 Beaucroft School Summer Fair
- 8 Colehill First School Summer Fair
- 9 Film Night "Brassed Off", Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00 from Wimborne TIC or Barbara Gooch 01202 882590
- 10 The Big Bike Ride in aid of The Reef, see back page for details
- 10 The Big BBQ & Community Fair, see back page for details

September

- 17 Ceroc Dance Night, Memorial Hall 8pm, in aid of The Reef
A mixture of swing, jive and latin. Guaranteed fun-packed evening, tuition given, no experience necessary
Tickets £8.00 Tel: Susan Davies 01202 842311

October

- 21 Play "The World Outside" by Forest Forge. Memorial Hall 8pm
Tickets £8.00 from Wimborne TIC or Barbara Gooch 01202 882590

Colehill Parish Council

Dates of all meetings are advertised on Parish noticeboards and on the website. Members of the public are most welcome.

Election Results

East Dorset District Council:

Janet Dover, Lib. Dem

Don Wallace, Lib Dem

David Packer, Con

The Parish Council election was uncontested

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KD Johnson, David Mitchell,
David Packer, Tracey Paine

When the event's over take the posters down!

The Parish Council understands that individuals, clubs and organisations want to display leaflets and posters advertising their events and in theory we have little objection to you doing this but Fly Posting is becoming a real problem in and around Colehill. However, the people responsible for plastering every telegraph pole, fence, board, bus shelter, tree and railing with this printed material MUST remove it and all the staples, pins, nails and other adhesives as soon as the event is over. We want your event to be a success (just as we want events we at the PC are organising to be successful) but we can't expect residents to live in a community covered in old, faded and tatty posters still up months after the event has finished. Please help us to keep Colehill free of this unwanted material: we really don't want to have to take action against local groups or individuals. Damage to street furniture or telegraph poles could result in action being taken by the appropriate authority.

The Big Bike Ride

Sunday 10th July 2011

in aid of the rebuilding of
The Reef Youth Club, Colehill

Two routes 25miles/10miles

Starts at 10am leaving from The Reef

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£3.00 Adults £1.50 Children

Applications for Bike Ride: Norman Davies Tel: 01202 842311

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Tickets for BBQ: Susan Davies Tel: 01202 842311

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