



About the Island

Portland is unique and unusual, connected to the mainland at Abbotsbury by Chesil Beach, a tombolo which runs 29 kilometres (18 mi) north-west to West Bay. Portland is a tried island, and Chesil Beach is the tombolo (a spit joined to land at both ends).

Due to its unique control location, the late of Pentland has an extensive range of floor and florus the control mod disused quarter and estignated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest. See and migratory blad occupy the cliffs in different seasons, sometimes these includer are species which draw ornithologists from cround the country. Morine visitors to the surrounding sees include diophins, seed and basking sharks. The comparatively warm and surry dimeter allows species of land that the comparatively warm and surry dimeter allows species of understanding the control of the comparative of the

Portland is a central part of the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage Site on the Dorset and east Devon coast, important for its geology and landforms.

The Doomsday Book mentions Portland under the heading 'The Land of the King'. As a Royal Manor it has its own Court Leet, also a Crown Court which means there is no one between the Queen and her tenants.

Portland limestone is still quarried here, and is used in British architecture, including St Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace.

architecture, including s' Prais s'Comerciar and aucuseignam resisce. The large, deep conflical binchour on Portlands northern shore was a Royal Noxy base during World War I and World War II; Portland harbours in one of the despeat non-made harbours in the world at 12 metres (39 ft) to 20 metres (66 ft), and one of the largest at 6.6 square sliamettes (2,125 cares). The harbour is a small collision part and sliamettes (2,125 cares). The harbour is a small collision part and Salling Academy hosted the London 2012 Olympic & Prachympic Games Salling events. In 2012 Bee Ansila became the first person to wim medals in five different Olympic Games in salling. He is, as of 2012, the most successful sallor in Olympic Harbou.

Don't mention the Bunnies!

Robs is how been associated with bad lack for centuries on Parliady use of the name is still babon — the creatures are often referred to as "underground mutton", "long-acread frum things" or just "burnies". The fear of the word is believed to derive from quarry worders; they would see burnies emerging from their burrows immediately before a rock fall and blame them for increasing the risk of dangerous, sometimes deadly indufibles.

Coastal Walks & Viewpoints

As the Island is set out from the mainland it offers some amazing paracemic ses and costald views. The best by for is the view from the control of the contr

Natural Attractions

Kingbarrow Quarry - Wildlife, geology and history combine to make the site a wonderful resource. It is home to a wide range of plants and animals including many rare and unusual species. A lossil forest, tree bowls formed by algae now calcified, that grew around prehistoric trees.

Broadcroft Quarries - Butterfly conservation reserve with over 21 regular species on the reserve, and over 100 flowering plants.

Tout Quarry Sculpture Park - a combination of heritage, biology, nature and sculpture, protected as a site of special scientific interes Over 50 examples of sculpture can be seen throughout the quarry, including works by Antony Gormley.

Culverwell Mesolithic site - of worldwide importance as it is thought to be the oldest known site of permanent residence in Britain, dates from around 8-8,500 years old, the middle stone age

Visitor Attractions

Chiswell Earthworks - the walls create wore-like patterns and support undulating platforms of earth suggesting the changing form of the beach as the sea breads upon it of Chiswell.

Church Ope Cove - parking for Church Ope is available apposite Pransylvania Castle and then you will have a short walk followed by a number of steps (around 100) to get to the Cove.

A nice pabble beach, good for padding and fishing.

Governor's Community Gardens - with picnic area, botanical garden, wildlife area and play park open for all to enjoy.

Lower Lighthouse - Bird Observatory - opened in 1961 as a bird observatory and field centre.

National Coastwatch - Lookout station - check website www.nci-portlandbill.org for opening times.

Old Higher Lighthouse - Portland's first lighthouse coal fired and lit in 1716. It became the summer residence of Dr Marie Stopes in the 1920's. It is now privately owned.

Portland Castle - A fine coastal fortress built by Henry VIII overlooking Portland harbour, with 500 years of history. One of English Heritage's best preserved Tudor monuments.

Portland Museum - with gallery, fossil garden and artefacts ranging from ship wrecks, stone carvings, to petrified cats and stone coffins! One of the museum's cottages was called 'Avice's Cottage' by Thomas Hardy in his novel 'The Well Beloved'.

Portland Bill Lighthouse - in operation since 1906.

Rufus Castle (Bow & Arrow) - the remains of this cliff side fortress stand proudly above Church Ope Cove. This ancient monument dates back to the 15th century.

Windmills - 2 surviving ruins first recorded around 1608 when Portland was primarily devoted to agriculture. PROPOSED FOR THE FUTURE

Welcome to THE ISLE OF

PORTLAND

the MEMO Project (www.memoproject.org) and 'Jurassica' visitor attraction.

Portland Villages

OSPREY QUAY — is the marine hub of the Isle of Portland. This waterfront race was named to reflect its origins as HMS Osprey, the former Royal Naval Station. Home to the National Sailing Academy which hosted the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

CHISWELL – One of Portland's ancient hamlets, a fishing village with cottages built on the back of the Chesil beach. The village lies at the point where the massive Chesil Beach joins Portland to the Dorset mainland. Equally magnificent on a warm summer's day as its in the Ultiforce of a vinter's storm.

CASTLETOWN – Once a busy area serving the numerous sailors that came through from the Dackyard it is now popular for those withing to dive in the waters off Portland. An area stepped in millitary history it was also the site that much of the world famous Portland Stone was hipped to London from. The Tudor fortress, Portland Castle sits formidably on the waterfront and is well worth a visit.

FORTUNESWELL – Originally known as Fortunes' well because it was an island settlement established around a small watercourse. The main road through to the top if the island has a wide variety of properties, some are small Portland stone cottages that were built on steep slopes. As you climb the hill St. John's Church, built in the 1800s, is on the left hand side.

VERNE COMMON — Although now mainly residential the area has evidence of Roman settlements. The view from the top at the entrance to The Verne is simply breathtaking with views across Chesil beach, Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay.

THE GROVE — A small settlement that originally housed the old Borstal officers. At the cliff edge you can see the Purbeck cliffs and the Victorian Portland Harbour. Look out for the wild Portland agosts on the cliffs below.

EASTON – the shopping centre of Portland that surrounds the Victorian gardens in the centre of the main square. A range of traditional shops, superstore and cafes for you to choose from.

WESTCLIFF — Go through the residential area to get to the West side of the island and you can enjoy fantastic views of Chesil Beach and beyond and take a leisurely cliff top stroll to the Bill.

WESTON — It is overseen by the magnificant Georgian St. Georges Church at the top of the road which although no long to consecrated is open during the day for people to visit in SOUTHWELL — Portland's most southerly village made up of qualit quarrymen cottages and new houses with a village pub in the centre of the village. Park at Cheyne Waares and access the wonderful round-island cliff while.

PORTLAND BILL – This is the southern most tip of the island and has Portland's most famous landmarks, the lighthouse and Pulpit rock. Enjoythe spectacular sea views across the English Channel.



Travel to Portland, Dorset at the heart of the World Heritage Coast

On foot follow the Radwell Trail from Weymouth

By bike follow cycle path over the causeway from Wyke Regis

By car From M3, follow M27 West and then A31. From M5 (junction 25) follow signs to Yeovil, then A37.

By rail From London Waterloo & Bristol Temple Meads to Weymouth.

Bus routes from Weymouth South West Coaches 210, 220

First Buses 1 (Southwell), 10 (Weston), 501 (Portland Bill)

Coastline Cruises - Portland Castle to Weymouth Seasonal ferry service - call 01305 785 000 for details

Spirit of Portland

3rd AUGUST 2014

Annual multi-community based festival, celebrating the unique culture and maritime heritage of the Isle of Portland. Events include singing, dance and live music, combined with open days tolks, walks, raft race, open-water swimming and externe sports. All this topped off with a magnificant fireworks display over Portland Harboat to close the week of frestivities.



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