**Beacon Ward Report to Parishes**

**Dorset Council**

**Cllr Jane Somper**

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**Revenue Support Fund**

Dorset Council Organisational Revenue Support Fund for Culture has awarded £486,000 to 28 organisations over the next three years.

 A total of 41 applications were received from arts and heritage organisations and accredited museums. A total of £217,000 has been awarded to arts and heritage and £269,000 to accredited museums.

This funding has been spread across the Dorset Council area to ensure residents and communities have cultural benefit around the county. All the organisations awarded with this money are based in and deliver their programmes within the council’s boundaries.

Here is a link to see what organisation have received this funding

[Organisational Revenue Support Fund grants awarded - Dorset Council](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding/awards-of-the-organisational-revenue-support-fund)

**Winter Gritting - Floods**

I and the highways team in this area have been responding to calls for advice and assistance during recent weeks on flooding and icy roads. Highways had 70 staff during working hours, and 12 overnight alongside the gritting crews (additional 19 operatives). Tackling flood water and water on the roads while the temperatures drop requires care coordination by the teams to ensure gritting activity is done within early hours.

With the amount of call outs received in the short space of time, this did cause delays to highways response but all reporting is now up=to-date and areas of priority concern in Beacon Ward are being addressed.

**Reporting Any Highways Related Problem**

Highways problems can be reported on the link below. You will receive a reference number so the report can be tracked. You can also upload photographs of the issue concerned and pin-point on the interactive map. Some of the reporting you can do as follows; pothole, blocked drain, flooding, abandoned vehicles and fly-tipping [Report a problem on a road or pavement - Dorset Council](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

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