

Enjoying your walk along the FlowerFest18 Trail

Whilst walking the trail, you will pass many points of interest. Starting in The Priory Gardens, you will see the Pond Area, Priory Statue and Sensory Garden (look out for the plaques scattered around the garden for more information). As you proceed along by Paradise Walk wall and gate you may notice the gargoyles in the Norman wall.

Paradise Walk is so named because the path led from the Lady Chapel where burial services were held to the Monk's burial ground

Just a little further on and you reach the entrance to the East End of The Priory and the East Bank of The Priory before getting to the Lime Arch and the Perkins' Mausoleum.

Mrs Perkins' husband was a general in the Marines and as a young man fought a pistol duel on the mess deck of a warship at a distance of six feet

Linger a while in the Rose Garden before getting to English Heritage Christchurch Castle. Also known as Castle Hall, Norman House or the Constable's House. The castle consists of the keep on the motte and the house on the bank of the Mill Stream. The walls of the two-floored house were made of random rubble, mainly Purbeck stone. The keep was built shortly after the Norman Conquest and the house circa 1160.

English Heritage Norman House was built by Richard de Redvers, 2nd Earl of Devon and was the probable residence of seven Kings of England. It has one of the best Norman chimneys in Britain

On the trail between the keep and the house, you will find the English Heritage Stocks. These are on the site of the Old Manor Court House, which was taken down in 1888 and adjacent to what is believed to be the oldest council house in the country.

(Although not on the trail, the Ducking Stool is worth a detour.) Turning right just before Town Bridge, you will proceed along Convent Walk and the River Bank.

Convent Walk entrance was once used by cattle being moved from convent meadows. They were taken across the road and through the alleyway opposite to fresh grazing on Millhams Mead

Follow the path along the Mill Stream until you reach Place Mill Bridge. Also known as a fulling mill, it was used as fulling for the woollen process and for grinding wheat and other grain. Finally, you will reach the Bandstand on The Quomps.

The bandstand is described by Historic England as a late 19th century Bandstand. It was in fact built in the 1930s after an 'anonymous' donation from Mr David Llewellyn, the manager of the West Hants Water Company

But don't stop now, please visit the Red House Museum, the Hayloft Gallery, the Regent Centre, the Mayor's Parlour and Saxon Square as well as the superb shops and their colourful displays along the way.

The Red House Museum was purpose built as a workhouse in 1764 and was operational until 1886. The Mayor's Parlour was originally the Market Hall and is a Grade 2 listed building

With thanks to Christchurch History Society
www.historychristchurch.org.uk

With grateful thanks to our Retailers supporting Dorset Mind...

Ye Olde Eight Bells Gift Shoppe - 16 Church Street

Tucked away down the cobbled streets of Christchurch, we are pleased to support FlowerFest18 and Dorset Mind. Bringing the town together has to be a good thing and we look forward to floral window displays and seeing creations on the Priory grounds... we also sell the best fudge around! www.twycraft.co.uk

Soho - 7 Church Street

Serving fresh coffee and a range of wine, Soho, overlooking the castle grounds, is the perfect venue to relax and unwind. At night the tempo is upbeat with a variety of food and evening entertainment. www.soholifestyle.co.uk

Hatch Gallery - 7a Church Street

Hatch Gallery specialises in Contemporary British Art, Ceramics, Hand Crafted Jewellery and Sculpture. Hatch Gallery is also known for supporting local and emerging artists. In conjunction with the Christchurch Flower Festival, Hatch will be holding a Festival of Flowers exhibition with artists including Yvonne Coomber and Este Macleod, 13 June - 18 July. All welcome! www.hatchgallery.com

Thomas Tripp - 10 Wick Lane

Thomas Tripp, a local well known pub with live music and a great range of alcohol & where the welcome is always warm & friendly. We support FlowerFest18 in their efforts to raise money for Dorset Mind. www.thomastripp.co.uk

The Industry - 12a Wick Lane

The Industry Christchurch Hair Salon was founded in 2005. Our teams goal is to create a look unique to you and your life style. We pride ourselves on being an award winning salon. We love being part of our local community and welcome anyone to pop in for a free consultation. 01202 483899

Roberta - 1 Church Street

Roberta brings you an amazing collection of designer clothing and accessories in our boutiques in Christchurch and Bournemouth. Roberta has established itself as a leading women's fashion boutique selling designer brands which include Emporio Armani and Marc Cain together with exciting new collections you will not find on the high street. 01202 470346

Slades Estate Agents - 7 Castle Street

Slades Estate Agents have been established for over 25 years and are the leading agents in the borough with offices in Christchurch, Highcliffe, Bransgore and Southbourne. If you are thinking of buying, selling or renting a property, then contact the experts. 01202 474202 www.sladeshomes.co.uk

Coast Coffee Co - 74 High Street

Coast Coffee is a family run business set on the High Street. We pride ourselves in making delicious fresh coffee delivered by friendly trained baristas. There is plenty to choose from on our snack menu as well if you are feeling peckish. 01202 496800

Specsavers Opticians - 34 High Street

It's wonderful that the local businesses of Christchurch have supported the first flower festival, we are very happy at Specsavers Christchurch to be included and hope that all residents and visitors enjoy the festival. www.specsavers.co.uk

Harbour Beauty - 15/17 Saxon Square

We are a family run business, local to the area, that enjoys giving back to the Christchurch community. Any events that are in the area we try to actively become involved with as a way of saying thank you to our loyal customers. The FlowerFest18 event sounds like a wonderful idea and one that we hope to help with. www.harbourbeauty.com

The Saxon Bar - 5 The Saxon Centre

Promoting community and good conversation. No piped music or gaming machines, just great beer, cider, wine, spirits and fabulous people. 01202 488931

Please don't forget to mention FlowerFest18 when contacting any of our retailers or the sponsors overleaf.

We would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete this short survey coupon. Coupons can be left in the boxes at the Red House Museum or the Regent Centre. Alternatively, you can vote on social media:- Facebook.com/FlowerFest18, Twitter.com/FlowerFest18 or on our website theflowerfest.co.uk
Voting closes Monday 18 June. Thank you.

My vote for the best floral installation design trophy goes to:

and the best window display to:

Name:

email (optional):

Christchurch resident/visitor from:

What did you learn or enjoy about FlowerFest18:

Any other comments:

FlowerFest18 is delighted to be supporting Dorset Mind during our festival



Dorset Mind was established in 1946 and, although an affiliate of the national Mind organisation, we generate all of our own funding.

With extra funding our aim is to...
RAISE awareness within general and specific communities about mental ill health. That is to say, it will EDUCATE people about symptoms – what they are, what to expect and how to spot them. They will educate people about what they can do when they experience symptoms either themselves or in someone they know.
CHALLENGE the stigma and inequality of mental ill health so that neither prevent people receiving the information and support they need.
PROMOTE the ethos of RECOVERY from mental ill health by educating people about it. They would also provide responsive and safe support services for all communities to assist them in their own recovery.

www.dorsetmind.uk

ALL net profits from FlowerFest18 will be donated to Dorset Mind - Registered Charity Number 1108168

