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REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Much needed refurbishment work on several public conveniences in North Dorset will begin on 12 May resulting in refreshed facilities that will also be less susceptible to vandalism.

Public conveniences in the district are being transferred from North Dorset District Council ownership to the relevant Town Councils as part of the Local Delivery Project but before the transfer takes place the District Council is paying for them to be refurbished.

The contract to refurbish the public conveniences has been awarded and the contractor is surveying each building; the preparatory work for the refurbishment has begun. The upgrading is being carried out to a high level, to a specification which has already been agreed with the Town Councils. The result will be much better conveniences for the general public to use and facilities of a higher value for the Town Councils to own and operate.

The following list clarifies the current situation regarding public conveniences in North Dorset, which are open, which are closed and when refurbishment will take place:

Blandford: The public conveniences at the Marsh & Ham car park are closed but the public conveniences at Langton Road are open (funded on a temporary basis by the Town Council).

Negotiations are close to being completed with the Town Council to agree the long term provision of public conveniences in Blandford Forum including the anticipated refurbishment of those at the Marsh & Ham.

Gillingham: The High Street public conveniences are closed but will, hopefully, reopen temporarily before closing again for refurbishment which will begin in June.

Shaftesbury: The public conveniences at Bell Street car park were closed but have been temporarily re-opened following a request from the Town Council. They will subsequently close again for refurbishment in June.

Stalbridge: The Station Road public conveniences are currently closed for refurbishment which will begin on Monday 12 May.

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Sturminster Newton: The public conveniences at Station Road are open and operated by the Town Council. They are also due for refurbishment which will start in June.

The refurbished public conveniences are planned to be open and transferred to the relevant Town Councils by September of this year.

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