



Notice of Road Closures and Parking Restrictions on Sunday 27th May 2018

Dear Residents and Businesses in the Dorchester area,

Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club, in conjunction with White Star Running is holding the annual Dorchester Marathon and Casterbridge Half Marathon, taking in Dorchester Town Centre and the surrounding villages on 27th May 2018.

This is a community event, organised by local people for the benefit of our local Air Ambulance, local charities and good causes, and our own charity work. The event is supported by Dorchester, West Dorset and Dorset Councils, together with the local business community as it will bring competitors and their families to Dorchester for the weekend and doubtless inspire them to return to glorious West Dorset on many future occasions!

The reason for contacting you is one of courtesy and to provide you with advance notice of road closures and parking restrictions. The marathon race will start early (8.30am) on Sunday morning at Cokers Frome farm (the site of Dorset County Show) and continue via London Road, Top of Town, Cornwall Road and South Walks, all of which will be closed for about an hour and then open once the race has passed. The half marathon will start on Grey's Bridge at 9.30am and pass along Kings Road which will also be closed for about half an hour and then open as normal. Both races will cross the bypass at the Allington Avenue bridge, head towards West Stafford and then out into the Frome valley, returning to Cokers Frome Farm southwards along Slayers Lane, which will be closed for much of the day.

The event organisers in association with Dorset County Council have made every effort to minimise the disruptive impact of the event and to allow those directly affected to carry on with their lives with as little inconvenience as possible. Details of road closures are enclosed, together with alternative routes which are intended to limit the impact on local residents wherever possible. Please take note of the information provided and rest assure that every effort will be made to keep traffic flowing as freely and smoothly as possible, whilst ensuring the safety of the runners and marshals.



For more detailed route map please visit www.dorchestermarathon.co.uk



Local Residents

As the safety of runners and marshals is critical, if you know that you need to drive during the times your local roads will be closed, we would ask you to consider if your journey could wait until the roads have re-opened? If not, could you move your car whilst the roads are open to park it off the route, so that you can easily use it during the race and avoid driving on the race course.

Businesses

We would recommend that businesses inform their staff who travel to work that they may need to allow extra time for their journey on 27th May. If you are anticipating having deliveries on this day, could they be rescheduled to avoid any disruption to their route? If not, please contact us for guidance on the best way of approaching your site. We would also appreciate your help in passing on the message to your customers as to the best route to your premises on race day.

If none of these are possible, we would like to hear from you so that we can plan for essential vehicle movements on race day. This will help marshals and runners prepare for traffic in certain areas and most importantly, keep the race as safe as possible.

Official Parking Restrictions will be in place along Athelhampton Road and Dorchester Road in Puddletown and Tolpiddle, to allow one-way traffic and runners to occupy opposite sides the roads. These restrictions will come into operation from 6pm on Saturday 26th May until the race has finished at approximately 5.00pm on Sunday 27th. If vehicles are parked in these restricted areas, Penalty Notices will be issued, and the vehicles removed.

As well as using professional marshals, we will also be using local volunteers as marshals as they know the area well and can successfully redirect people around the marathon and half marathon routes. **If you'd like to be involved** in the event as a marshal, then please let us know.

We are mindful that to be a successful community event we need to consider all members of the community and if you have any concerns or wish to discuss the event with a member of the planning team, please ring 07722 919810 or email raceadmin@whitestarrunning.co.uk and we will get back to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation in this matter and apologise for any inconvenience which may be experienced.

Do enjoy the race as it passes through your neighbourhood and encourage the athletes as they pass by, some of which you may know! Thank you for helping us to support charities in our own community, many of whom applied for and received a share of the £13,000 profit made from last year's event. Let's hope we can be as successful this year!

Yours sincerely,

John Adams, Chairman of Dorchester Marathon and past President of Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club

The Temporary Traffic Regulation enforces the closures between the times shown on the next page but marshals will use their discretion to allow access to properties when safe to do so by agreement with race control.

Area	Runners Expected	Access Advice
Dorchester Town Centre	7am-10am	* No access to Dorchester Town Centre from Stinsford Hill Roundabout
		* Access to Dorchester West Train Station via Maumbury Road * Access to Dorchester South Train Station & car boot via Weymouth Avenue
		* No access to Dorchester Town Centre from A352
		* Traffic control measure for exit & access at Buckingham Way and A352 towards Broadmayne
West Stafford	8.30am- 10.30am	* No access between times shown * West Stafford Bypass is also having clearance work done at Bridleway S52/12 crossing- be aware of heavy machinery and workers in this area.
Lower Bockhampton	9.30am - 10.30am	* Access via Knapwater and Kingston Maurward Estate
Woodsford	9.00am-10am	* No access between times shown
Tinleton	9.30am - 11am	* No access between times shown
Puddletown Forest	9.30am - 11.30am	* No access between times shown
Pallington	9.30am – 12pm	* Marshal controlled access from Northbound B3390
Briantspuddle	10am - 1pm	* Controlled Marshall access at cross roads
Affpuddle	10am - 1pm	*No access between times shown
Tolpuddle	10am – 1.30pm	* Parking restrictions on Dorchester Road - No parking from 6pm Saturday- 5pm Sunday. Penalty notices will be issued, and vehicles will be towed.
		* Managed access through West to East along Dorchester Road to join A35, access from Puddletown exit of A35
		* East to West access as far as Southover Lane
Athlehampton	10.30 am - 2pm	* Managed access through West to East from A35 exit Blandford Road, Athlehampton Road, Dorchester Road to re-join A35
Puddletown	10am – 2.15pm	* Managed access through West to East from A35 exit Blandford Road, Athlehampton Road, Dorchester Road to re-join A35
		* Parking restrictions Athlehampton Road & High Street- No parking from 6pm Saturday- 5pm Sunday. Penalty notices will be issued and vehicles will be towed.
		* Kings Mead residents left exit only onto Greenacres
		* Marshall controlled exit from New Street, Butt Close & Milom Lane to join West to East flow of traffic
Waterstone	10.15am - 3pm	* No access between times shown
Waddock Cross	9am -1pm	* Follow advisory alternative route to access Crossways/Warmwell and A35 via Bere Regis and Hurst * Traffic traveling north will be able to travel east towards Bovington * Traffic traveling West from Bovington will be able to travel south to Crossways