

Take a photo of me...? Why do you want to do that?

Bridport Lockdown is a community project to create a shared collection of images and stories from the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic for Bridport and the wider surrounding area.

The idea?

We are all living in a unique time and learning about our “new normal.” This project aims to create a shared archive of this period in local history. Using photos but concentrating on both the good, and the less good, stories, thoughts, or feelings. And details of the lives of the people in, or behind, the photos.

Who can take part?

- Everyone. It isn't just for photographers or for writers. This project is about ALL of our lives.

So why do you want a photo of me?

- Everyone, young and old, is a part of the history that is unfolding right now and has a story to tell no matter how large or small.
- We are really encouraging people who are still regularly out and about in the local community (trades, delivery drivers, carers, volunteers etc) to be our "eyes and ears" so that we include the wider population of local residents whom they encounter daily through their work.
- One of the themes of the project is “Doorstep Portraits” – a lot of us only see each other stood on our doorsteps at the moment. Our Doorstep Portraits are a record of that. Literally a photo of local residents stood on their doorstep – a bit like the classic first day at school photo...!

If you are taking a photo of me...can I also take one of you?

- Absolutely! Another theme to the project is “Workplace Portraits” and we would love any photos of the people who are out & about keeping the world turning at the moment. Think of those wonderful old historical photos of people at work that you might see in museums with the wonderful details of their period clothes, or tools, or vehicles, or dodgy haircuts...

I can take a photo but I'm not great with words or stories. Can I still get involved?

- Absolutely. Every photo, and each of us, has a story. There are people involved here who love writing. They can speak to you, or whoever is in your photo and write that story for you.

How do I send in photos?

- All photos should be submitted via this link: www.bridportlockdown.org/sendphotos
- We would encourage you to send as many photos as you think might fit in with the project.

What happens at the end of all this...?

- ALL photos and accompanying stories submitted via the website will be added to the Covid-19 archive at the Dorset History Centre. They will be a record of the most important shift that's taking place in our society since the last world war and of your part in that.
- A SELECTION of submitted photos will also be added to our Instagram page and website.
- We plan (TBC) to put on an exhibition locally of a wide selection of the submitted photos.

Where can I find out more information about the Bridport Lockdown project?

- Plenty more information, details of the organisations who are our partners, and a selection of photos are on our website: www.bridportlockdown.org – or, if you aren't an internet user, please call Eddy on 07976 249699 who can answer any questions about the project.

Many thanks from the Bridport Lockdown team for your support for this project and for playing your part in recording this unique time in our history. Please follow us on Instagram or Facebook or subscribe to our newsletter for updates on the project. Links on website.
