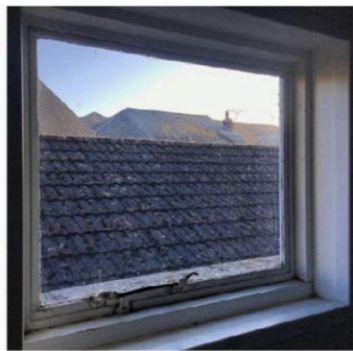


Birth of an Archive



AN initiative that began as an attempt to create a visual reminder of the challenges we face and a slice of Bridport community life during the COVID-19 crisis, hopes to extend further afield as interest in it grows.

Bridport Lockdown was launched by Netherbury resident Eddy Pearce to capture and archive stories from daily life in and around Bridport during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

He hopes it will become an archive for historians of the future, in the same way that the handwritten diaries of the past, left to us by the likes of Samuel Pepys, recorded the histories that we know now of events like the Great Plague.

Eddy realised the importance of acknowledging and recording stories of daily life surrounding the Coronavirus quarantine period after recently establishing the Covid-19 support group for the villages north of Bridport, including Netherbury, Salwayash and Melplash. With a background in film and photography, and understanding that the current period of time is one of the most unique periods that most of us will ever experience in our lifetimes, Eddy started to look at ways that he could enable the local community to capture what current lives look like, and the relevance it will hold for generations to come.

He and those involved are particularly keen to engage with all local groups, clubs, businesses, charities, and organisations who may be able to contribute with perspectives of their own stories during lockdown. This project is not aimed at only photographers, but rather anybody with a story to share.

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