

Bridport Cohousing Policy on Public Access and Sharing our Common Facilities with the Wider Community – March 2017

The aim of this policy: our shared facilities play a large role in enabling us to live lives that have a lower ecological footprint. By sharing them with the wider community we want these facilities to be available as a valuable local resource and to contribute to others reducing their ecological footprints

Our common house facilities

We will make our common house facilities available for use by organisations and individuals in the Bridport area, at charges in line with other local venues. The facilities will be made available for two mornings, two afternoons, and two evening sessions per week. Preference will be given to events organised by/of interest to residents in the immediate locality around the site.

Facilities will include:

- A large meeting room with kitchen, dining and sitting area, available as a whole or separately;
- A small meeting room;
- A white room for various uses such as yoga, meditation, relaxation, therapies.

The sort of events that will be held in the common house, arranged by BC or others, for example:

- Environmental Educational events
- Cultural events
- A practice venue for a local choir
- Exercise and other classes and groups
- Local playgroups

A community allotment growing organic food

Growing our own food is part of our plan to live sustainably, using organic and permaculture methods. We aim to offer food growing space to those living nearby. Space will be offered on terms in line with local practice (i.e. using the same organic and permaculture methods).

Play areas

- We plan to develop as soon as possible:
- A fenced play area for toddlers with parents/carers,
- A children's play area with equipment.
- Outdoor Gym Equipment for adults.

Transport facilities

When our car-sharing club and/or a mini-bus is in place we will invite the wider community to join us in using this transport.

Limits to Public Access

Certain parts of the common house, such as office and storage area, will be reserved for private use.