



## Stories From Our Streets Community Activity Pack

The Stories From Our Streets project is creating a story map to celebrate the voices of our diverse communities across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

**We need your help!** We want to hear from everyone – a story from every postcode – to learn what you love about the area, the people, and what makes home ‘Home’.

Stories are at the heart of community and culture.

**Every voice matters. Every story matters. We want to hear yours.**

**There are many ways to be part of this free project for everyone of every age** – and you don’t need to be a writer or ‘good at writing’ to take part. You can use this activity pack and choose one or all of the activities - or simply share a moment or memory of BCP. **See the back page of the pack to enter our competition, too.** We look forward to seeing what you create!

### How to join in

**You can choose any of the following ways to join in:**

- Print out the activity pack and write your story onto it directly
- Pick up a copy of the activity pack at your local BCP library
- Use blank paper to respond to the writing activities
- Work digitally on your phone, computer or tablet

**Share your story/completed sheet with us in ONE of the following ways. Remember to include your name (optional) and full postcode or half postcode and area eg BH5, Pokesdown** (this helps us ensure we have everywhere covered on our map!). If you attended a session/event with us, please tell us when and where. **Send us your story:**

- Email it to [stories@artfulscribe.co.uk](mailto:stories@artfulscribe.co.uk) or
- Drop a paper copy to your local BCP library - label it for Stories From Our Streets or
- Upload it to **\*\*Typeform/GoogleForm\*\***

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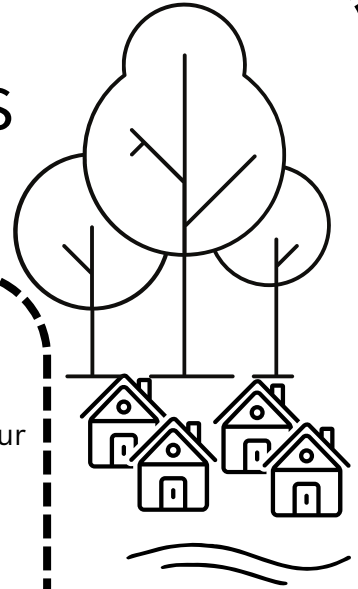


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# Your BCP Places



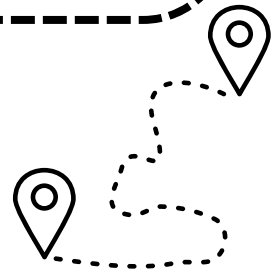
Paint a picture with your words and tell us about your favourite place or places across BCP.

You might take us on a walk in your neighbourhood or to your local cafe. You can use the senses: describe what you see, hear, touch, smell.

Perhaps you'll share a memory or a moment of a local landmark or a place that is special to you.

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What stories do the streets, buildings, parks and nature want to tell? You could give voice to them!



Your Name:

Postcode/Half Postcode/Area :



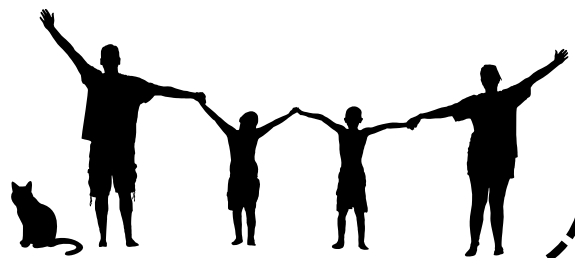
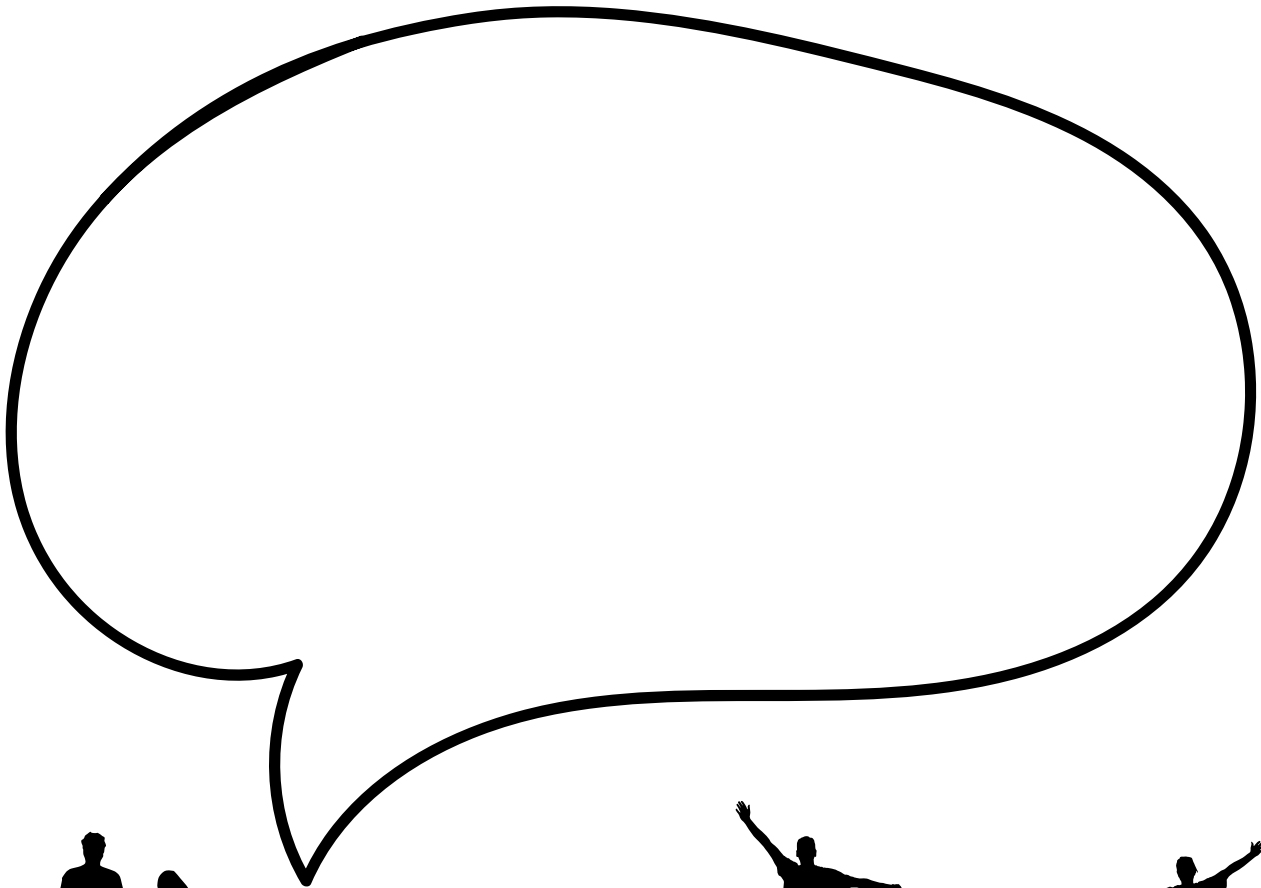
# Your BCP Characters

Who do you appreciate in BCP? Is there someone special who brightens your day in the simplest of ways?

Is there a person, or group of people, who make a difference in the local area and community? We'd love to know more!

Who are the local characters? What conversations have made you smile or sparked your interest?

Perhaps there are pets and animals that are local characters, too?



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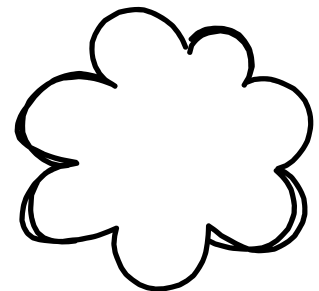
# BCP Memories & Moments

Perhaps you, or someone you know has a special memory of BCP to share?

Maybe a family member has a story from the past?  
Or your friends, colleagues, schoolmates have a moment that is special to you or your community - it could be big or small - we'd love to hear about it!

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# Your BCP, Our BCP



What makes 'home', home?

Write about when you feel a sense of belonging and how it feels. Where are you? Who are you with? What helps you feel truly at home? What are the moments that remind you that you are part of the local community and landscape?

Perhaps you share simple everyday rituals with family and friends: cups of tea in the morning, a walk in the park each afternoon, a chat over a shop counter.

Maybe it's taking a moment's pause by a familiar tree, or looking out over the wide-open sea, hearing the squawk of a gull or the meow of a local cat. What makes you feel at home?



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# Extra Story Space!

If the words are flowing, keep writing your BCP stories below!

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# Enter the Stories From Our Streets Competition!

## Calling all local writers!

The Stories From Our Streets writing competition is now open and FREE to enter for anyone currently resident in Bournemouth, Christchurch or Poole.

We are looking for short pieces of non-fiction writing that celebrate the people and places of BCP, past and present; stories that tell us about everyday life in the area perhaps capturing a recent moment or a memory from the past.

All submitted stories will be considered for publication on the Stories From Our Streets Story Map, and the winning entry will be awarded £50 of book vouchers.

The closing date is July 21st 2023.

## Submission Guidelines

Stories should be 600 words or less

At the top of your submission, please write the following:

- Your name as you would like to see it published (it can be a pen name/anonymous)
- Your contact email address, and your postcode/area. (It can be a half postcode eg BH23 Mudeford.) This helps us ensure we have everywhere covered on our map.
- If you attended an event or session run by us, please tell us when/where that was eg Kinson Library, March.

### Entries can be delivered to us in the following ways:

- Email it to [stories@artfulscribe.co.uk](mailto:stories@artfulscribe.co.uk), writing Competition in the subject line.
- Drop a paper copy to your local library, labelled Story From Our Streets Competition.

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The judges' decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into. By entering this competition you give the organisers permission to publish suitable works on the Stories From Our Streets Story Map. **To see full Terms and Conditions please go to our website xxxxxxxxxx**