

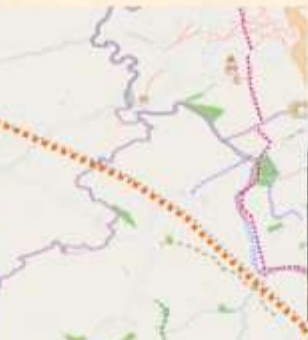
The North Dorset Trailway



Stalbridge has an existing section of trailway, next to a nature reserve. Negotiations are taking place to complete the link to Sturminster Newton.



Okeford Fitzpaine a picturesque village in the DT11 area of North Dorset, at the head of the Blackmore Vale and overlooking the Dorset Downs. The village has a pub, a Shop and St Andrews parish church, which dates back to the 14th Century.



Sturminster Newton Mill. A picturesque watermill, re-built around 1566 on an older site, maintained in working order and powered by a 100-year-old turbine. Restored during the 1980's and so brought back to life doing the job it would once have done. The mill is open to the public at certain times of the year and is run by the Sturminster Newton Museum Society. The Exchange is a multipurpose building offering a high degree of flexibility for a wide range of uses. Sturminster Newton has two pubs off the market square and a variety of shops, cafes. It hosts the Cheese Festival every September.



Fiddleford Manor, English Heritage. A Medieval manor house, originally built for the sheriff of Dorset. It is still a complete building with 600-year-old complex wooden roofs and is currently open to the public year-round. The adjoining building is a private residence and is not open to visitors.



Hambleton Hill and Hod Hill are both Iron Age Hillforts. The Stour Valley way and Wessex Ridgeway give access.

At the Royal Signals Museum we see how military communications progressed from the use of torches and sunlight, through flags, the Semaphore and the Shutter Telegraph, to Morse Code, the telephone and the wireless. Then came the quantum leap of genius which led to the invention of the computer and successful decoding of the enemy's Enigma and other codes used during World War Two and beyond to the present time with encrypted Satellite Communications and Integrated Battlefield communications. www.royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk



Shillingstone Station railway heritage centre. Situated alongside the Trailway, the station has a museum, model railways, a shop and cafe. The station is currently open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



There are numerous forest tracks, bridleways and footpaths in the forest areas, with direct links to the North Dorset Trailway, Wessex Ridgeway, Jubilee Trail and Stour Valley Way. There are further details of circular routes on the NDTN website.



Blandford Forum, commonly Blandford, is a market town on the River Stour and The town is noted for its Georgian architecture. There are a number of pubs, cafes and shops in the town. The Milldown and Stour meadows nature reserves are both Green Flag Award recipients.



- Trailway
- Future Section
- Wessex Ridgeway
- Jubilee Trail
- Stour Valley Way

- Car Park
- Museum
- Green Flag Reserve
- Pub
- Cycle Shop
- Nature Reserve
- Tea Room / Cafe

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