

**Christchurch and East Dorset Residents' Survey 2011** –Around 6000 household in Christchurch and East Dorset (3000 each) will, this week, be receiving survey forms to complete as part of the Christchurch and East Dorset Residents' Survey.

The design of the questionnaire and questions are to help compare customer satisfaction rates and residents' opinions about aspects of the quality of life in their area. The last survey was carried out in 2008, and Christchurch and East Dorset were rated highly for satisfaction and value for money. With the current economic downturn and general negativity in the media, it will be interesting to see if previous satisfaction rates can be maintained.

**Canford Bottom Roundabout** –The scheme aims to reduce congestion, both from the A31 and local roads and intended to make the junction safer. New signing, road markings and traffic lights will be installed and new cycling and pedestrian facilities will link the communities on either side of the A31. The scheme is required to deal with current safety and congestion issues.

Starting in September the works will be completed before the Olympics begin. The work to carry out the improvements will involve temporary overnight closures of the A31 trunk road and the local roads on the approach to, and exiting the junction, when traffic flows are at their lowest; a combination of night and day time closures of the four local roads on the approach to, and exiting the junction; and a temporary restricted speed limit of 30mph. A temporary pedestrian route will be available across the roundabout while the work takes place.

As you would likely have seen in the press there has been much discussion about the impact to local business of the disturbance and disruption caused by the A31 Canford Bottom improvements. The contract for the work has now been placed with Carillon PLC. Preliminary works are programmed to start on the 19th September.

As a result of the concerns raised by the business community a contact group of business representatives from Ferndown & Uddens Forum and the Wimborne BID will be set up with the contractor to help mitigate the impact of the works.

**Sting in the Tale success** –The 2011 Sting in the Tale festival of stories concluded on Bank Holiday Monday with a wonderful Chinese cultural day at Walford Mill, where storyteller Cassandra Wye entertained audiences with the Legend of the Lion Dance.

During the festival, hundreds of people enjoyed some fantastic stories in unique settings, ranging from Wimborne Model Town to Knowlton Rings, from Allendale House to the Earthouse, one of the country's leading storytelling venues. The festival aims to draw new audiences to storytelling and involve local artists and storytellers. New this year were two storywalks of Wimborne Minster.

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