

Sturminster Newton in the heart of the Blackmore Vale



The Stur Shopping Experience

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Sturminster Newton is in the heart of the Blackmore Vale bounded on two sides by the river Stour. It is very much Thomas Hardy country – the StourCastle of Tess of the D’Urbervilles in the “vale of the little dairies”.

Stur (as it is known by locals) is one of the smaller towns of North Dorset but is blessed with a disparate range of destination and independent shops, eating places, facilities, a theatre/music/film/community venue – The Exchange, a museum and a mill with a 1000-year-old history.

Stur has enormous community spirit with many of its facilities run entirely by volunteers or a small management team with many volunteers including The Exchange, Sturfit sports centre, Stourview, The Library, The Emporium, The Boutique and 1855 (50 Local traders in one space).

Events throughout the year include a classic car run on New Year’s Day, a monthly car enthusiasts meet, the local amdram panto and plays, a wedding fair, a real ale & cider festival, a literary festival, art week, garden festival, the famous Cheese Festival and Stur Sparkle Christmas celebrations which has included an ice rink. There are several music, theatre and film shows every month.

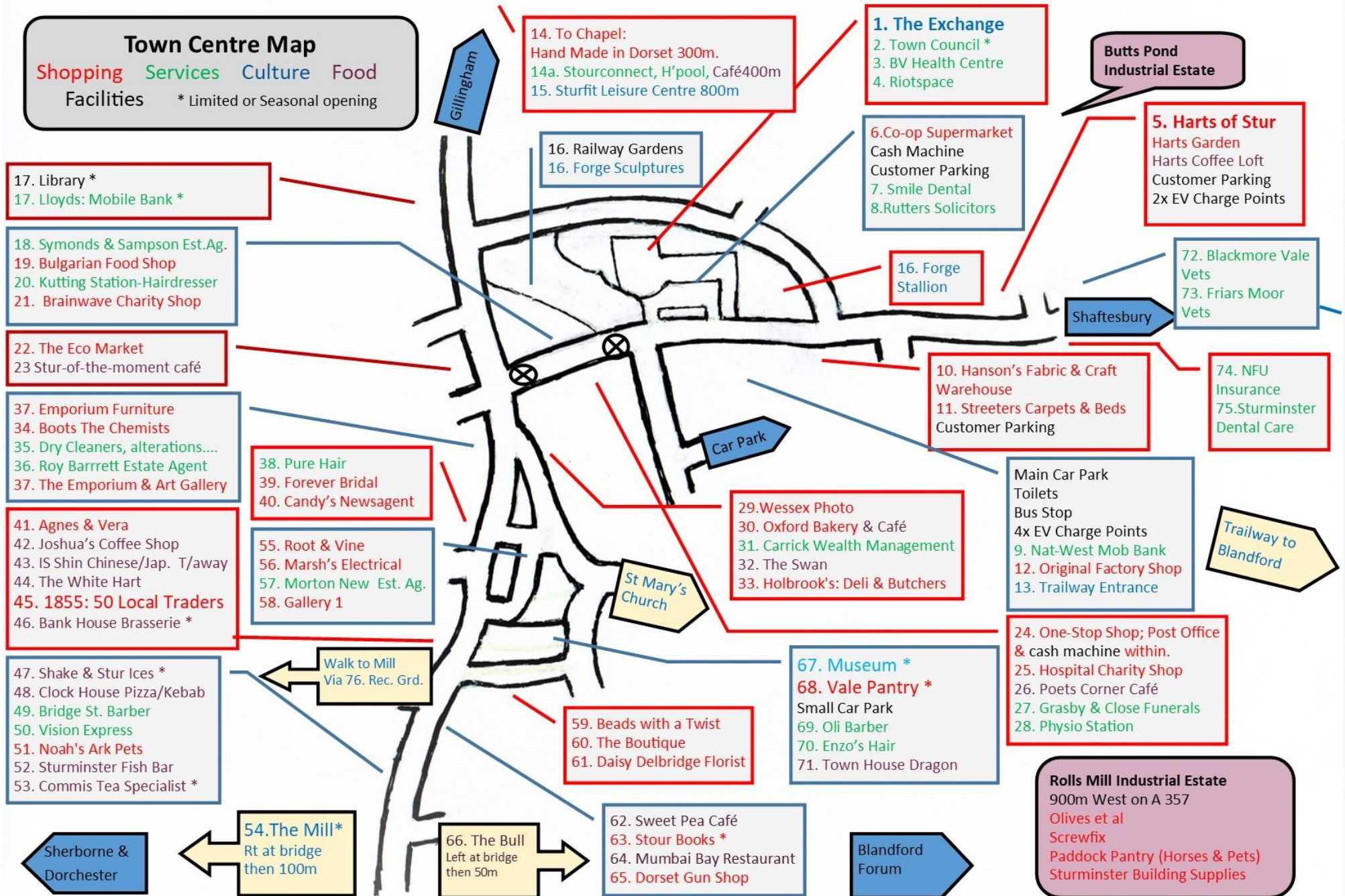
There are too many other community organisations to list here but pick up a bi-monthly Town Newsletter for a flavour or view online at snclc.org.uk and click ‘what’s happening in Stur’.



Photos: dorsetguide.com

Town Centre Map

Shopping Services Culture Food
Facilities * Limited or Seasonal opening



Facilities In the Town Centre

Main (Station Road) Car Park. Entrance in Barnes Close via Station Road.

Small Car Park in Church Street behind Museum.

Handful of short-term spaces in Market Square.

Customer parking at Harts, Hansons, Streeters, Co-op, The Exchange, Health Centre, Swan & Bull Inns.



4 EV Charge Stations in main (Station Road) car park.
2 EV Charge Stations at Hart's of Stur Car Park.

Toilets at the top of main car park.

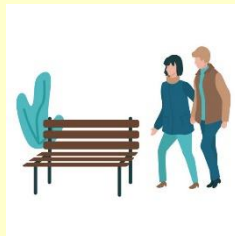


Cash Machines outside Co-op (map 6) and within One-Stop Shop (map 24).

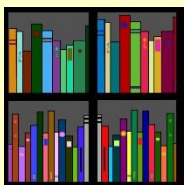
Post Office within One-Stop Shop (map 24).



Dorset 4 (X10) Bus to/from Blandford, Sherborne & Yeovil
3 Bus to/from Gillingham
Bus Stop – top of main car park
Local Taxis: Mill Taxis 01258 472726



Take a Break: Railway Gardens, Town Centre (map 16), views of Hambledon Hill, Dorset Forge Sculptures. Or Recreation Ground (map 76), riverbank at far side.



Library (map 17)

Tourist information: The Emporium (map 37) or Town Council Office (map 2 – weekday mornings)

The Shops Run by the Community

Profits from all 4 shops are re-invested into Sturminster Newton to make it a great place to live, work and visit. *Sturbiz – Sturminster Newton Economic Society Ltd.*

(Map) 60 - The Boutique

A stunning Pre-loved Boutique selling high quality Ladies and children's clothing and accessories. On the first floor you will find a selection of high end/designer fashion for that special occasion.



37 - The Emporium



An eclectic mix of furniture, collectibles, antiques, kitchenalia, china & more.

The Emporium also houses Dapper Chaps – good quality gents clothing and accessories.

On the first floor of The Emporium, you will find a huge selection of pre-loved art, paintings and pictures.

We also work with The Vale Pantry to help stop food poverty and waste by housing a community fridge for any surplus food they may have which is accessible for all.



Barclays Furniture (catalogue & access via The Emporium 37)

A wide selection of good quality second hand furniture, sofas and lighting.



45 - 1855

A unique and quirky shop which is home to over 50 individual small businesses, artisans and artists, mostly from the Blackmore Vale Area selling their unique



products.

On the last Friday of the month, we have a regular wine tasting and meet the traders event 5-8pm



... and coming soon - a function room with the 'wow factor' which will be hosting a variety of events plus more Traders and artists.



Food Shopping

33 - Holebrooks:
Butchers,
Delicatessen:



We deliver high quality, local and fresh food to our very special customers. Much of our meat in our butchery is sourced locally and it is all the finest quality. From beef to pork, lamb and chicken and not forgetting our Dukes Hill bacon which can be sliced to your liking. You would be hard pressed not to find something tempting in our delicatessen section. Our cheese counter boasts more than 30 varieties of cheeses sourced locally, nationally as well as from the Continent a real cheese lovers delight. We also have an area where you can sit and relax with a coffee or tea and a light snack next to the window where you can watch the world go by.



30 - Oxfords Bakery: a fourth-generation family bakery. As you step into the bakery, you are greeted by the delicious aroma of freshly baked bread, cakes, and pastries. The shelves are stacked with a wide selection of bread, from sourdough to traditional white loaves, all baked in Alweston by our dedicated bakers. The bakery sources its flour from a local mill, and its fruit and vegetables come from nearby farms. In addition to its excellent bread and cakes, Oxford's Bakery also serves amazing coffee. If you're in the area, be sure to stop by for a taste of some of the best bread, cakes, and coffee around.

22 - The eco Market is a zero-waste eco-friendly refill shop that stocks all sorts of items from cleaning supplies, dry foods, soy-based wax melts and personal hygiene. Feel free to come and have a browse. Visit our website ethicallivingstore.com



19 – Bulgarian Food Shop: There is something for everyone with a choice of over 2500 products from 6 different Eastern European countries. You will easily find delicious food that you love – and some interesting new tasty bits to try. We offer greater variety of food to our customers whilst providing them with the best possible prices.



55 - Root & Vine :

The only Independent Greengrocers in your local area.

Fresh stock every Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat. You select the quantities YOU want.

Please give us a try if you have not already.



6 - Cop-op: Bakery; Local Flavours; Takeaway Hot Drinks; COOK Food Range; Paypoint; Amazon Locker; Cash Machine; My Hermes.

24 – one stop shop:

Your local convenience store with an own label range at great value prices across chilled and grocery food, and your favourite branded essentials.

Post Office; Cash machine; Open long Hours.



Household Shops

5- The Famed HARTS of Stur: are a fourth-generation family business established 1919. It is one of the UK's largest in store and on-line retailers of Cookware, Kitchenware and Kitchen Electrics, stocking a comprehensive range of unbeatable quality and value.

50,000 sqft of retail space houses: hardware, tools, paint, pets, clothing, camping, trade counter, garden centre, coffee loft, EV charging, farm shop vending machine. Famed for its helpful staff!



10- Hansons Warehouse: where you will find hundreds of metres of dressmaking, craft and soft furnishing fabrics,

a whole host of haberdashery pre-packed and loose. Sewing machines. We often have seasonal displays and creative ideas to inspire your next project in store, so come and pay us a visit.

56- Marsh's: a local, family-run business that specialises in selling and servicing a wide range of electrical appliances. Our team of highly trained and knowledgeable sales staff are on hand to give you honest, friendly advice and help to find the right product for you. We cover the whole of Dorset and provide free delivery and offer a full installation service, plus removal of your old product if required, all coupled with unparalleled aftersales support and a range of complementary services.





11 -Streeters: Family run business trading in Sturminster Newton since 1969. Beds; Mattresses; Suites also specialising in reclining and lift & rise chairs. Carpets Vinyls Laminates LVT Rugs & Matting. (not open Wednesdays)

12 - The Original Factory Shop brings you big brands for all the family at factory shop prices. We offer up to 70% off leading brands across fashion, home, beauty and more.

Friendly staff will be sure to find you whatever you are looking for, whether that be everyday essentials or something that is fun for all the family.



Clothing

58- Gallery 1: Ladies Fashion and homeware with an emphasis on bringing the most up to date and highly sought after brands to Stur. Robell trousers, Adini, Desigual and many more are always in stock and if we don't quite have what you're looking for we can quickly bring it from our larger Blandford shop. Cathy and Louise run the business and are always at hand to assist you.



39 -Forever Bridal: Feel confident and beautiful on your wedding day with a gown from Forever Bridal. An exclusive collection of bridal gowns to suit all styles. For an appointment please email: deborah@forever-bridal.co.uk or tel 07871 662547.



More Shops

29 - Wessex Photo: we offer a wide range of photo gifts where you can have your own pictures printed on to mugs, place mats, jigsaw puzzles, greetings cards, wrapping paper and canvases etc .

We also have an extensive bespoke framing service for your precious pictures, paintings, tapestries, medals, sport shirts and much more. Why not pop in and see what we have to offer.



61 – Daisy Delbridge: we are passionate about bringing the surrounding countryside into our designs. We love texture and all things wild! Esme and her team are always happy to help to make your wedding, party and sympathy flowers that little bit more

special. We also offer local fresh flower deliveries, so pop into the shop or give us a call on 01258 475575.

59 – Beads with a twist: A wonderful jewellery & bead shop offering bespoke jewellery, pearl knotting, repairs, beads, gemstones and all the tools and findings to make your own. Petrina even runs classes to teach you how. Pop in for a chat and a very warm welcome.



34- Boots The Chemist

Branch of the High Street chain with Pharmacy



40- Candy's: Candys is an independent owned business run by mother and son and celebrates 50 years at Candys on the 1st July 2023. Specialising in newspapers, magazines, stationery, greetings cards, confectionery, tobacco and vapes.



41- Agnes & Vera: offers a wonderful array of cards and lifestyle gifts, ever-changing and beautifully displayed. There is a carefully chosen selection from exciting smaller brands and longtime favourites such as Jellycat, Sophie Allport and Roka."



63- Stour Books: Small bookshop specialising in antiquarian and collectable books. Our main interests are local history, motoring, industrial archaeology, art, women's writing before 1969 and illustration but we are keen to buy interesting books in good condition on any subject in small or large quantities. Professional bookbinding and restoration services. If you are making a special journey to the shop, please telephone beforehand to make sure we will be here. 01258 473561.



65- Dorset Gun Shop: Dorset Guns & Shooting Supplies are a small but friendly gun and shooting accessories shop. We sell a wide range of items for the Shooting enthusiast including: Shotguns & Airguns, Airgun Targets, Scopes & lamps, Pellets & cartridges, Bags and holdalls, Decoys.

14- Workhouse Chapel - Handmade in Dorset: is the studio of local textile artist, Rose Hatcher. The Chapel opens on Thursdays and Fridays during the Spring/Summer months, showcasing hand crafted work from some of the finest local craftsmen and women. There are also regular exhibitions and craft workshops. During November and December each year, the Chapel opens every day for Handmade for Christmas, when over 70 of the best hand-makers in the south-west join together to create one of Dorset's best-loved Christmas shopping experiences. Please check www.workhousechapel.co.uk for Exhibitions, Workshops, opening times, etc. The Workhouse Chapel, Bath Road, Sturminster Newton. DT10 1DS



35- Market Place Drycleaners. We are an independent, ON SITE drycleaners. We can cover most of your cleaning needs and also have an excellent repair and alteration service on clothing and household items as well as curtains and upholstery. We can offer a collection and delivery service

if needed. 01258 472391.

21- Brainwave Charity Shop: Brainwave charity for Children with brain injuries and developmental problems. As a traditional charity, we rely on our generous donors, customers and volunteers to give every child we see the chance to reach their full potential. Call In and grab a bargain. Brainwave.org.uk



51- Noah's Ark Pets: Whether you're looking for toys, treats or dog food - this place has it all.



25- Hospital Charity Shop: Items to up-cycle, a special outfit, bits and bobs for your home, toys to keep little ones busy, craft and haberdashery items, jewellery, books, DVDs and CDs, cards and much more besides there is plenty for you to choose from in the Friends of Blandford Hospital Charity Shop. Everything we sell is pre-loved but we do not compromise on quality despite keeping costs low.

68- Vale Pantry: North Dorset's only social supermarket helping any individual or household struggling financially with access to great fresh food along with a range of support services to help those able to get back on their own two feet to do so. With their own dedicated Citizen's Advisor help ranges from benefits advice, debt, legal issues, housing, and more through to help with cooking, budget coaching, mentoring, and much more. A mobile service is available, and deliveries can be made for those without transport. The Vale Pantry is a registered charity and relies on the goodwill of it's volunteers and donations.



Services



70- Enzo's Hair & Beauty Salon: is a characteristic and cosy building. We offer hair treatment, from children's trims, hair cuts and colours for both men & women to relaxing conditioning treatments. Also a wide range of beauty treatments - massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, tanning etc.

49- Bridge St Barbers: Lee Rigby has been the barber in Sturminster Newton since 2004 and caters for all hair styles - from traditional scissor cuts to the latest skin fades. The shop has a modern feel and is warm and inviting and you will be sure of a friendly welcome.



Markets



Monday morning is still market day – an historic descendant of the largest calf market in the country. Fresh fish; Pets; Plants; Watch batteries and all those other household bits and pieces.



On Tuesday mornings the Exchange Atrium hosts The Country Market. All local produce including meat, eggs, veg, baked goodies and crafts.

1855 is effectively a permanent indoor market for 50 local traders as is the Workhouse Chapel for 70 local artisans – both detailed in the shopping pages.

Nearby farm shops are listed on the Town Newsletter web page snclc.org.uk – what's happening in Stur.

Whilst mainly a guide for visitors, we hope residents reading this feature will appreciate how fortunate we are for such a small town to be so rich in shops and facilities.

They are all interdependent for generating footfall in town so please shop locally whenever possible. Don't drive off to the big supermarkets, save the planet and save the £5 of petrol towards your shopping in Stur.

Our bakery, butchers and greengrocers are closer together than the isles of a big supermarket!

Town Centre Services

More services on town website:
sturminster-newton.org.uk

MAP Health



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• **The Blackmore Vale Partnership - NHS** 01258 474500

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• **The Physio Station** 01258 473148; 07806566118;
info@thephysiostation.co.uk www.thephysiostation.co.uk

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• **Sweet Solutions** at The Physio Station 07443 510564

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• **Stour Connect:** Hydro pool; Community Resource ctr. Cafe 01258 472957

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• **Vision Express** 01258 472291

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• **Smile Dental** 01258 475142

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• **Sturminster Dental Care** 01258 473397

Map Hair

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• **Pure Hair** 01258 475444

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• **Enzo's Hair & Beauty** 01258 473123

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• **Kutting Station** 01258 472758

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• **Oli Barber** 01258 268118

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• **Bridge Street Barber** 01258 472615

Map Estate Agents

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• **Symonds & Sampson** 01258 473766

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• **Roy Barrett** 01258 442265

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• **Morton New** 01258 473030

MAP Other Services

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• **Town Council Offices** 01258 475136

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• **Blackmore Vale Vets** 01258 472293

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• **Friars Moor Vets** 01258 472314

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• **Nat West Bank** (Mobile) Fridays 9:45-10:45am

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• **Lloyds Bank (Mobile)** Wednesdays Fortnightly 10-11:30 am

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• **Dry Cleaners, Alterations, Shoe Repairs etc.** 01258 472391

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• **RiotSpace. Web/IT Design Services** 01258 522118

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• **John Carrick Wealth Management** 01258 475500

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• **Grasby & Close Funerals** 01258 471024

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• **Rutters Solicitors** 01258 444481

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• **NFU Insurance** 01258 473299

Eat&Drink -Cafe's



(map)23- Stur of The Moment

The Stur of the Moment is a lovely vintage tea room café set in a wonderful grade II listed building. Offering tea, coffee, breakfasts, lunches and plenty of cake! Open Tuesday to Saturday, call 01258 473182.



62- Sweet Pea

Sweet Pea is a cosy cafe in Sturminster Newton, offering hearty breakfasts, tasty lunches, delicious homemade cakes, cream teas, our very popular barista coffee and other refreshing drinks! Our daily special board runs alongside our lunch menu and features our delicious, homemade quiches, pies, sausage rolls and more! We are also pleased to offer a wide variety of gluten free, vegetarian and vegan meals and cakes. Bookings are advised! 01258473006



5- The Coffee Loft at Harts of Stur

Seating over 40 people, the Coffee Loft at Harts of Stur is the ideal place to take a well-deserved break from your shopping or to meet up with family and friends, whilst enjoying a freshly brewed coffee and a slice of homemade cake or a delicious light lunch. The Coffee Loft is open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 4pm on Saturdays. Many of the dishes on the menu can be adapted to be gluten free or vegan and all ingredients are sourced locally wherever possible. A children's menu is also available.



42- Joshua's Coffee Shop

A small independent business specialising in Italian style coffee and Marimba Chocolate Melts. We have light lunches of toasties, panini and flatbreads. Cake is always on the menu which includes our very own popular handmade amaretti and brownies.'



1-The Exchange (Bibbern Gallery) Café and Bar. Views to Hambledon Hill.

Also:

26 - Poets Corner Café

14a – Communiy Café at Stour Connect

53 – Comins Tea Specialist

Oxford Bakery (30), Holebrooks (33) and Olives et Al (Rolls Mill) all serve hot drinks with their bakery/deli foods.

Pubs; Brasserie; Restaurant

32 – The Swan Inn

44 – The White Hart



66 – The Bull (edge of town at Town Bridge)

64 – Mumbai Bay Restaurant

46 – Bank House Brasserie: Whether you fancy a quick beer and a bowl of Tapas, sharing boards or a four course meal, there is something for everyone.



Take Aways

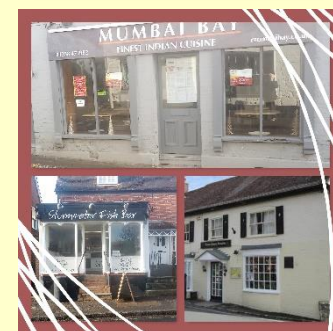
52 – Sturminster Fish Bar

71 -- Town House Dragon (Chinese)

43 – IS Shin (Chinese / Japanese)

48 – Clock House Pizza & Kebab

47 – Shake & Stur Ices (seasonal)



Culture & Recreation

For a complete day out in Stur why not combine the shopping experience with a visit to the Mill and/or Museum or take one of the many walks into the countryside, along the river or around the old town. Pop into The Exchange to see what's on and book tickets at reception (upstairs).



THE MILL: This is a fully working water mill and a wonderful piece of industrial archaeology. The machinery runs every day the Mill is open, and the flour sold in the Museum and Mill shops is produced regularly (dates on web site). Our shop at the Mill also sells hot and cold drinks, ice cream, local souvenirs, gifts and toys.

Our knowledgeable Mill Supervisors provide informal guided tours.

Parking at the Mill or walk from town via recreation ground, riverbank and mill races. Toilets on site.

THE MUSEUM is in the town centre (map 67), two floors of curated exhibits, shop.

Get more details of the museum and mill, opening times and special events by searching online for '**Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust**'.



A chance to view three **Dorset Forge Sculptures** close up (map 16). A bull's head and horses head are in Railway Gardens and the complete rearing stallion at the bottom of Station Road / junct. Old Market Hill. The ultimate in re-cycling!

THE EXCHANGE (map 1.) – a community building with meeting rooms of various sizes, an atrium (used for Tuesday am Country Market, Beer & Cider festival etc.). there is a first-floor café & bar with views to Hambledon Hill. Concerts & Theatre events in Stour Hall.



Stour Hall in The Exchange, venue for several music, theatre and film events each month.

www.stur-exchange.co.uk for more details and ticket bookings or call 01258 475137.

TAKE A WALK: We recommend taking the railway (old rail-line) from the bottom of main car park. At the river bridge go down to the riverbank on your right and follow footpath beside river. Cross Fiddleford Mill races and walk down lane past old mill buildings. At Junction in lane turn right then immediately right again through Fiddleford Manor car park. Visit the ancient manor (English Heritage – free entry).



There are 8 Walkabout leaflets (pick up from Emporium or Council Office) or view online at sturminster-newton.org.uk/8-of-the-best-scenic-walks-around-sturminster-and-its-rural-history/ Note: On the MAP in leaflet 6 the blue line points to the Manor location.

TAKE A RIDE: The Trailway goes 8 miles to Shillingstone Station (museum), Stourpaine and Blandford Forum. You can even borrow bikes at The Big Yellow Bus Project. A357 just south of Shillingstone.

SPORT & EXERCISE: Call at STURFIT leisure centre off Honeymead Lane to checkout the gym and classes and clubs or see page in town newsletter.

At Butts Pond Industrial Estate

See feature on Newsletter website for full details

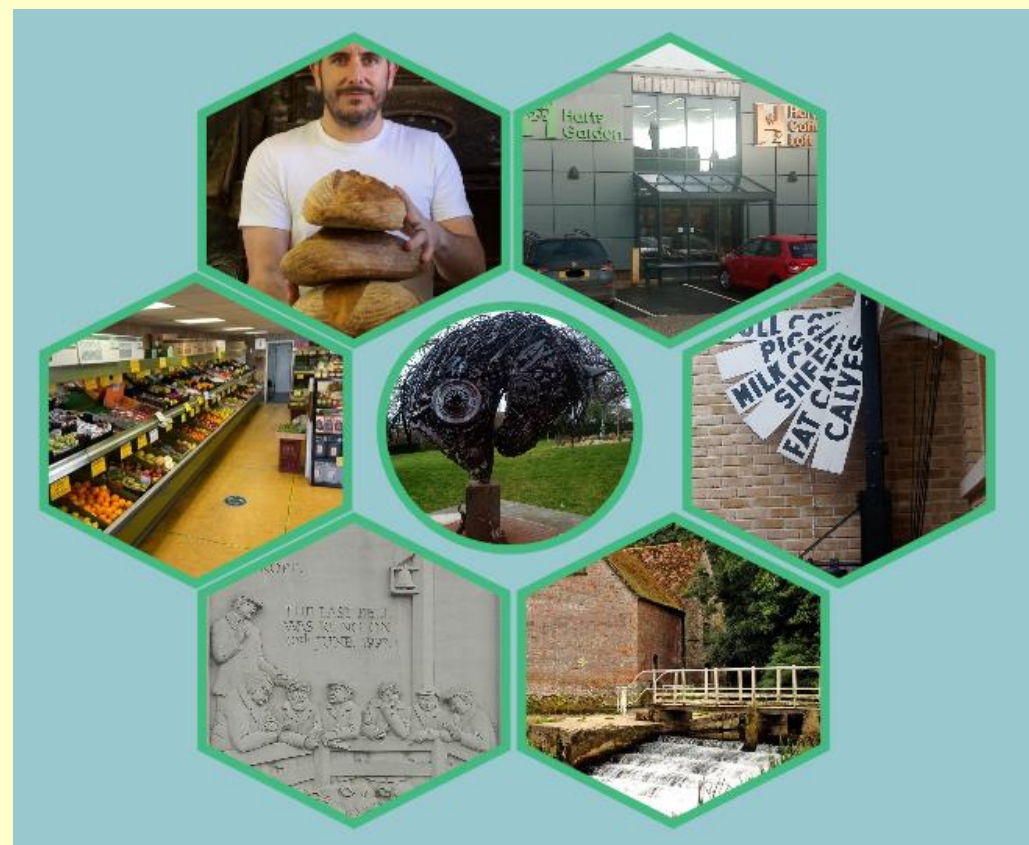


Bunce Body & Paint	Vehicle Repairs	01258 472446
Postit4me	Public & Business Parcel Services	01258 920180
Mark Billen	Vehicle Servicing & Repair	01258 473103
Newton Forge	Heritage Iron Work	newtonforge.co.uk
Royal Mail Parcels	Collection: Mon-Fri 8-10am; Sat 8-12	Thurs also 4-7pm
Cranborne Stone	Landscape Stone Features	cranbornestone.co.uk
Self-Storage	Sturminster Self Storage	01258 472288
Wynnstay Agricultural	Agri products & retail shop	01258 471117
S&N Home products	Infusers, Candles, retail at reception	01258 471700
Pinky's Cafe	Cafe	07879 034337
DC Garden Machinery	Sales Servicing Repairs	01258 475600
Northover Fuels	Oil, Calor Gas, Logs, Coal, Oil Tanks	01258 472619
The Boxing Club		sturabc.co.uk
Vale Fire Safety	For all your fire safety needs	01258 471871
Paragon	Cleaning Contractors	01258 472677
Exclusive HTQ	Home & Commercial furniture	01258 472001

At Rolls Mill Industrial Estate



Olives et Al	Delicatessen; Take-away	01258 474303
Paddock Pantry	Horse equipment & Food specialist	thepaddockpantry.co.uk
Building Supplies	sturbuildingsupplies.co.uk	01258 474934
Screwfix		03330112112
Health Clinic	Complementary Health – opp. Rolls Mills I.E.	01258 473109



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View on the learning centre web site snclc.org.uk and click What’s happening in Stur. Email us on whathappeninginstur@btconnect.com.

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