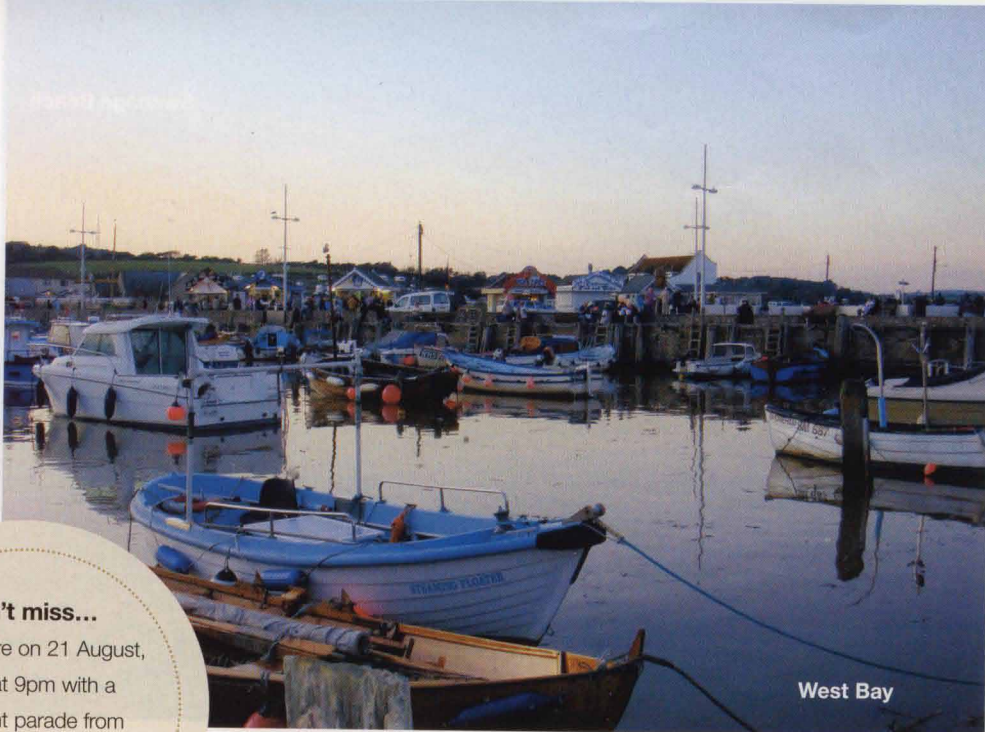


West Bay: Harbour Lights and Dramatic Cliffs

Formerly known as Bridport Harbour, West Bay is an eclectic seaside mix. Stand in awe of the magnificent golden East Cliff, amble around the harbour and watch children crabbing. As dusk falls, sit and watch the harbour lights twinkle. Nearby Bridport is a hub for local food, which can be found in its Saturday market, pubs, shops and restaurants.



West Bay

Don't miss...

River of Fire on 21 August, starts at 9pm with a torchlight parade from Bridport to West Bay, finishing at 10pm with fireworks

Burton Bradstock

This pretty village

hosts the prestigious Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art (14-21 August), which attracts musicians and artists from around the globe. The village is well serviced with a garage, pubs, beach café, library and a Post Office and deli run by Gwen and Simon Holdcroft.

Local Bites and Peaceful Nights

The fish and chip kiosks at West Bay do a roaring trade but for fine dining seek out the Riverside Restaurant. Arty types will enjoy the excellent organic café at Sladers Yard (sladersyard.co.uk) at the end of West Bay Road with its wonderful selection of works by contemporary artists, sculptors, furniture makers and potters.

The Bull in East Street, Bridport, is great for brunch, lunch and bistro bites (thebullhotel.co.uk.) Also check out The Stable, their local cider, pizza and pie emporium in the former stable block.

For mini breaks or longer, Linda Clue's B&B, Seadale, is like the tardis. It goes on up, and out to a Scottish BBQ seating 12, fondly known as The Hobbit House (seadale.co.uk).

Follow the B3157 out of Bridport towards Weymouth and you will discover a couple of lovely villages.



Brunch at The Hive



Burton Bradstock Post Office

Local Bites and Quiet Nights

The Hive is an award-winning café on Hive Beach offering a vast range of local food. Their breakfasts are legendary, lunches superb and its a mellow destination for a romantic supper (hivebeachcafe.co.uk).

Burton Bradstock Cottages offer holiday cottage accommodation in the heart of the village. More details burtonbradstockcottages.co.uk

Abbotsbury

Situated on The Fleet (lagoon) which is protected by Chesil Beach, Abbotsbury is just ten miles from Weymouth. Not only is it pretty as a picture, with its thatched cottages and beautiful views, it also boasts three major tourist attractions. Abbotsbury's swannery dates back 600 years and is home to a large colony of Mute swans. Abbotsbury sub-tropical gardens, founded in the mid 18th century, are home to many exotic species. Abbotsbury Children's Farm offers the under-11s a chance to get up close to many farm animals. If it rains there is an undercover soft play area (abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk).

Local Bites and Quiet Nights

Relax on the lawns of Abbey House Guest House (B&B) and wonder at the ruins of the Benedictine Abbey. They do morning coffee, cream teas and lunches (theabbeyhouse.co.uk).

Don't Miss... The tiny 14th-century stone chapel of St Catherine's with its breathtaking views over the Channel.



Burton Bradstock cottage