

Roof repairs to the Purbeck Citizens Advice centre.

Some of you may have been wondering what was going on late last year when scaffolding suddenly appeared over the roof of the Purbeck Citizens Advice Centre in Mill Lane Wareham? The building, owned by Wareham Town Council, underwent significant and very welcome improvements only a few years ago but, unfortunately, this didn't include any repair works to the roof.

An inspection of an internal leak following heavy rain revealed the cause was a failing main roof structure at the west end gable of the building on Mill Lane. The main roof beam moved, resulting in a visible separation of the roof line to the west gable end of several centimetres. Age had rotted the timbers which urgently needed replacing in this Grade II listed building.

Following structural engineers report and the support of Purbeck District Councils Conservation Officer, J Spillers & Sons were appointed to undertake emergency works which, after several weeks of dedicated craftsmen, have now been successfully completed and scaffolding removed. This all happened without disrupting the valuable service that the Purbeck Citizens Advice Centre provides for our community.

If you have any comments or would like further information about this project, please contact the Town Clerk following the contact details on the website.



Photo 1 caption: Rotting timbers in the roof structure was a major cause for concern.



Photo 2 caption: Major structural beams and timberwork replaced before roof tiles replaced.