

## ♥ Charity status

The Allendale Community Centre is a registered charity (number 1202648).

Inclusion sits at the heart of everything we do. We support staff and volunteers with disabilities and offer apprenticeships and employment opportunities to those who might otherwise struggle to find work.

This is part of our lasting legacy: feeding those in need, supporting families, combating loneliness, providing free cinema for children and families, hosting dementia-friendly activities and fostering a genuine sense of belonging for all.

As a not-for-profit organisation we generate funds through events, room hire, our café, grants, the Friends of The Allendale Lottery and donations.

## ♥ Allendale Food Supply

### Wimborne Community Food Supply

A confidential, inclusive, walk-in community food resource based in the cabin adjacent to the centre.

We support families and individuals in times of crisis with free access to fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned goods, bakery items, prepared meals, cleaning products and more. Choose what you need – no referral required. Food deliveries available for those unable to collect.

Run by volunteers and always grateful for donations.

**MJP LAW**

Modern Law | Traditional Values

Proud sponsors of this Allendale leaflet, MJP Law offers a complete range of legal services from our offices in Dorset. Headed by Martin Pate, we take a refreshingly straightforward and modern approach rooted in traditional values.

### Our focus is you.

We deliver practical, proactive advice in plain English at agreed fixed prices, with friendly personal service that puts your needs first and fights your corner.

Call us for a no-obligation chat on **01202 842929** – we're here to help the local community.

## ♥ Get in touch

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Website: [www.theallendale.org](http://www.theallendale.org)

Registered Charity No. 1202648

### Opening times Centre normally open:

Monday – Saturday: 8am – 10pm (evenings for events)

Sunday: 9am – 5pm

### Reception and box office:

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 5pm

(or 45 minutes before ticketed events).

Opening times may vary for special events, the market or private hires. Please check our website or call ahead.

The Allendale Community Centre 'The Heart of Wimborne'.

We look forward to welcoming you!

## ♥ We are here



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ALLENDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

*The Heart of Wimborne*

Welcome to the heart  
of Wimborne's community



## ♥ The heart of Wimborne's community

The Allendale Community Centre is Wimborne's vibrant hub for arts, entertainment, shopping, activities and support.

Evolving over 50 years we have brought people together through theatre productions, live music, cinema screenings, dance events, the weekly Minster Market, craft fairs, classes, workshops, café and social gatherings.

The entire centre is on the ground floor, making it fully accessible with automatic doors, ramped café access, wide entrances and accessible toilets. We welcome well-behaved dogs and are adjacent to the main public car park, less than 40 metres from the town square.

## ♥ Allendale Café



Enjoy a warm welcome from our friendly team of staff and volunteers along with a mouth-watering selection of hot and cold food and drinks.

The café is fully licensed, so you can enjoy a glass of wine, beer or a soft drink with your meal.

Whether you fancy a quick coffee, a relaxed lunch, or something to eat before an event or while browsing the market, the café is the perfect spot. It's also popular for informal meetings, working quietly, regular lunch clubs, dementia-friendly group meetings, board games, bingo nights, activities for young children, and mother and baby groups.

On Friday evenings the café buzzes with the lively atmosphere of open mic and music events.

Catering and refreshments are also available for room hires and events.

## ♥ What we do

We provide a welcoming, accessible space for a wide range of activities that strengthen our community:

- ♥ Theatre, cinema, live music and dance.
- ♥ Room hire for parties, weddings, conferences, exhibitions, fairs and meetings.
- ♥ Keep-fit and exercise classes.
- ♥ Clubs and societies.
- ♥ Community support services, including our food supply.
- ♥ Regular events and social gatherings.

We also host performing arts groups such as Shimmie Theatre, trade fairs (Grandma's Attic, Wellbeing Fair, Flower Festival, Stamp Fair), local services (police, health and milk machine), training sessions and much more.

## ♥ Room hire

Looking for the perfect venue? We offer flexible spaces for one-off, occasional or regular bookings — ideal for parties, weddings, conferences, exhibitions, trade fairs, meetings, classes, fairs, markets and more.

### Available spaces

- ♥ **Minster Hall & Theatre** – Large hall with sprung floor, stage, licensed bar, PA system, projector and screen. Capacities: up to 301 seated theatre-style, 350–400 standing/gig, 140 cabaret-style, or 32+ tables for fairs.
- ♥ **Allendale Studio** (formerly Quarter Jack Hall) – Versatile space with dance floor. Capacities: up to 125 seated, 65–75 cabaret, or 23 tables for fairs.
- ♥ **Gulliver Room** – Comfortable meeting room for 20 people.
- ♥ **Julian Room** – Smaller meeting space for up to 12 people.

### Features & facilities

- ♥ Technical support available (charges apply).
- ♥ Fast WiFi throughout.
- ♥ Good accessibility for mobility needs.
- ♥ Licensed bar in main areas.
- ♥ Ample parking nearby.
- ♥ Catering via the Allendale Café.

Contact us to discuss your needs or request a quote.

## ♥ Theatre/Cinema/Live Music/Dance

We are a popular local venue for a wide variety of performances and screenings in our Minster Theatre:

- ♥ **Theatre** – Professional stage with wings; hosts plays, pantos, musicals, inclusive productions and local groups such as Shimmie Theatre and Dorset Drama Academy.
- ♥ **Cinema** – Regular screenings including free family films (classics and special events).
- ♥ **Live Music** – Folk clubs, jazz, rock gigs, tributes and new talent nights (e.g. Friday Night Live).
- ♥ **Dance** – Sprung floor and dance space perfect for classes and performances.

Tickets via our website or box office. Check What's On at [www.theallendale.org/what-s-on](http://www.theallendale.org/what-s-on) or pick up our monthly guide or sign up to our regular email updates on our website.

## ♥ Wimborne Minster Market

A vibrant weekly market, held every Friday, in and around the Allendale Community Centre – continuing Wimborne's historic market tradition.

**When:** Every Friday, 8am – 2pm

**Where:** Stalls in the Minster Hall, Studio and outdoor areas.

### What you'll find:

Fresh produce, plants, local meat/eggs/cheese, cakes, whole foods, antiques, crafts, jewellery and much more.

It's a great place to shop locally and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. The market relocated here in 2022 and has gone from strength to strength. Free entry – everyone welcome, including well-behaved dogs. Combine your visit with a stop at the Allendale Café.

