



# Tyneham & Worbarrow

... where time stopped in 1943

## What is special about Tyneham?

Before the Second World War, Tyneham was just one of many small isolated Dorset villages. Its residents led a simple life relying mainly on farming and fishing for their livelihood, oblivious to the future events which would give their home a special place in history.

In 1943 the villagers were moved out by Winston Churchill's War Cabinet prior to the area being used for D-Day preparations. They never returned.

Today the village is part of the Ministry of Defence Lulworth Ranges, accessible to the public only at specified times. Just the empty buildings remain, trapped in a time warp that has protected the area from many modern developments that, elsewhere, have changed the face of our countryside.



## When is Tyneham open to visit?

Tyneham and the Lulworth Range Walks are open most weekends and all main public holidays.

They are open to the public every weekend with the exception of the following dates:

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- 19 and 20 November 2016
  - 10 and 11 December 2016
  - 17 and 18 January 2017
  - 4 and 5 July 2017
  - 7 and 8 March 2017
  - 26 and 27 September 2017
  - 9 and 10 May 2017
  - 14 and 15 November 2017

In addition to the weekends, the Lulworth Range Walks and Tyneham Village are open every day during the following times - all dates are inclusive:

- Christmas 17 December 2016 -4 January 2017
- Spring 27 May - 4 June 2017
- Easter 8 April - 23 April 2017
- Summer 22 July - 3 September 2017
- Bank Holiday 29 April - 1 May 2017
- Christmas 16 December 2017 - 3 January 2018

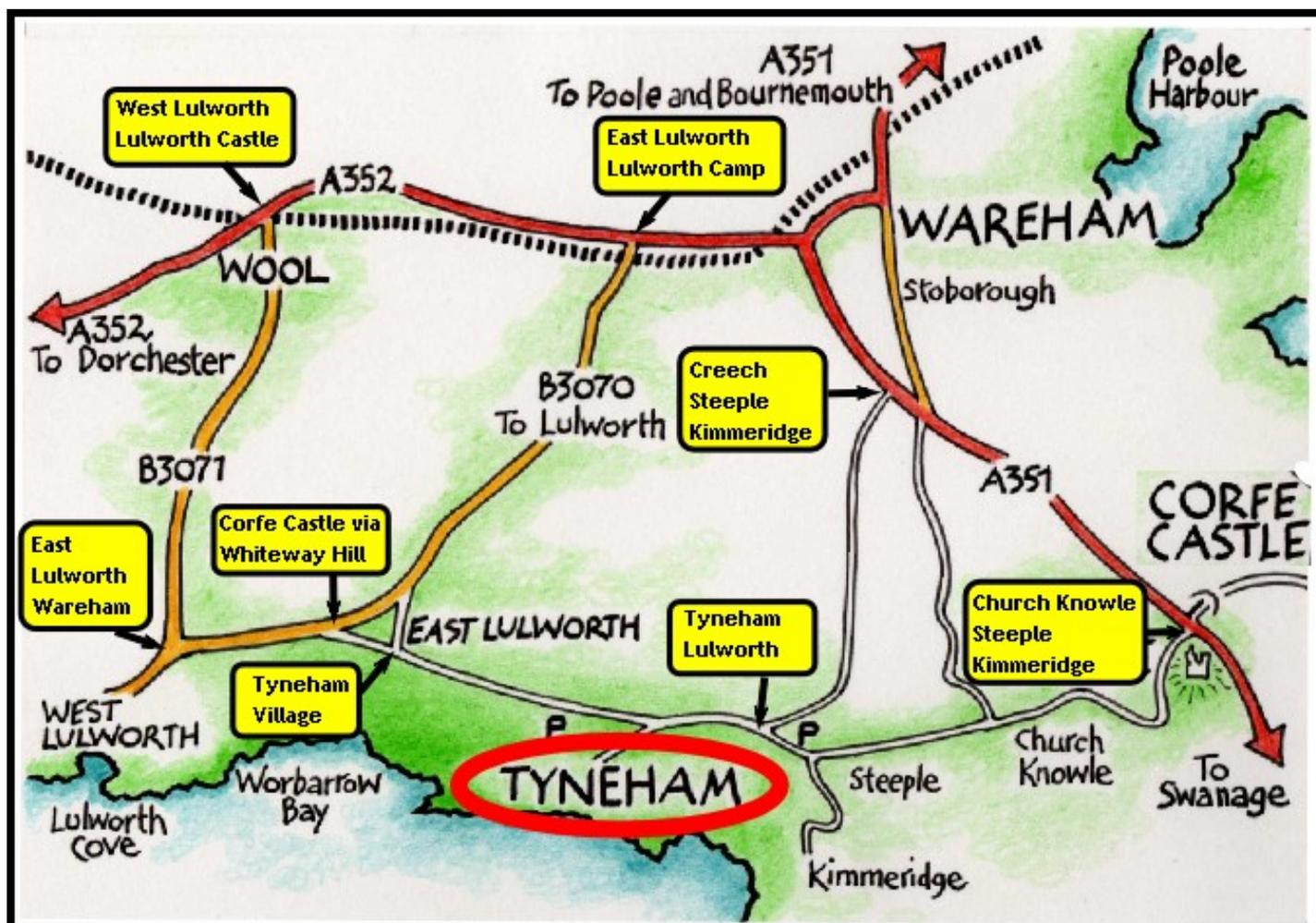
When no firing is taking place:

- The Elmes Grove gate that allows vehicle access to Tyneham is opened at 9am each day and is locked again each evening at dusk.
- The gates to the walks are open around 9.00am on Saturday and remain open until 8.00am on Monday morning (when only open at weekends).
- The exhibitions in Tyneham Church, Tyneham Farm and Tyneham School are open from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

For the latest recorded message about access please call 01929 404819.

## How do I get there?

The map on the next page, annotated with the direction signs at various junctions, and the directions below should help you find your way to Tyneham. As Tyneham is not inhabited, it is not well signposted. Nor does Tyneham have a postcode that can be entered into satnavs. (Nor are there phone masts, so mobile phone reception is poor.)



#### From the Weymouth/Dorchester direction on the A352:

As you approach Wool, take the right hand turn just before the railway barriers on to the B3071 signposted to 'West Lulworth & Lulworth Castle'. At the Burngate Farm crossroads, just before Lulworth Camp, take the left-hand turn on to the B3070 signposted to 'East Lulworth Wareham'. Just before the entrance to Lulworth Castle, you will see a sign saying 'All military vehicles turn right'. Take the right-hand turn. An Army Ranges sign says 'Corfe Castle via Whiteway Hill'. A little further on, take the road on the right signposted to 'Tyneham Village'. The road winds up Whiteway Hill and at the top there is a viewpoint on the right-hand side. About a mile further on there appears to be a turning area on the left-hand side. Immediately after this, take the sharp right-hand turning which drops down into Tyneham valley.

#### From the Poole/Bournemouth direction on the A351:

As you approach Wareham you will go over the main railway line. At the first roundabout, take the second exit signposted 'A351 Swanage' and continue on the Wareham bypass. At the second roundabout, again take the second exit signposted 'A351 Swanage' and continue on the Wareham bypass. The next junction you come to is staggered: take the right-hand turning signposted to 'Creech Steeple Kimmeridge'. Stay on this road, which passes Creech Grange, straight to the top of Grange Hill where you will pass a viewpoint on your left. Shortly after the viewpoint, the road you are on bears round sharply to the left but you need to turn right (in effect, heading straight on along the top of the hill) taking the road signposted 'Tyneham Lulworth via Army Ranges'. After a third of a mile, take the road on your left down into Tyneham valley.

#### From the Swanage direction on the A351:

Immediately after Corfe Castle, take the left turn signposted to 'Church Knowle Steeple Kimmeridge'. Go straight through Church Knowle and on to Steeple. As you approach Steeple, do not take the left turn to Kimmeridge. At Steeple Leaze Farm the road bends round to the right and slowly climbs up the hill. At the top of the hill the road bends sharply to the right but you need to take the left-hand turn. There is no signpost but you will see the gate to the Army Ranges with a green portacabin alongside. After a third of a mile, take the road on your left down into Tyneham valley.

## How much does it cost to visit?

Entry is free to Tyneham Village, Worbarrow Bay (twenty minutes walk from Tyneham) and the range walks.

## Where can I park?

There is a car parking area close to Tyneham Village. There is no fixed charge. However a £2 donation per car is encouraged to help fund the ongoing conservation work at Tyneham. Please remember not to leave any valuables in your car.

## Can I buy refreshments?

The village was last inhabited in 1943 so there is no café or shop, nor is drinking water available.

## Are there any picnic areas?

There are picnic tables near the car park and at nearby Tyneham Farm for those bringing their own refreshments. There are no litter bins so please take your litter home with you.

## Are there any toilets?

Yes. There are toilet facilities (including for the disabled) at Tyneham Farm two minutes walk from the car park. There are no toilets at Worbarrow.

## What is there to see at Tyneham Village?

You can see the remains of the residents' cottages. There are storyboards in each cottage providing information about the residents who lived in them before the evacuation in December 1943.

In Post Office row (below left), you can see a 1929 'K1' telephone kiosk. Two buildings remain intact:

- **St Mary's Church** where there is a social history display with many old photographs
- **Tyneham School** where there is a natural history theme to the display

Five minutes walk away, just beyond the car park, is **Tyneham Farm**.



## Is information available to help me find my way around?

Leaflets are available in the church for a small donation including:

- **Tyneham Village Map** - ideal for finding your way round plus a choice of a 60 minute or 90 minute round walks
- **Tyneham Timeline** - detailing key dates in Tyneham's history
- **Albert's Tyneham Village Quiz** - guaranteed to keep children and adults focused as they tour the village

Also available is 'A Short History of Tyneham' booklet and postcards. Your donations for these leaflets, booklets and postcards will go directly towards future conservation work in the village.



## What is there at Worbarrow?

Worbarrow Bay is a beautiful unspoilt location twenty minutes walk from the car park at Tyneham Village. There is a stony beach overlooked by Worbarrow Tout which the more energetic can climb.

Swimming is allowed but children should be supervised as the beach shelves steeply as you enter the water.



## Are any areas off-limits?

Yes. Remember Tyneham and Worbarrow are part of the Ministry of Defence Lulworth Ranges. As the area is a **LIVE FIRING** range, while walking away from the track to Worbarrow you must keep to the paths marked with yellow posts at all times.

Tyneham House and the former hamlets and farmsteads of Baltington, North Egliston, South Egliston and Povington are in the restricted zone and not accessible to the public.

## Are there any restrictions on taking photos?

No. You are free to take photographs and use video cameras in Tyneham Village and Worbarrow. Of course, you must not enter any areas that are off-limits.

## Are dogs allowed?

Yes. But please keep your dog under control. There is no provision for the disposal of litter or dog waste at Tyneham. If you choose to clear up after your dog, please be prepared to take the bag home. If not, please ensure the waste is left to degrade naturally away from public footpaths.

## Can metal detectors be used?

No. Metal detectors must not be used.

## Can schools visit during term time?

Special arrangements can be made for organised school parties to visit on Friday afternoons once firing has finished. Arrangements must be confirmed in advance.

## Who looks after Tyneham and does all the work?

The Army's Range Liaison Officer is based at nearby Lulworth Camp. A team of Wardens employed by the Army's prime maintenance contractor, Debut, takes care of the maintenance and day-to-day running of the Lulworth Ranges. A local graphic designer is responsible for project managing and producing the displays, signs and leaflets.