

MOTHERHOODS

# Bridport

*Bohemian Bridport has good schools, a thriving arts scene and the coast on its doorstep*



## escape

### SEASIDE BOARDING HOUSE

Living in Bridport is great, but it does hamper the legitimacy of moving in here for the weekend. While locals make do with dinner with a view, those lucky enough to need a bed for the night get to stay in a tranquil suite. [theseasideboardinghouse.com](http://theseasideboardinghouse.com)



## LOCAL VIEW

Sarah Thompson, writer, mother of two, blogger at *You're So Mummy* ([yoursomummy.com](http://yoursomummy.com)) and co-author of the recently published book of the same name, says: "I love Bridport's mixed-up personality – part Bohemian, part rural, part coastal – and the people it attracts as a result. It's an outdoorsy, family-friendly kind of place, but there's also great food, culture and plenty going on for grown-ups, too."

## Sarah's favourites:

**THE STABLE** This easy-going pizza place is great for eating out with the kids. The pizzas are all topped with local ingredients and they come on wooden boards, so there's no fussing about cutlery and table manners.

**YOGA SPACE** A brilliant daily programme of yoga and relaxation classes set in an old barn overlooking the Dorset countryside. This is exactly how yoga should be.

**DORSHI** This newly opened East Asian restaurant is the perfect date-night escape.

**BEARKAT** Bridport's secret supper club, run by local chef Dom Brown, is a favourite for a night off from the kids.



## shop

### BRIDPORT VINTAGE MARKET

Check out the twice-weekly street market and the monthly farmers' market. But save some energy for the last Sunday of the month, when the vintage and antiques market is out in force. Hunt down retro toys, clothes and interiors. [bridportantiques.co.uk](http://bridportantiques.co.uk)



## hunt

### CHARMOUTH HERITAGE COAST CENTRE

Paleontologists in the making will love checking out the fossil collections here. Find out how to hunt for your own on the beach or join one of the guided walks for expert advice (booking essential). [charmouth.org/chcc/](http://charmouth.org/chcc/)

## screen

### ELECTRIC PALACE

There are no soulless drives out to megaplex hell for local families, they simply meander down to this refurbished art deco picturehouse. Look out for classic children's screenings in the school holidays and regular kid-friendly events. [electricpalace.org.uk](http://electricpalace.org.uk)



## eat

### SOULSHINE CAFÉ

Bringing California vibes to this corner of Bridport, Soulshine offers fresh juices, excellent coffee, a stock of cool indie mags and slabs of cake. Perfect for a family brunch – you can even bring the dog. [@soulshinecafe](http://@soulshinecafe)



## ON THE MOVE

Seeing the appeal? Check out the facts below.

**BUY:** With every period and style represented somewhere, you'll be able to find something you like in Bridport. We found a pretty four-bed former farmhouse on the edge of town for £600,000 and lots of appeal in the under £500,000 bracket.

**SCHOOLS:** Favoured state primaries include St Mary's and Symondsburry, while Sunninghill Prep (prep, co-ed, day) is a popular independent choice.