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Little did the new ownership know that just a few years later, the bottom would fall out of the market. By 1841, workers — often a hundred at a time — were using iron bars tipped at each end with steel chisels to strike into the marble to crack the rock into larger chunks and move them out of the ground with pulleys.

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Old photographs from the mid-19 th century show clusters of buildings — now gone — that were devoted to the quarrying, polishing and shipping of marble. The Congregational Church still stands in its original location; its spire is evident in early photographs. The district as Wimborne was formed on 1 April 1974 by merging with parts of in Hampshire and the.

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The figures for East Dorset during 1991-1993 were 77. Others soon followed suit; one such entrepreneur was Elijah Sykes in 1808. The popularity of the area, being close to the New Forest, Bournemouth and the Dorset coast saw a rapid expansion in housing from the 1970s with the , , and populations more than quadrupling.

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It all began in 1785, when Isaac Underhill and Reuben Bloomer started harvesting marble from the side of Mount Aeolus to produce hearthstones, lintels and cemetery headstones; it was possibly the first commercial quarry to open in the newly United States. The town offices on Mad Tom Road are sited where the schoolhouse once stood. The area was incorporated into meaning the historic county obtained one main tier of local government for the first time since the c.

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Perched at 2,040 feet above sea level, its elevated location was one of the highest in the world, and it became the only marble quarry in Dorset to tunnel deep into the mountain. In the 1920s, with the introduction of Portland cement — a less expensive alternative to marble — quarries like the

Freedley fell into disuse and were abandoned. Its council met in between 2016 and 2019.

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Over the years, its serpentine course created great, arched caverns to access pure white marble tinged with hues of cream, blue and grey, much in demand at the time for the construction of grand buildings and monuments in distant cities. Statistics released by the show that at birth for males in East Dorset was 80.

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The most notable geography is lowland , managed by East Dorset Countryside Management Services in partnership with the.

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The district was abolished on 1 April 2019 at the same time as the County Council was abolished. The village boasted a hotel; a schoolhouse; two churches one Catholic and the other, Congregational ; two general stores; a train depot and a post office; and dozens of businesses, including a lumber operation, saw and grist mills, blacksmiths, a wood manufactory and a cheese-making facility, as well as a doctor and an attorney.

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