



Latest updates from Dorset Council



Managing Debt

Are you feeling the strain of increasing debt during the rising cost of living?
Please don't struggle alone.

Dorset Citizens Advice can talk you through the options for managing debt and help you get things under control.

Visit Citizen Advice via the below button to find your local office or call the Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848.

[Visit Citizen Advice](#)



20mph approved for five Dorset communities

Five towns and villages have the approval to proceed with the introduction of 20mph zones or speed limits.

The town/parish councils for Langton Matravers, Bridport, Wimborne, Pimperne and Winfrith successfully applied to Dorset Council in 2023 for the new limits and zones.

Residents gave their comments, support, or objections to the applications through a process called a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation.

Installation of the new signs will begin in April in these towns and villages.

[Find out more](#)



Weymouth landlords encouraged to help drive up property standards as part of Safer Renting Scheme.

We have launched the Safer Renting scheme in Weymouth and Portland to improve rented property standards and help landlords comply with a range of laws.

Since its launch last year, 75 per cent of landlords who have been contacted via the scheme have already signed up and received bespoke advice and information in return.

The council is keen however, to contact those landlords, that have been written to, but are still to respond.

[Find out more](#)



Preventative treatments for more Dorset roads

Surfacing works are taking place over the next three months to extend the life of urban residential roads

Kiely Bros are carrying out the work on behalf of the council, completing work for 2023, which is due to finish by mid-March, weather-permitting. They will then commence the 2024 programme, which is due to complete by mid April.

Two gangs are carrying out the work which has started in the Ferndown and Wimborne areas.

Affected households are provided with a leaflet before the works start.

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Second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

On Saturday 24 February the Ukrainian flag will be raised at County Hall in Dorchester to mark the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

More than 1,000 Ukrainians have settled across Dorset since Vladimir Putin's forces began the war, forcing thousands to flee their homeland.

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