



## Latest updates from Dorset Council

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## Winter Services and Activities in Dorset

Do you know what services and social activities are available for people to visit throughout the winter?

#HelpAndKindnessDorset have created a list to outline all of these across Dorset. Some offer free refreshments, a warm place to go, Wi-Fi and computers too.

Check out their website below to find out more.

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**We're marking  
Holocaust Memorial Day**



**#HolocaustMemorialDay / 27 January**

## **Holocaust Memorial Day – a time for remembrance and reflection**

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is held annually on 27 January to remember the millions of people who died during the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution, and in the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where more than a million people died during the Second World War.

To commemorate HMD this year, Dorchester Town Council and the South-West Dorset Multicultural Network, with the support of Dorset Council and Kushti Bok, have organised a free, public event which will take place on Friday 26 January at the Corn Exchange, in Dorchester from 12.30pm-1.30pm.

[Find out more](#)

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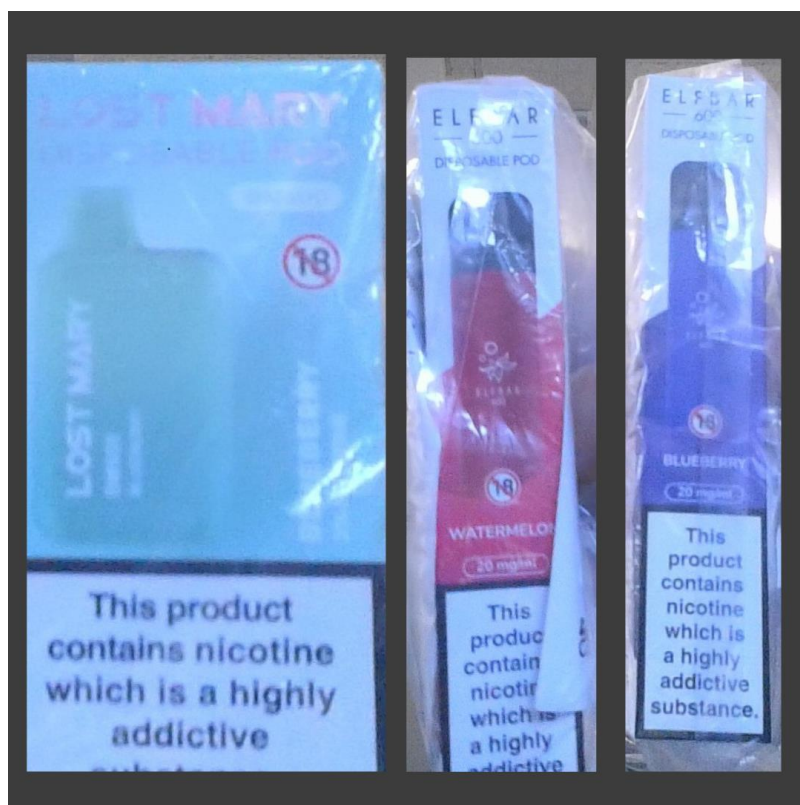
## Council prepares to hand the management of Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre to its owners

We are preparing to hand over the running of Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (QELC) to its owners, Queen Elizabeth's School Trust, who also own the adjacent school at Wimborne Minster.

Following the decision by elected members back in early 2022, the trustees were given two years' notice by us confirming that they would withdraw from the current management arrangements at QELC at the end of March 2024. At this point, the day-to-day operation of the facility becomes the responsibility of the Trust.

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## Underage sales targeted

Dorset Council Trading Standards have carried out a test purchasing operation in Dorchester and Weymouth to identify businesses selling age restricted products to underage people.

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