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Help stop the spread of germs

NHS services and Public Health are well prepared for outbreaks of infectious diseases such as coronavirus (COVID-19).

There are things we can all do to help stop germs like coronavirus spreading including:

- covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin
- regularly wash your hands with soap and water
- try to avoid contact with people who are unwell

Please help to promote this message to your communities by displaying the [attached posters](#) in any community settings or public areas, particularly where there are bathrooms or kitchens.

The [government](#) and [NHS](#) are continually updating advice and guidance on coronavirus.

The government have also produced [guidance](#) for employers and businesses.

[Stay up to date with the latest COVID-19 advice](#)

Event Invitation - Place Day for Parish and Town Clerks

As part of the Place Day we have a marketplace format. This is a meet and greet session at which the various services within the Place Directorate have stands enabling attendees to meet the staff and to ask questions. All clerks are welcome to attend this event on:

Thursday 2 April 2020, 2pm - 4.30pm in the Committee Suite at South Walks House, Dorchester (sat nav postcode DT1 1EE).

On this occasion we are just extending the invitation to Clerks, but based on the feedback we receive we would like to consider running a subsequent one for Clerks and Chairs (to be arranged at a later date). We do hope that you will be able to attend, this is deliberately a drop-in session and you are free to come and go at any time during the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

Services in the Place Directorate include:

- Environment and Well Being
- Community and Public Protection
- Waste
- Commercial Waste and Strategy
- Planning
- Business Support
- Highways
- Assets and Property
- Dorset Travel

Please note: Following general Public Health England guidance, this event is still planned to go ahead but may change at short notice if new advice is issued in the meantime.

[Book your place now](#)

Second round of town and parish workshops with Dorset Council

We are hosting our second round of parish and town workshops across the Dorset Council area in March. This follows on from the four workshops that were held in October and November last year.

Please note: Following general Public Health England guidance, these events are still planned to go ahead but may change at short notice if new advice is issued in the meantime.

Here are the dates – please book your place now!

- **Workshop 1** – 7pm – 8:30pm on Monday 16 March at Bridport Town Hall, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3HA – [Book your place](#)
- **Workshop 2** – 7pm – 8:30pm on Wednesday 18 March at Durweston Village Hall, Church Road, Durweston, Blandford, Dorset, DT11 0QA – [Book your place](#)
- **Workshop 3** – 7pm – 8:30pm on Wednesday 25 March at Furzebrook Village Hall, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5AR – [Book your place](#)
- **Workshop 4** - 7pm – 8:30pm on Tuesday 31 March at Horton and Chalbury Village Hall, Horton, Wimborne, BH21 7JA– [Book your place](#)

RSVP and Booking required

Please note it is essential that you book a place for your representative(s) before the session. We have limited spaces at each venue so would be grateful if each parish and town council could send no more than 2 representatives. Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that there is no charge for attending this event.

The agenda for these workshops will include:

- Feedback from workshops with town and parishes last year

- Principles for joint working
- What we have done and what we will do
- Council Plan – comments and response
- Highways service session - TBC
- Next steps and hot topics

Refreshments:

Light refreshments (teas and coffees) will be available at each workshop.

We hope representatives from your council will be able to attend.



**Dorset Council Community Hero Awards
2020**

Do you know of someone in your local community who deserves community recognition? If so, we would love to hear from you.

On 3 May 2020, Dorset Council will be holding its first Community Hero Award ceremony at an event at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester.

We want to celebrate those people who make a real difference to their community, for example:

- Doing more than their job entails
- Voluntary work
- Fundraising
- Carer
- Selfless acts (e.g. being an exceptional neighbour)

[Nominate your community hero](#)

Dorset Council News

The fourth edition of Dorset Council News will be distributed to Dorset residents from mid-March. This edition includes a three page special explaining the council tax; feedback on the council's priorities; information about planning and building regulations; as well as an update on what the council is doing to help tackle the climate and ecological emergency.

As with previous editions, advertising income fully funds the design, print and distribution of the magazine.

Do you have suggestions for future newsletter topics?

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