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Second round of town and parish workshops with Dorset Council

We are pleased to announce that 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.

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.



Could you spot a scam, or a constituent affected by scams?

The most effective way to better understand, identify and report scams, while supporting others, is to set aside 20 minutes of learning to become a 'Friend' at <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/how-can-you-help>

Please then encourage others to become 'Friends' too. You could also become a SCAMBassador, using your influence in local communities to encourage others to help grow Friends Against Scams.

Scams are Fraud, yet there is a silence around scams: only 5% of scams are reported; it costs the UK economy £5-£10 Billion a year; the average age of a mass marketing scam victim is 75; scams affect people's health, wealth, independence and wellbeing.

People can seek advice on a scam and report something to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice Consumer Service freephone 0808 223 1133.

Councillors and council employees can contact Trading Standards directly on 01305 224702 or email tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk where you have concerns that someone is affected by scams. We offer vulnerable people 1-2-1 help and support, linking with Adult Social Care, private, voluntary and community organisations.

Want to know about Adult Social Care? Ask Cllr Laura Miller....

If you would like to know more about Adult Social Care and Health, please come along to Cllr Miller's new drop-in.

Cllr Miller, who is Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, will be holding her first pilot drop-in surgery on Tuesday 3 March from 12 noon to 1pm in the Colonnade at South Walks House.

The informal monthly sessions are for Dorset Council Councillors and employees, as well as town and parish councillors, who might know someone who needs advice, has a question or wants to raise an issue.

Cake will also be on offer, so if you have always wanted to know more about Adult Social Care and Health, but have been too afraid to ask, come along!

Cllr Miller said: “I would like to meet and help anyone who needs to know more about adult social care and health, so please do drop-in and see me.

“You don’t need an appointment, just come along and say hello.”

If you can’t make it to a session, you can always email Laura on:

cllrlaura.miller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

More information on adult social care can be found on the council website.

[More information](#)



Have your say on children’s mental health services

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (together with health, care and voluntary sector partners across Dorset) are launching a project called ‘Your

Mind Your Say' to seek views on mental health services for children and young people.

They have launched a [survey](#) which is running throughout the whole of February.

The survey is for anyone who has a view on children and young people's mental health services including children, young people and their families/carers. Young people under 16 will need parental consent to complete it.

The more views we collect the better the outcome will be in helping us to work together to improve children and young people's mental health services across Dorset.

Book an NHS Health Check

We at [Public Health Dorset](#) are encouraging as many eligible residents to book their NHS Health Check.

The NHS Health Check is a free check-up of your overall health. It can tell you whether you're at higher risk of getting certain health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease or stroke.

If you are aged between 40 and 74, haven't had a NHS Health Check in the last 5 years, don't have an existing condition (heart disease, diabetes or kidney disease) or haven't had a stroke you can have an NHS Health Check.

[Find your nearest provider](#)

Dorset Community Action (DCA) to host Easy Steps to Successful Bid Writing course

The course is aimed at voluntary and community groups and will assist you in preparing for and writing a successful funding bid.

The course will cover:

- Describing the impact of your project
- Understanding how to put this information into a funding bid
- Understanding the secrets to success in writing funding applications
- Identifying appropriate funders

Date: 19th March 2020, (9.45am registration for 10 am start through to 12 noon finish)

Venue: CLaRC, 41 – 44 King Street, Wimborne

Cost: £30 pp for DCA members and £40 pp for non DCA members

[Book your place now](#)

Climate and ecological emergency

Cllr Ray Bryan, Highways, Travel and Environment and Council Leader Cllr Spencer Flower will be travelling to London to lobby central government. Talks are planned with a number of ministers to seek support for our zero carbon ambitions. We are bringing together a paper detailing our requests for funding, policy changes and national guidance to help us achieve our aims and will be asking town and parish councils to endorse these requests so we can deliver a strong, Dorset-wide message to central government.

We will circulate the paper soon to all town and parish councils, and provide a mechanism whereby you can add your endorsement if your council would like to.

For further information, please contact Wendy Carmichael,

wendy.carmichael@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – latest advice

NHS services and Public Health are well prepared for outbreaks of infectious diseases such as COVID-19. The risk to the general public is moderate.

There are things you can 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.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. Read more about coronavirus on the [NHS website](#).

Calls from members of the public

- If you have a call from a member of the public who has concerns, please refer them to [Public Health England's national advice](#).
- For any queries from anyone concerned about possible symptoms, please direct them to NHS 111
- Any media enquiries, please contact Public Health Dorset on 01305 224400

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