



Latest updates from Dorset Council



Facebook LIVE Q&A – our budget explained

Thursday 8 February – 6pm

Have you got a question about the council budget that you would like to ask councillors? Come and ask it during our next Facebook LIVE Q&A on Thursday 8 February at 6pm.

The panel for the Q&A is:

- Cllr Spencer Flower, Leader of Dorset Council
- Cllr Gary Suttle, Portfolio holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy
- Cllr Laura Beddow, Portfolio holder for Culture, Communities and Customer Services
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- Aidan Dunn, Executive Director for Corporate Development

Grab a cuppa and join our panel as we talk all things council budget, from our sofa to yours.

If you want to submit your questions in advance of the session please send them to comms@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. Post any questions you have about council budget on the night in the comments of our live stream on Facebook.

If you can't join us live, you can watch it back on YouTube.

[Watch it live](#)



Free reusable nappies

Dorset Council offers parents a free reusable nappy starter pack or £30 off reusable nappies (minimum spend £45).

Apply before 31 March 2024 and you could also win one of two reusable nappy sets worth £80 each in our prize draw! So if you know anyone in the Dorset Council area who would be eligible to apply, please let them know.

More information and how to apply can be found below.

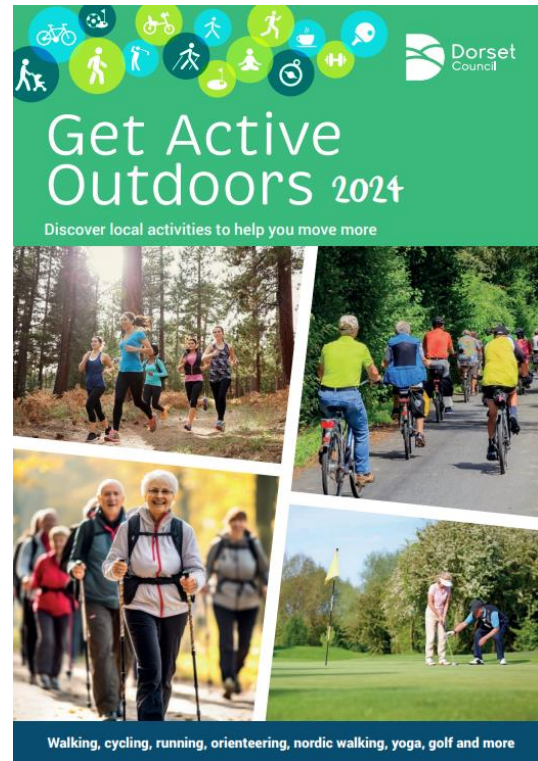
[Find out more](#)

Get Active Outdoors 2024 - Guide out now!

January sees the release of the new Get Active Outdoors brochure, which aims to support local people to get and stay active through a range of entry level activities, delivered in Dorset's beautiful green spaces.

Nordic Walking, Get into Golf and Fresh Air Fitness for beginners are just some of the instructor led courses available, alongside group led Couch to 5K, Orienteering tasters, Health Walks and Health Cycle Rides.

The brochure can be found at local community hubs over the next coming months or view the [guide online here](#).



[Find out more](#)

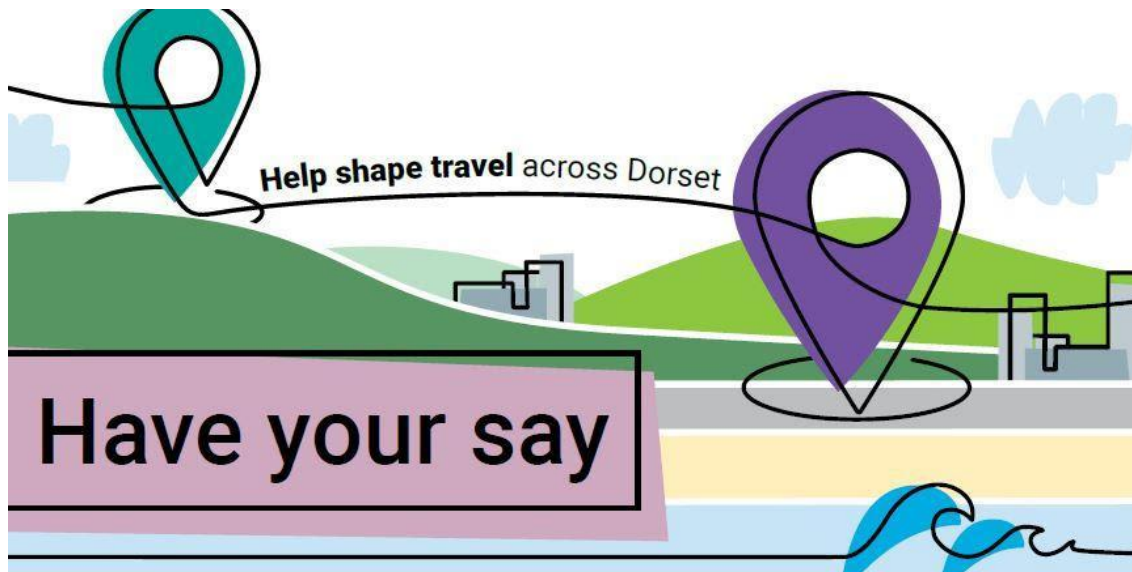


Dorset's Young Carers receive generous donation

In the run up to Christmas 2023, a generous donation from Friends of Dorset Young Carers was received, allowing us to spread some cheer to young carers and their families.

The £500 donation enabled us to provide supermarket vouchers for several families of young carers, at a time when they needed it most. The response from these families has been heart-warming, with many of the recipients expressing their gratitude.

[Find out more](#)



Help shape travel and transport across Dorset

Residents, businesses and visitors are being invited to share their views on what they consider to be the big transport opportunities and issues across the whole of Dorset.

Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council are running a survey from 22 January to 3 March 2024 to gather feedback and experiences.

[Find out more](#)



Register your old and new appliances.

Dorset Trading Standards are getting behind a national campaign for people to register their domestic appliances.

The safety campaign is being run by the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA). It encourages people to register their home appliances, whether they are old or new, to make sure manufacturers can get in touch in case a safety repair or recall is needed.

[Find out more](#)



Grants for community tree planting projects

A new grant scheme aimed at supporting local communities to plant and care for trees in their area is now open for applications.

Funded by Dorset Council and managed by the Dorset National Landscape team, the Dorset Community Tree Fund is open to community organisations in the Dorset Council area. This includes parish and town councils, as well as schools and other established community groups interested in planting and caring for trees in their patch.

[Find out more](#)

Get free support for a healthier you

It's never too late to start the journey to a healthier you. LiveWell Dorset is here to support you all year to make healthy lifestyle changes. From managing weight, quitting smoking, becoming more active or drinking less alcohol - LiveWell's coaching, advice and support is completely free for every adult living in Dorset.

It takes just a couple of minutes to sign up and then an advisor will help you choose the right options for you and create a personal action plan to get you started. Register at livewelldorset.co.uk or call free on 0800 840 1628.