

Dorchester Area **Community Plan** 2013–2016



Our Community Plan –
Looking to the future

DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

2013 – 2016

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Time Scale Abbreviations: S – Short Term: 12months M – Medium Term: 1/2 years L- Long Term: 2/5 years

DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Dorchester Area Community Partnership is led by local groups and organisations, parish councils / groups, service providers and is supported by West Dorset District Council, Dorchester Town Council and Dorset Community Action.

DACP is managed by a Steering Group whose members consist of representatives from Dorchester Town Council, West Dorset District Council, local parish councils and a variety of representatives from community organisations.

It is our vision that Dorchester should continue to develop as a thriving and vibrant town, which supports the lively and sustainable villages in the surrounding area.

New members of the partnership are always welcome- If you would like to know more about the partnership or would like to get involved, contact the partnership's Coordinator - Pauline Trimming, Tel 01305 216403
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TAKING THE PLAN FORWARD

In July 2012 we embarked on a new round of consultations and public meetings to draw up this Community Plan. The consultations, along with issues in the local parish plans, assisted us to identify the main issues for the area. A draft plan was formulated based on the results of this consultation.

After discussion amongst the members of the Partnership and the seeking of expert advice, specific actions and targets in the Community Plan were formulated.

This has brought together into one document, actions and targets that will create a comprehensive forward plan for the area. This will help us think and act strategically and make the best possible use of the resources available.

The plan sets out the key issues to be taken forward by DACP's partners and the wider community. The role of the partnership is to support and oversee the implementation of the community plan and support new projects and campaigns emerging from the actions in the plan.

The plan looks at the following themes :

- Housing
- Transport & Access to Services
- Our Environment
- Economic Wellbeing
- Safer Communities
- Health & Wellbeing
- Culture, Leisure & Heritage
- Community Activities

AREA PROFILE

The Dorchester Area Community Partnership covers the market town of Dorchester and 49 surrounding parishes and villages. (See map on page 23)

Dorchester itself has a population of 19,060. It is the county town of Dorset. The population of the surrounding parishes and villages included in the partnership area is 22,970 making it the largest community partnership in West Dorset. The town population continues to grow, particularly with further developments at Poundbury and Brewery Square.

Dorchester is the centre for many services and activities in the locality. It is the commercial, industrial, educational, medical and leisure hub for a wide area of the rural and surrounding communities.

Over 18,400 people are employed in Dorchester. The main employment areas are: wholesale and retail, hotels and restaurants, banking and building societies, estate agency, construction, health and social work, local authorities, HM Prison Service and social housing associations. Two of the largest local employers are Dorset County Hospital and Dorset County Council who employ approximately 50% of people working in Dorchester.

There is a Dorchester pyramid of schools, which includes thirteen First schools, three Middle Schools, one Upper School and one Secondary joint sixth form School.

Dorchester has a large library, a Community Learning Centre, two youth buildings, five group medical practices, a very successful annual art and music programme, a large museum and a number of smaller museums and two cinemas. A market is held every Wednesday on Fairfield car park and a farmers market is held in Poundbury and in South Street once a month. The retail and business aspect of the town achieved the status of a Business Improvement District in 2008. The retail, leisure and business sector continues to grow with the development of the Brewery Site and future development of Charles Street.

Some of the larger surrounding villages and parishes have a Village Hall, a village shop and / or post office, a doctor's surgery and a local pub, in others there are relatively few facilities.

Dorchester has two railway stations; one is on the Weymouth to Waterloo line the other on the Weymouth to Bristol line. Public transport around the town is reasonable. However, bus services to some of the villages surrounding Dorchester are fairly infrequent.

HOUSING

1	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time Scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
1.1	To encourage an increase in the supply of affordable homes in Dorchester and the surrounding villages, particularly for young people and first time buyers.	Parish Plans Public Consultation Draft Local Plan Housing Strategy	<p>Actively promote a wider range of options, - shared equity, self-build.</p> <p>Actively promote the building of more starter homes in the area.</p> <p>Actively seek out empty properties and bring back into use.</p> <p>Lobby to increase quota on all affordable housing and remove thresholds as set out in the draft Local Plan.</p> <p>Investigate setting up a community land trust.</p>	<p>Hold a housing seminar to identify and explore more options</p> <p>Aim for 35% and above to be achieved on all new developments (i.e. no thresholds)</p>	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>L</p>	<p>WDDC Local Developers PCs</p> <p>WDDC Developers Housing Associations</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>The Duchy TTD</p>	<p>DTC Housing Associations</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>DCA DACP WDDC Housing Associations</p>
1.2	To encourage an Increase in energy efficiency and sustainability of housing stock in the area. (Links to Our Environment)	Housing Strategy CLS consultation	<p>Support the delivery of the energy efficiency theme of the Communities Living Sustainably project.</p> <p>Support Transition Streets Project.</p>	All new homes in the area to achieve sustainable homes level 3	<p>M/L</p> <p>M/L</p>	<p>DCC WDDC</p> <p>TTD</p>	<p>TTD DA21</p>

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
1.3	To encourage an increase in the supply of rentable social housing for families and those on low wages.	Public Consultation	Encourage Housing Associations to explore options and to introduce more flexibility in allocations.		M	Housing Associations WDDC	CLT
1.4	To support local parishes to develop Neighbourhood plans where appropriate.	Public Consultation Draft Local Plan	Support the development of Neighbourhood Planning.	Neighbourhood Plans are completed.	S/M	WDDC PCs DTC	
1.5	To identify the impacts of new housing development on the local infrastructure and ensure they are fully considered when planning applications are appraised.	Public Consultation	Encourage community support and involvement in the new Community Infrastructure Levy.		Ongoing	WDDC DCC	Civic Society
1.6	To maintain the character of the built environment in the partnership area. (Links to Our Environment)	Public Consultation	Seek assurances that all new developments maintain and enhance the character of the local area.		Ongoing	DACP	WDDC Civic Society

TRANSPORT & ACCESS TO SERVICES

2	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
2.1	To implement the Dorchester Traffic & Environment Plan (DTEP). (Links to Our Environment & Economic Wellbeing)	2003 Action Plan Public Consultation Draft Local Plan	Support and lobby until DTEP is completed through all phases.	All phases complete by 2015 /16 Including the pedestrianisation of lower South Street	M	DCC	WDDC
2.2	To retain and improve regular bus services and community transport to and from surrounding villages, day time and evenings.	Public Consultation Parish Plans Young Peoples Consultation	Investigate a wider range of options for transport services in rural villages. Investigate the option of volunteer driven minibuses. Develop comprehensive timetables for parishes. Investigate the use of mobile phone technology in supplying timetable information.	A return service to connect all villages to Dorchester at least 3x weekly 2/3 minibus services are operational Pilot scheme in place	L M/L	DCC Passenger Transport Dept Bus & Train companies WDDC Maiden Newton PC	WDDC WDP CT Schemes DATPC Bournemouth Uni
2.3	To improve access to public transport for young people between Dorchester and the rural villages. (Links to Safer Communities)	Young Peoples Consultation Parish Plans	Explore options for youth concessions of bus fares or options for alternative transport for young people.		M	DCC Bus companies DYA	WDDC DAPTC
2.4	To provide better transport options for disabled & housebound people. (Links to Health)		Encourage partnership working to investigate options to achieve this aim.		M	POPP DCC Access for All	Fifty Plus Forum AGE UK

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
2.5	To integrate public transport systems.	Public Consultation	Encourage the bus and train companies to work cooperatively to provide integrated timetables between bus and rail services.	All bus and train times to co ordinate for Dorchester and surrounding areas	L	DCC Bus & Train Companies	
2.6	To improve signage between Dorchester West & South Stations.	Regular enquiry to Friends of Station	Encourage DCC and Network Rail to implement better signage.	Complete in line with DTEP scheme	M	DCC	Friends of DW Station. Heart of Wessex Partnership Com Rail Partnership WDDC
2.7	To improve train service on the Weymouth to Bristol line.	Public Consultation	Lobby the franchisee for improvement in the service.	Better quality and frequency of trains, less over crowding	S	New Franchisee Heart of Wessex Partnership Community Rail Partnership	DCC WDDC
2.8	To improve access to Dorchester West Station North Platform.	Annual Assembly Public Consultation	Lobby DCC & Network Rail to complete works.	Full access to North platform by summer 2014.	S/M	DCC Network Rail	WDDC WDP DACP
2.7	To improve the environment of Dorchester South Station. (Links to Our Environment)	Public Consultation	Form a Friends of the Station group after building works for the new station are completed.		M/L	DACP SW Trains	

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
2.10	To promote use of Park & Ride services in Dorchester.	Public Consultation	<p>Provide information about Park & Ride services more widely.</p> <p>Explore options for other park and ride sites to West, East and North of Dorchester. Specifically outside the A35 belt.</p> <p>Extend the service to cover out of town trading estates & hospital.</p>	<p>Improved Park & Ride services available to workers and visitors.</p> <p>More bus stopping points in Dorchester.</p>	<p>S</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>	DCC	WDDC
2.11	To increase provision of more cycle paths, and safe cycle lanes, in Dorchester and the villages. (Links to Safer Communities)	<p>Young Peoples Consultation</p> <p>Parish Plans</p> <p>Public Consultation</p>	<p>Support the development of Integrated systems of cycle paths.</p> <p>Investigate the development of cycle paths from Broadmayne to Dorchester, Kingston Maurward & North of town.</p> <p>Support the completion of the Sustrans trail-way from Maiden Newton to Bridport</p> <p>Improve cycle ways to schools & colleges.</p> <p>Support cycling education in schools.</p> <p>Develop a cycle rebuild project.</p>	<p>1 Cycle way complete.</p> <p>Trail-way complete.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>Sustrans</p> <p>PC</p> <p>DACP</p> <p>DACP</p> <p>CTC</p> <p>TTD</p>	<p>Schools</p> <p>Colleges</p> <p>DASP</p>

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
2.12	To increase opportunities for people to use Car Clubs and electric Bicycle.	Public Consultation	Promote more use of the Dorchester Car Club and explore options to extend the car club into larger rural villages.	Increased bookings in Dorchester. 1 other car club developed in the area.	M	Dorset Flexi Cars	DAPTC DCA PCs
2.13	To increase number of long & short stay parking spaces to give full access to all amenities in Dorchester. (Links to Economic Wellbeing)	Public Consultation	Lobby WDDC to improve parking in the town and reduce cost.	Parking places created.	L	WDDC	DBID
2.14	To improve public car parking at the Dorset County Hospital.	Public Consultation	Lobby Dorset County Hospital for improved parking and /or investigate alternatives.		L	DCH	DACP
2.15	To improve high speed broadband in Dorchester and surrounding villages. (Links to Economic Wellbeing)	Public Consultation Young Peoples Consultation Parish Plans	Support the delivery of high speed broadband – e.g. through highlighting local demand.	High speed broadband is fully available across the area.	M	DCC	WDDC DATPC
2.16	To improve mobile phone reception in the villages surrounding Dorchester.	Public Consultation Young Peoples Consultation	Lobby mobile phone providers for improved services and work with communities to enable phone masts in appropriate places.	Mobile phone reception is improved across the area.	M	DACP Phone companies	DATPC
2.17	To increase number of accessible public conveniences in town centre and Poundbury (Especially when those in Trinity St close.)	Public Consultation	Explore options to build or offer more public convenience facilities in town. Support WDDC pilot project for public access to shop /café facilities.		L	WDDC Duchy	DBID

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
2.18	To reduce the number of A boards on pavements and walkways in the Town Centre and find alternative advertising solutions.	Public Consultation Access Group	Explore options for alternative methods of advertising, by working in partnership,	A boards removed and alternative advertising in place.	M/L	WDDC DBID	Access for All Civic Society

OUR ENVIRONMENT

3	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
3.1	To improve and promote environmentally sustainable living in Dorchester and the surrounding parishes.	Public Consultation National Policy CLS Consultation	<p>Raise awareness & promote all possible actions for sustainable lifestyles by supporting delivery of projects in the Dorchester area.</p> <p>Support the development of Transition Streets.</p> <p>Support CLS projects in Dorchester and surrounding area.</p> <p>Support Community Farm and Community Orchards.</p> <p>Support development of wood recycling scheme and wood fuel co-op.</p>	<p>5 Transition Streets initiatives developed.</p> <p>CLS Project in place and completed.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>M/L</p> <p>M/L</p> <p>M/L</p>	<p>TTD DCA TTD</p> <p>TTD</p> <p>DCA</p> <p>TTD</p>	<p>WDDC TTD WSX DA21</p> <p>WDDC DA21</p> <p>D of C</p>
3.2	To improve air quality in town by reducing traffic through town. (Links to Transport)	Public Consultation West Dorset Profile 2010	Lobby DCC to complete DETP.	DTEP to be completed.	M	DCC	WDDC DACP DTC
3.3	To improve the appearance of the local area and ensure the removal of litter.	Parish Plans Public Consultation Young Peoples Consultation	<p>Support local keep town tidy group.</p> <p>Support educational campaigns.</p>	The new 'Walks Keeper' remains in post.	S	Dorset Waste Partnership	DBID Stop the Drop Civic Society
3.4	To support the protection of wildlife and the natural environment in Dorchester and the surrounding areas.	JHC	Support education programmes and community activity days.			DWT DCC LNP	RSPB DTC Natural England NT ANOB

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
3.5	To improve the speed and efficiency in carrying out repairs to local roads.	Public Consultation Health Profile	Encourage residents to use Fixmystreet.com when other reporting mechanisms do not work.		S	DCC	Police PCs
3.6	To improve roadside and hedge maintenance in rural areas. (Links to Safer Communities)	Public Consultation.	Raise public understanding of who does what in relation of hedge / roadside maintenance.		S	DCC PCs	NFU
3.7	To improve the maintenance of footpaths, cycle ways and bridleways in the area. (Links to Safer Communities)	Public Consultation Parish Plans Access For All Group	Carry out an audit of selected routes and lobby for improvements. Routes to colleges and schools are well maintained.		M S/M	DCC DCC	PCs DTC
3.8	To implement a No Smoking policy in parks and play areas in town and villages. (Links to Health)	Young Peoples Consultation Health Profile National Policy	Support the banning of smoking in parks and play areas across the partnership area.	All play areas have notices and butt bins installed.	S	DTC PCs NHS Dorset	DCA

ECONOMIC WELLBEING

4	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
4.1	To retain local facilities and services including Post Offices /Shops/ Libraries/Pubs.	Public Consultation Parish Plans	<p>Campaign / lobby for the retention of facilities as necessary.</p> <p>Support DCA initiative with regard support to existing shops/post offices and alternatives should shops/post office's close.</p> <p>Support development of a community shop for Dorchester.</p> <p>Support the Community Right to Bid and register community assets, when appropriate, where communities have an interest in taking over local assets that maybe lost.</p>	At least 1 alternative arrangement in place.	M/L	DCA TDD DCA	WDDC PCs WDP Store is the Core DCC DBID LT DCA PCs TC Community Groups Locality
4.2	To maintain and improve a variety of shops in town centre.	Public Consultation	<p>Engage with the Dorchester BID to encourage new retail outlets to locate in Dorchester.</p> <p>Increase range of retail outlets for children's & young people's clothes in Dorchester.</p>	At least 1 new children's / young peoples clothing outlet in the town.	M/L M/L	DBID Chamber of Commerce	
4.3	To support local businesses suffering in the current economic climate.	Public Consultation National Statistics	<p>Investigate what help can be given to local businesses suffering from the current economic climate.</p> <p>Sign post to support groups and training.</p>			DBID Chamber of Commerce	WDDC WSX LEP

4	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
4.4	To support local people affected by the present economic situation.	Partnership Steering Group National Statistics	Investigate what help can be given to local people affected by the present economic situation. Encourage partnerships with other organisations to offer support and sign posting to advice centres and training opportunities.		S	CAB WDDC	Job Centre Plus Home Start WD Job Club Poverty Action C Tog
4.5	To boost the tourism economy, support all year round tourism in the area by promoting Dorchester and the surrounding area as a place to visit.	Joint Heritage Committee	To support the improvement to tourist attractions and the overall area to attract more visitors.		M/L	TIC WDDC JHT	Civic Society
4.6	To explore opportunities and potential support which can be offered for small business/community interest companies start ups.	Public Consultation	Investigate division of large shop units. Support advice re start up grants. Lobby for 75%reduction in business tax for 1yr for anyone not in business for the past 5years. Sign post to training opportunities.		L	Chamber of Commerce DBID WDDC	WSX LEP CLT PCs
4.7	To improve opportunities and the variety of jobs for long term unemployed, young people and older people.	Public Consultation Young People s Consultation	Sign post to training & Job Clubs.		M	Local Employers	Job Centre Plus Job Club WDDC
4.8	To increase and improve the range of apprenticeships available locally.	Young Peoples Consultation	Encourage organisations and business to offer apprenticeships.		M	Colleges Local Employers	DCC

4	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Targets	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
4.9	To reduce poverty in the area.	Public Consultation	Identify and highlight hidden poverty in the area and identify ways to address this.		M	DCC CAB	Home Start WD WDDC Poverty Action C Tog DASP
4.10	To support community groups to become sustainable and resilient in light of funding cuts.	Public Consultation	Investigate and support groups/communities affected by public sector cuts to funding streams.		S/M	DCA Funders	
4.11	To improve access to, and the take up of new technologies and Broadband. (Links to Transport and Access)	AGM	Identify and support communication plans and training for new users.		M/L	DCC DCA	POPP DASP DBID WDDC

SAFER COMMUNITIES

5	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
5.1	To reduce anti- social behaviour, crime and fear of crime in the area.	Parish Plans Public Consultation Police Strategy	Work in partnership with other agencies to create safer communities. Work in partnership to increase number of local Neighbourhood Watch Groups.	Reduction in crime and fear of crime in the area.	S/L	Police	DCC WDDC DTC DACP
5.2	To reduce re offending by people convicted of criminal acts.	Steering Group	Work in partnership with other agencies to reduce re offending.	Reduction in re offending. Restorative justice panel set up.	M	HMPS Dorch Police	DTC DBID
5.3	To reduce road traffic speeds in villages & rural areas. (Links to Transport)	Parish Plans Police & Fire Service Rural Roads Policy	'Support Safe Drive' & 'No Excuse' campaigns to educate drivers and reduce road traffic accidents. Ensure highway design & maintenance improves road safety.	Reduction in number of road traffic accidents in villages.	S	Police DCC PCs	NHS Dorset
5.4	To introduce safer routes to school for walking and cycling. (Links to Transport)	Public Consultation Young Peoples Consultation Police	Identify dangerous road safety situations near schools. Support road traffic enforcement outside schools. Work with local groups & schools to provide safer routes to all schools. Support cycling education classes in schools.	All First and Middle schools in Dorchester support a safer routes to the school campaign.	S	Police DASP Local Schools DCC	NHS Dorset

	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partners	Key Partners
5.5	To reduce accidental fires and raise awareness of ways to reduce risk.	Dorset Fire & Rescue Service incident and community data	<p>Support education programmes such as a SPARC scheme and 'The Safe and Independent Living Scheme' aimed at keeping people safe in their homes and to reduce the risk of fires and other incident occurring.</p> <p>Visit and complete home safety interventions.</p> <p>Engage young people through organised programmes or schemes.</p>	<p>Every home in the area has a smoke alarm fitted that is regularly tested.</p> <p>Residential dwellings – prioritised by risk.</p> <p>Young people experiencing a positive outcome through participation.</p>	<p>S/M</p> <p>M</p> <p>S/M</p>	<p>DF and RS</p> <p>DF and RS</p> <p>DF and RS</p>	<p>SAIL partners DACP POPP SPARC DASP</p> <p>Housing Ass</p> <p>Princes Trust, DYA</p>
5.6	To ensure buildings are regulated and offer a safe means of escape in the case of fire.	Dorset Fire and Rescue Service incident and risk data.	<p>Manage audits through an organised inspection programme.</p> <p>Manage audits through an organised inspection programme.</p> <p>Improve links with the business community to improve public safety.</p>	<p>Audit all known high risk sleeping accommodation.</p> <p>Audit all known high risk non-domestic premises.</p> <p>Deliver education and advice.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M/L</p>	<p>D F and R S</p> <p>D F and R S</p> <p>D F and R S</p>	<p>WDDC DCC</p> <p>Housing Ass / Social Landlords</p> <p>DBID Chamber of Commerce</p>

HEALTH & WELL BEING

6	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
6.1	To promote healthy life style changes for all ages.	Public Consultation Health Profile	Support the promotion of healthy life style initiatives. Support the promotion of Stop Smoking initiatives including for pregnant women.	More advisors in rural areas.	S	NHS Dorset	POPP Local Surgeries Local health groups
6.2	To reduce the sense of isolation in villages & town for all vulnerable groups.	National Studies Public Consultation	Support befriending schemes and local lunch clubs. Support families and young children's groups.		S	POPP Sure Start	Fifty Plus Forums AGE UK Befriending Schemes C Tog Playgroups P& T Groups
6.3	To improve services and information and support for young families and older people in the area.	Public Consultation	Support POPP, Fifty Plus Forum, and AGE UK to engage with older people to plan support services. Support Sure Start, Home Start and Playgroups to engage with families.		S	POPP Fifty Plus Forum AGE UK Sure Start HSWD	Dorset Age Partnership Playgroups P& T Groups
6.4	To reduce winter deaths in older people.	Health Profile	Raise awareness of fuel poverty and the ways to address this.		S	POPP NHS Dorset AGE UK	WDDC DEAC
6.5	To retain existing services and encourage an improvement in facilities at DCH.	Public Consultation	Lobby DCH to prevent the loss of services and retain or improve services.		M	DH Trust NHS Dorset	

CULTURE, LEISURE & HERITAGE

7	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
7.1	To establish a dedicated performing and visual arts gallery / theatre in Dorchester.	Public Consultation	Engage in discussions with developer of Brewery Square.	New facility in place.	M	Dorchester Arts	Arts Agencies WDDC DCC D of C
7.2	To promote existing cultural venues and other local venues for culture or leisure activities.	Public Consultation	Raise awareness of local facilities and events with local people. Establish a community led orchestra. Support artistic events and activities.		Ongoing S Ongoing		T I C DTC DACP Civic Society
7.3	To improve the evening / late night eating and cultural atmosphere in Dorchester.	Public Consultation	Encourage the community to support new establishments.	Completion of Brewery Square	M		
7.4	To maintain and support local play, sport and leisure facilities.	Public Consultation	Provide changing facilities at Great Field and Kings Road playing fields.		M	PC DTC	WDDC DCA
7.5	To identify accessibility issues re sports and leisure facilities.	AGM	Carry out an access audit of the facilities.	All sports & leisure facilities have accessible facilities for all local people.	M	Access for All	WDDC DCC Arts and Leisure Orgs
7.6	Promote the rich heritage of Dorchester and the surrounding area. (Links to Economic Wellbeing)	Joint Heritage Committee	Support publicity campaigns and promote activities and events. Support the maintenance and improvements to the river walks in Dorchester.		M/L	JHC TIC WDDC DTC	DTC DCC Civic Society DWT Environment Agency

7	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
7.7	Promote all local museums and attractions. (Links to Economic Wellbeing)	Joint Heritage Committee	Support publicity campaigns and promote activities and events.		M/L	JHC TIC WDDC	DTC DCC

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

8	Aim	Evidence	Actions	Target	Time scale	Lead Partner	Key Partners
8.1	To improve leisure, social and cultural activities and facilities in Dorchester and the surrounding villages for children and young people. (Links to Culture & Leisure)	Young Peoples Consultation Public Consultation	Support implementation of Graffiti Wall and Young Hangout. Support activities aimed at children and young people.		S	DTC DYA DYE Sure Start	WDDC Dorchester Arts DASP Playgroups
8.2	To improve access to grants and support for community groups in the area. (Links to Economic Wellbeing)	Public Consultation	Encourage and support groups to use Grant Finder and funding advisors.		M	DCA	DCC WDDC
8.3	To support the use of village halls and community spaces.	Public Consultation	Identify mechanisms to support local village halls and community space associations.		S	DCA	WDDC DAVH
8.4	To improve the knowledge & understanding of diversity and equal opportunities and support community cohesion.	Public Consultation	Support the Dorset One World Festival. Support positive action to improve understanding. Monitor equality & diversity issues in the area.		M	DREC RoL Church SWDMCN Dorset Police WDDC	DACP Access for All DCA Federation for the Disabled.

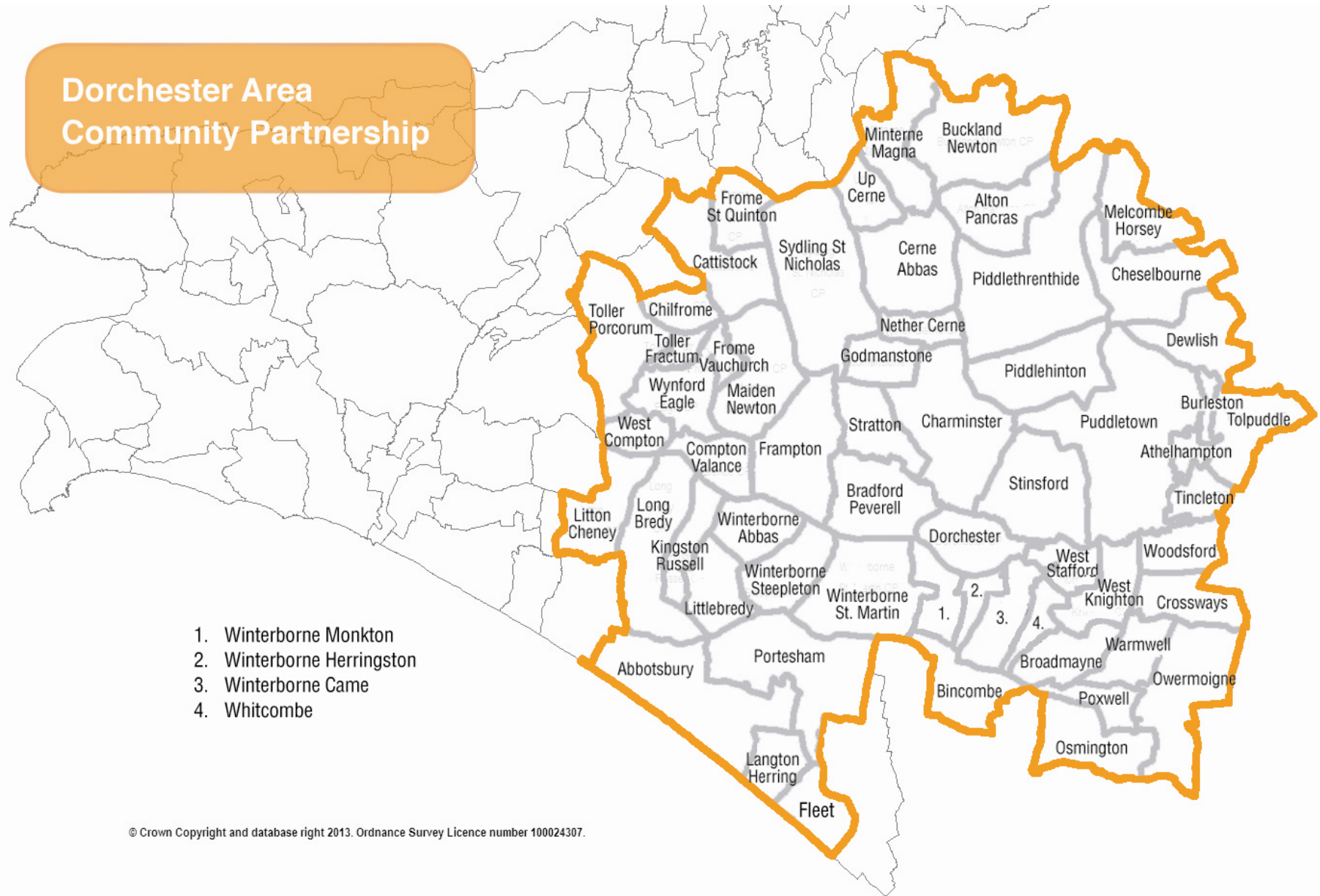
DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT

SPECIFIC ACTIONS	TARGET	TIMESCALE
Maintain Steering Group	Hold at least 4 meetings annually	Ongoing
Annual Assembly Meeting	Hold annually in October	Ongoing
Review constitution every 3 years	Review in Summer 2013	Summer 2013
Monitor the community plan annually and review the plan in 2015	Monitor progress against actions at least once a year. Review the action plan in 2015	Annually 2016
Set annual targets for action by the partnership	Monitor progress of targets set quarterly	Quarterly/Annually
Engage with Parishes in the Dorchester area over issues of common concern	2 new projects supported	Ongoing
Engage with people at risk of social exclusion to enable them to participate in the democratic process.	Establish and maintain support to relevant Forums	Ongoing
Support the development of Parish & Neighbourhood Plans in the Dorchester area community partnership area	4 plans completed	Ongoing
Develop and maintain parish representation on Steering Group	To have at least 2 representatives of local Parishes on the Steering Group and maintain links with DATPC.	Ongoing
Ensure a wide & comprehensive representation of local groups / organisations on Steering Group	Monitor regularly and encourage nominations	Ongoing
Play an active part in West Dorset Partnership (WDP) meetings, representing the Dorchester area	Ensure the regular exchange of information between the Dorchester LAP and WDP	Ongoing

INDEX of ORGANISATIONS

C Tog	Churches Together	Friends of DW St	Friends of Dorchester West Station
CLS	Communities Living Sustainably Project	HMPS Dorc	Dorchester Prison
CLT	Community Land Trusts	HSWD	Home Start West Dorset
CT Schemes	Community Transport Schemes	JHC	Joint Heritage Committee
DACP	Dorchester Area Community Partnership	LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership
DASP	Dorchester Area Schools Partnership	LNP	Local Nature Partnership
DA 21	Dorset Agenda 21	NFU	National Farmers Union
DAVH	Dorset Association of Village Halls	PCs	Parish Councils
DBID	Dorchester Business Improvement District	POPP	Partnership for Older People's Project
DCA	Dorset Community Action	P&T Groups	Parent & Toddler Groups
DEAC	Dorset Energy Advice Centre	R o L Church	River of Life Church
DF & RS	Dorset Fire and Rescue Service	SAIL	Safe and Independent Living Partnership
DTC	Dorchester Town Council	SPARC	DF & RS Project for 13 -18 year olds
DCC	Dorset County Council	TIC	Tourist Information Centre
D of C	Duchy of Cornwall	WDDC	West Dorset District Council
DWT	Dorset Wildlife Trust	WDP	West Dorset Partnership
DYA	Dorset Youth Association	WSX	Wessex Enterprise Ltd
DYE	Dorchester Youth Extra		

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