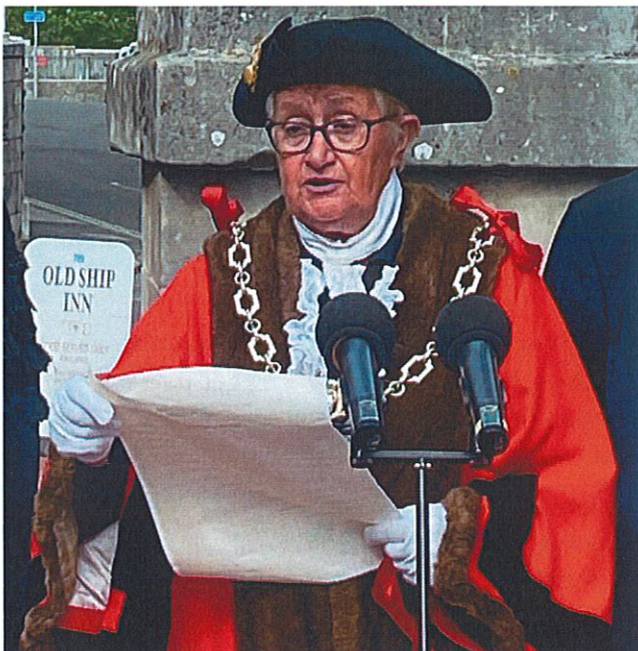


# DORCHESTER NEWS

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Mayor Janet Hewitt. Photo Credit Andy Worth

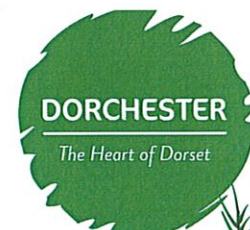
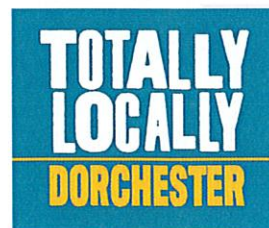
## DORCHESTER MOURNS AND LOOKS FORWARD

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away on 8 September having served as monarch for seventy years. The town marked her passing with respect with many residents and visitors to the town signing books of condolence and laying flowers at the Gardens bandstand and Queen Mother Statue at Poundbury. Many residents also attended the Service of Reflection held in the Borough Gardens.

On Sunday 11 September a large crowd gathered at the Town Pump to hear the Mayor, Councillor Janet Hewitt, read aloud the Proclamation of Accession of King Charles III. The Mayor was accompanied by Town Councillors and Officials.

## SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

Did you know? If every adult in the Dorchester area spent just £5 per week in their local independent shops, instead of online or at the big supermarkets, it would be worth an extra £3.7 million per year going into our local economy. Which means more jobs, better facilities & a nicer place for us all to live. Independent businesses in Dorchester are coming together under the banner of Totally Locally Dorchester to help promote shopping local all year round. Christmas is an especially great time of year to shop local, and Dorchester is a brilliant place to get presents for all. We have independent toy shops, jewellery shops, vinyl shops, gift shops, craft shops, wine shops and even places where you can pick up a local food hamper! An experience is also a brilliant gift so why not get some tickets for a Dorchester Arts performance, vouchers for a meal out or beauty treatment, membership to a local museum or attraction or challenge your friends or family with The Great Big Escape Room. There is a full directory of shops and businesses on the Discover Dorchester website at: [www.discoverdorchester.co.uk](http://www.discoverdorchester.co.uk)



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### TOWN EVENTS THIS AUTUMN

#### Free Parking and Christmas Events

There will be free parking days in Dorset Council (Dorchester) town centre car parks again this year. Please do make the most of these free parking days in the run up to Christmas. The free parking days are:

Saturday 26 November 2022

Saturday 3 December 2022 (Small Business Saturday)

Thursday 15 December 2022

#### Christmas Events

Saturday 3 December – Poundbury Christmas Market  
10.00am – 4.00pm Crown Square, Poundbury

Sunday 11 December - Dorchester Christmas Cracker  
11.00am – 4.00pm throughout the town centre

Thursday 15 December – Carols in the Gardens  
6.30pm onwards, Borough Gardens

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

All are invited to attend the annual Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) event on **Friday 27th January 2023** at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester (DT1 1HF) from 12.30pm - 1.30pm.

HMD 2023 is being organised by a partnership made up of Dorchester Town Council, the South-West Dorset Multicultural Network (SWDMCN), Dorset Council and Kushti Bok.

The theme for this service is 'Ordinary People' which will explore how ordinary people became involved in the Holocaust, and other genocides, as perpetrators, victims, bystanders, witnesses, and rescuers.

We will consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in standing up to prejudice today.

The event will include readings and poetry, including contributions from local schools, and will conclude with the lighting of candles and a minute's silence. Free refreshments will be available afterwards.



### NEW YOUTH GROUP!

Are you aged 13-19? Do you live, study or work in Dorchester? Would you like to have a say about your town and get involved with running events? Why not join a new youth group being set up by Dorchester Town Council? For more information, call or text **Emma on: 07956 896114**, or email her at: [e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk)



Dorset Council has set up a Webpage dedicated to the Cost of Living Crisis – this has useful links to help Access to Food, Financial Advice and Housing: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help) You can also contact our local Citizens Advice Bureau by calling: Dorset Advice Line: **0800 144 8848** or via email: <https://centraldorsetca.org.uk>



Keep up to date with what's on in the town: listen to your volunteer run, not for profit, community radio station from Dorchester, covering central-southern Dorset.

Online at [KeeP106.com](http://KeeP106.com)

## WINTER PLANNING

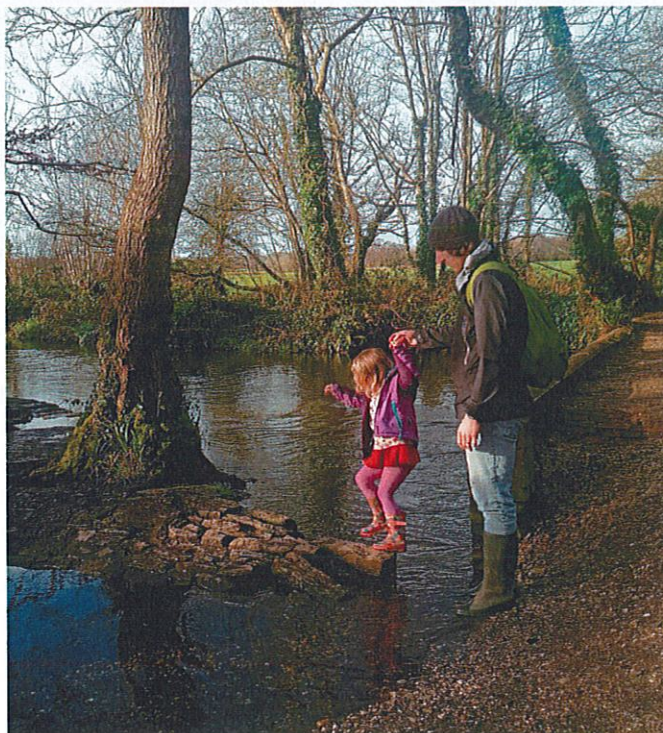
With the terrible weather we have been experiencing recently, here are a few links to help you be prepared

- Check if you are at risk of flooding: [www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk](http://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk)
- Sign up to receive free flood warnings for main river and ground water flooding: [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings)  
If you are unable to use the online service, call **Floodline: 0345 988 1188**
- Sign up to the MetOffice National Severe Weather Warning Service via web or app
- Report flooding to a property, or on the road via the **Dorset Council website**. Call **01305 221000**  
Also use the Dorset Council website to report an issue with gullies, drains, manholes or ditches
- Plan ahead for flooding: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding>
- Get further advice on flooding from the National Flood Forum [www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk)  
**Call: 01299 403055**
- Check out information about planned and unexpected power outages, or report an outage on the Power Track page of the SSEN website [www.ssen.co.uk](http://www.ssen.co.uk) or call them to report a power cut on 105 (24 hours)  
You may also be eligible to sign up for free Priority Services during a power cut – register online or call **0800 294 3259**
- Pick up a leaflet with useful contact details from the Dorchester Town Council offices

## DORCHESTER WALKING FESTIVAL 2023

Plans are coming together behind the scenes with local guides, café owners and businesses to organise Dorchester's First Walking Festival for May 2023. There will be long walks, short walks, pushchair and wheelchair friendly walks, nature walks, sensory walks, historical walks and more! Plus, lots of tea and cake of course! Keep an eye out on Discover Dorchester social media and [www.discoverdorchester.co.uk](http://www.discoverdorchester.co.uk) for more information closer to the time.

If you like walking, then pop into Dorchester Town Council Offices and pick up one of the new Walking Leaflets that have been produced by the Dorchester Tourism Partnership. There are seven great routes included, and each gives you some interesting facts about special places around the town.



## COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

Phone and e-mail contact details for Ward councillors for the Town Council and the Dorset Council are available on our website, [www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk](http://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk)





## BREW DORCH - DORCHESTER FESTIVAL OF DRINKS

Following on from the Celebration of Brewing in Dorchester last February, Dorchester Tourism Partnership are expanding and rebranding the festival into Brew Dorch - Dorchester's Festival of Drinks! Happening **Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th February 2023.**

The festival will honour the town's prestigious brewing and distilling history through a series of tastings, special experiences, walks, and world-class drinks.

Dorchester has strong links with brewing dating back to the 18th century. In 1760, traveller Emmanuel Bowen noted that Dorchester was famous for "brewing the best and finest beer in England, whereof great quantities have been of late years exported and consigned to London".

Look out for posters around town or visit [www.discoverdorchester.co.uk](http://www.discoverdorchester.co.uk) for more information

### A SEEDY WAY TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

The Town Council has been busy creating a new tree nursery in Dorchester. The nursery will be used to grow trees from both seed and hardwood cuttings. The tree seeds have been collected this autumn from trees that are local to the town, in this way we reduce the risk of purchased trees spreading pests and disease into the area. It also means that we can maintain the genetic make-up of the local tree stock as would happen if trees were to seed and grow naturally. This initiative offers us an opportunity to continue to plant trees into the future that are the most suitable for our local area, and we keep delivery miles down too!



We will be focusing on growing native species such as Willow, Oak, Birch and Beech and the trees produced will then be planted around the Council's open spaces to improve the environment for all of us. As well as the environmental benefits it is now increasingly well-known that being near trees and having the opportunity to peacefully walk around them helps our mental wellbeing, trees really are quite wonderful.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Dorchester Disabled Club is a charity which helps to connect and inspire people who live with a disability. The Club is led by a small team of committed volunteers that enable people to join in with a variety of activities and connect with others in their community.

The Club relies on these volunteers, and are currently looking for people to help in a number of different ways:

- Volunteer minibus drivers & passenger Assistants
- Volunteer helpers including befrienders, admin and activity volunteers

If you think you could help contribute to this important and friendly Club, please do contact the Secretary, **Tracy Baker, for further information - [secretary@dorchesterdisabledclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dorchesterdisabledclub.org.uk).**

