



Corona Virus, Covid 19 Business Support

Below is a list of organisations providing support and guidance for businesses during these challenging times:

- **National Government**

Business support provided by the Government.

- **Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership**

Established in 2011, Dorset LEP is a private sector-led organisation responsible for speaking on behalf of businesses, championing important issues with government, securing funding and investment for the region and ultimately driving the economic growth of Dorset.

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has put in place a range of initiatives to support the region's economy as a direct response to the immediate impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, while also looking ahead to some of the longer-term support that businesses will need post the current crisis.

- **Dorset Gateway**

Dorset Gateway, provides signposting to a range of advice and support, key account management and a free specialist bid-writing service – all of which are fully funded to help support Dorset's businesses.

You'll find information and links to the latest advice and support measures available to businesses both from central government and our Dorset Gateway growth hub. There is also information about how businesses can limit the spread of the virus and support the response to the unprecedented challenges it poses.

- **Dorset Chamber for Commerce and Industry**

Established in 1949, the Dorset Chamber for Commerce and Industry's aim is to focus entirely on its members, delivering first class services to help businesses grow and prosper and leading business in Dorset.

The Dorset Chamber for Commerce and Industry has a dedicated Coronavirus page, which is being updated on a daily basis.

- **Dorset Council**

Coronavirus information for businesses and employers.

- **Dorset Growth Hub**

The mission of the Dorset Growth Hub is to support businesses that want to grow, increase employment, improve the competitiveness of Dorset businesses and encourage inward investment to the county.

They are providing up to date and impartial advice, with phone lines open to help answer your queries no matter how small. They are keeping up to date with Government guidance and support for businesses from BCP Council and Dorset Council, they can point you in the right direction.

- **Dorchester BID**

Support for businesses in the Business Improvement District.

- **Dorchester Chamber for Business**

The Dorchester & District Chamber for business plays an active role in the town and surrounding area, helping to promote local business and enterprise.

- **Dorset Business Mentors**

The Dorset Business Mentors program was developed to improve the resilience, improvement and growth of micro, small and medium business and achieves this with an unrivalled service ranging from personal support to skills development workshops and peer networking.

They are providing a Business Resilience Service

1:1 support for Dorset businesses and charities during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Immediate and ongoing expert support to navigate challenges. Up to 3 months free of charge.

Open to all micro, small and medium size businesses on a confidential basis.