

# Dorchester Directory of Community Aims & Aspirations 2017-2020



## Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Leisure

Aim	Objective	Target/Action/Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
Develop more activities	<p>For older people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch clubs</li> <li>• Social spaces</li> <li>• Skills such as IT</li> </ul> <p>For younger people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and improve play areas</li> <li>• New activities such as bouldering, parkour and gym</li> <li>• Continued support for youth club – extend offer i.e. to years 5-6</li> </ul> <p>For wider community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More craft sessions</li> <li>• Maker spaces/open workshops</li> <li>• Develop more outdoor spaces for sports/leisure e.g. create a country park</li> <li>• More evening events – develop café culture</li> </ul> <p>Inclusive projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.g. for people with disabilities</li> <li>• Create an ‘accessible garden’ in Borough Gardens</li> </ul> <p>More facilities at Poundbury – e.g. jogging route, tennis courts, climbing boulder, dog play area &amp; more benches.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop food project to link allotments, schools, food banks, cookery classes etc – work with existing projects to extend their work.</li> <li>2. Find out need for craft group and help to start.</li> <li>3. Work with DTC to develop outdoor spaces including potential country park &amp; accessible garden of reflection at Borough Gardens.</li> </ol>	<p>Age UK Dorchester</p> <p>DYCC</p> <p>DTC</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p> <p>WDDC</p>
Better information about events	E.g. via an app for Dorchester.	4. Implement town centre Wi-Fi and design a ‘what’s on’ app.	BID	Dorchester Chamber of Commerce

<p>Support music and the arts</p>	<p>Promote Dorchester as a regional arts destination.</p> <p>Develop a high-quality arts venue at the Maltings – contemporary and community friendly with decent rehearsal space.</p> <p>Attract more artists &amp; performers to Dorchester e.g. by offering rehearsal space as swaps for shows.</p> <p>Use new sites for the arts – e.g. Poundbury.</p>	<p>5. Develop Maltings as leading arts venue.</p> <p>6. Work with local arts organisations to link projects together.</p>	<p>Dorchester Arts</p> <p>Brewery Square</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>Duchy of Cornwall</p>	<p>Local arts organisations such as Dorset Arts Company, Dorset Centre for the Creative Arts &amp; Activate</p>
<p>Develop Heritage Tourism</p>	<p>Write Heritage/Tourism strategy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create ‘brand Dorchester’ &amp; marketing plan</li> <li>• Coordinate themed heritage offer for town with partners and run experiential events to reflect concept.</li> <li>• Other events – e.g. Multi-era events.</li> </ul> <p>Consider designating a Heritage Quarter.</p> <p>Ensure Heritage improvements are capitalised upon – County Museum and Shire Hall.</p> <p>Link arts offer to heritage offer.</p> <p>Develop Thomas Hardy offer.</p> <p>Encourage development of more/new high quality accommodation.</p> <p>Work with accommodation sector to promote existing spaces.</p> <p>Work with travel companies to improve footfall.</p> <p>Better use of websites/develop new website to promote.</p>	<p>7. Write Heritage-Tourism strategy</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Long term vision</li> <li>*Combined and coherent interpretation plan</li> <li>*Combined marketing &amp; communication plan.</li> </ul> <p>8. Coordinate accommodation providers to work together.</p> <p>9. Initiate project to increase number of B&amp;B’s and other town based accommodation.</p> <p>10. Trial and evaluate different types of creative programming – festivals and events around heritage themes - engaging the local community.</p>	<p>DTC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>Heritage Committee</p> <p>Heritage &amp; Tourism Forum</p> <p>Dorset County Museum</p> <p>Shire Hall</p> <p>The Keep Military Museum</p> <p>Civic Society</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Other local heritage groups</p>	<p>Other local heritage groups such as Thomas Hardy Players, Dorchester Community Play Association, Thomas Hardy Society</p> <p>Heart of Wessex Partnership</p> <p>Local rail and bus companies</p>

		<p>11. Encourage Heritage organisations to trial passport entry package.</p> <p>12. Design marketing leaflet/map promoting existing heritage offer.</p> <p>13. Build website/online resource to link and promote Dorchester offer.</p>		
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## Transport & Accessibility

Aim	Objective	Target/Action Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
Better joined up transport solutions – in and around town and with rest of UK	<p>Involve local people in DTEP.</p> <p>Maintain rural bus links.</p> <p>Maintain town bus routes.</p> <p>Forward planning for future demand – e.g. to help potentially increased need for transport to Poole Hospital.</p> <p>Work with regional/national providers to get best service – and also to develop tourism e.g. promote Dorchester at destinations such as Southampton.</p>	<p>14. Ensure local people are informed about opportunities to comment on proposed highway schemes.</p> <p>15. Write strategic heritage-tourism strategy for Dorchester - &amp; link with existing economic/tourism reports and plans.</p> <p>16. Contact local transport providers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review timetable issues and discuss ways to improve these – e.g. using mobile phone technology</li> <li>• Create plan to improve tourism reach.</li> </ul>	<p>DCC – Dorset Highways</p> <p>DTEP</p> <p>Heart of Wessex Partnership</p> <p>Local rail and bus companies</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>DTC</p>
Improve Dorchester South and Dorchester West Stations	<p>Make platforms at both stations accessible to all.</p> <p>Link 2 stations – to each other and to town – improve signage.</p>	<p>17. Complete Access Ramp at Dorchester West Station.</p> <p>18. Improve access at Dorchester South Station – to both platforms.</p> <p>19. Install new wayfinding signage at both stations.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>Brewery Square</p> <p>DTC</p>	<p>Friends of Dorchester West Station</p>
Improve road safety	<p>Introduce 20's plenty scheme.</p> <p>Review/implement developments in traffic management – e.g. count down timers at traffic lights.</p>	<p>20. Review road safety levels around town, identify issues &amp; look at good practice from other parts of UK to replicate locally.</p>	<p>DCC</p>	<p>Dorchester Access Group</p> <p>Transition Town</p>

<p>Promote cycling</p>	<p>Encourage more children to use bikes e.g. by supporting and promoting existing schemes such as Bike It and school cycle safety awareness.</p> <p>Create cycle routes in town &amp; make town centre bike friendly. E.g. Link Poundbury to Dorchester with cycle route. Complete Broadmayne – Dorchester route.</p>	<p>21. Meet with DCC officers to identify what schemes are currently operating &amp; support initiatives to promote more cycle schemes.</p> <p>22. Help implement more integrated system of cycle paths – including to local parishes.</p> <p>23. Promote access to bike maintenance schemes e.g. through Try This Dorchester.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>Sustrans</p>	<p>DCN</p> <p>CTC Wessex</p> <p>DTEP</p> <p>Transition Town Dorchester</p>
<p>Address parking issues in town</p>	<p>Creative solutions to parking issues – e.g. Park on My Drive scheme.</p> <p>Consider introduction of pay on exit parking.</p> <p>Ensure disabled parking access maintained and improved – work with advisory access group.</p>	<p>24. Meet with WDDC to discuss issues with parking in town including issues with using parking machines.</p> <p>25. Promote shopping/parking scheme so more visitors are aware of it.</p> <p>26. Promote identified schemes to increase number of parking spaces in Dorchester.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>BID</p>	<p>Dorchester Access Group</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>DTEP</p>
<p>Support more Community Transport Schemes</p>	<p>Encourage development of car share schemes and other community initiatives – to also include young people.</p> <p>Extend car scheme e.g. to deal with current and future demand for hospital visits to Poole. Also develop scheme to allow better access to work and social events.</p>	<p>27. Maintain links with POPPs Community Worker.</p> <p>28. Meet with local Neighbourhood Car scheme and review how to grow and promote the service.</p>	<p>POPPs</p> <p>Dorchester Neighbourhood Car Scheme</p>	
<p>Promote accessibility to the local environment</p>	<p>Ensure shops and business are physically accessible and welcoming of people with a disability.</p> <p>Ensure town is fully accessible e.g. dropped kerbs are sited in correct locations.</p> <p>Ensure public transport consistently caters for cyclists, pushchairs/buggies and wheelchairs.</p>	<p>29. Do audit of access to shops and business in town. Identify best practice and share.</p> <p>30. Continue to review and report on access in town.</p>	<p>Dorchester Access Group</p> <p>DTEP</p> <p>DCC – Dorset Highways</p>	<p>Access Dorset</p> <p>BID</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p>

## Community

Aim	Objective	Target/Action/Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
<p>Councils co-produce work and services with local organisations.</p>	<p>Include community in decision making e.g. in Local Plan decisions, potential move to become a unitary authority</p> <p>Create innovative ways of delivering projects.</p> <p>Joined up, evidence based commissioning of services with transparent tender process.</p>	<p>31. Establish regular communication/links between communities and local government E.g. Investing in Dorchester event to find out more about significant projects planned for the town.</p> <p>32. Develop and disseminate information about new social enterprise models including Consortia, Community Interest Companies, Limited Liability Partnerships and Single Points of Contact.</p>	<p>DTC</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>DCA</p>
<p>Councils should be more open and better reflect local community</p>	<p>Encourage more (diverse) people to stand as councillors.</p> <p>Encourage stronger community voice – e.g. improve consultation to make it more interactive/imaginative to engage wider community and ensure community know how to contact &amp; work with councillors.</p>	<p>33. Run regular Democracy Day.</p> <p>34. Provide work placements &amp; councilor shadowing to encourage young people to get involved in their council.</p> <p>35. Actively engage &amp; involve ‘hard to reach’ groups.</p> <p>36. Create a suggestions box for the council.</p>	<p>DTC</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>DCC</p>
<p>Start more community activities</p>	<p>E.g. Food based projects.</p>	<p>37. Back community allotment projects.</p> <p>38. Encourage allotment holders to donate excess produce – e.g. to foodbanks.</p> <p>39. Set up tailored cookery courses for vulnerable people.</p> <p>40. Events and activities to enhance local food economy.</p>	<p>DTC</p> <p>Range of VCS organisations</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p>

<p>Better coordination of existing projects and initiatives – including improved communication between groups/services</p>	<p>Help groups to better promote and share what they do.</p> <p>Prevent replication &amp; develop new projects to fill gaps.</p>	<p>41. Write a directory of local community organisations to include aims and activities of groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish central point to pull information from</li> <li>• Develop a new website for Dorchester</li> <li>• Extend local advice networks.</li> </ul> <p>42. Audit existing projects in operating in Dorchester and identify gaps in provision.</p>	<p>DTC</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p>
<p>Plan ahead to address threats to councils and community organisations – including funding</p>	<p>Collate and use data sources as evidence for strategic planning and fundraising – e.g. from Citizens Advice.</p> <p>Improve/extend funding advice for local organisations.</p>	<p>43. Continue to advise individual organisations about fundraising and sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold group training &amp; skills sharing sessions re fundraising</li> <li>• Design tool to allow people to collaborate rather than compete for funding pots.</li> </ul>	<p>DTC</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>WDDC</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p>

**Other Aims/objectives to include:**

1. Look at ways of engaging & supporting minority and isolated groups/individuals
2. Promote and encourage diversity and equal opportunities to increase community cohesion



## Health, Wellbeing & Safety

Aim	Objective	Action/Target/Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
<p>Improve link between health and social care – promote better coordination of community services</p>	<p>Better sign posting to existing community support and activities.</p> <p>Link community support projects together.</p> <p>Better use of ‘My Life, My Care’.</p> <p>Help to implement Community Radio.</p>	<p>44. Develop a community directory (see acn 41).</p> <p>45. Hold regular community lunches.</p> <p>46. Circulate relevant information to contacts.</p>	<p>Dorset Healthcare, Public Health Dorset, Mid-Dorset CCG</p> <p>DTC</p>	<p>Ridgeway Radio</p> <p>Range of VCS organisations</p>
<p>Involve community in changes to NHS &amp; Health Services</p>	<p>Share opportunities to feedback to consultations.</p> <p>Consider full impact of changes – e.g. on demand for transport and after hospital care needed.</p>	<p>47. Ensure consultations are circulated.</p> <p>48. Encourage coordinated response to proposals – e.g. by holding focus groups.</p>	<p>Dorset Healthcare, Public Health Dorset, Mid-Dorset CCG</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p> <p>DTC</p>
<p>More help for most vulnerable people</p>	<p>Campaign for more mental health support.</p> <p>Access to advice and information (A&amp;I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Particularly to help people navigate benefit claims such as Personal Independent Payments</li> <li>• Also for issues such as drug and alcohol abuse.</li> </ul>	<p>49. Work with VCS &amp; statutory partners to coordinate services and ensure access to A&amp;I.</p>	<p>Citizens Advice</p> <p>Dorset Advocacy</p> <p>Age UK Dorchester</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>Range of VCS organisations</p> <p>CMHT’s</p>
<p>Support for older people</p>	<p>Build more projects to reduce isolation and loneliness (especially but not exclusively amongst older people)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More eating projects – including lunch clubs and cookery classes</li> <li>• Support for befriending schemes</li> <li>• Support for isolated people after hospital discharge.</li> </ul>	<p>50. Increase coordination &amp; help recruit volunteers to befriending schemes.</p> <p>51. Work with current food projects/food banks to develop them.</p>	<p>POPPs</p> <p>Age UK Dorchester</p> <p>Red Cross</p> <p>RVS</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p>

Support for young people	<p>More physical sports and activities.</p> <p>Early intervention with mental health support.</p> <p>Better protection from inappropriate internet sites.</p> <p>Better drugs and alcohol information/awareness.</p> <p>More help to deal with bullying.</p>	<p>52. Set up more sports opportunities aimed at young people e.g. parkour, climbing.</p> <p>53. Run mental health awareness project.</p> <p>54. Work with partners delivering services to coordinate.</p>	<p>DFPZ</p> <p>CAMHs</p> <p>Local Schools</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>DYE</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p> <p>DYA</p> <p>DYCC</p>
Strengthen good quality Early Years provision	<p>Maintain support for under 5 provisions including Dorchester Opportunity Group.</p> <p>Encourage pre-schools and primary schools to work more closely together.</p>	<p>55. Look to secure long term/sustainable future for vulnerable organisations.</p> <p>56. Adopt more joined up working practices.</p>	<p>HSWD</p> <p>DOpp</p> <p>DCC</p>	<p>Local under 5's groups</p> <p>Local primary schools</p>

**Other Aims/objectives to include:**

1. Support older people to address fuel poverty and so reduce risk of winter deaths.
2. Support older/vulnerable people to reduce risk of accidents and falls.
3. Support for all residents to improve health and well-being.
  - Identify and address health inequalities
  - Hold more open events to inform people about different health conditions and how to get help with them
  - Promote a healthy life style and support a more active population i.e.:
    - Continue to improve outdoor recreation and play areas
    - Support projects such as the Strollers who promote walking for health.
4. Maintain low levels of crime and, where crimes occur work with the police to resolve
  - Ensure people experiencing hate crime receive support and information
  - Reduce fear of crime – through initiatives such as intergenerational projects and highlighting positive contribution of younger people.
5. Support schemes to improve road safety for all residents – e.g. traffic calming initiatives.
6. Ensure buildings are regulated and have smoke alarms plus offer safe means of escape in case of fire – and so reduce risk of accidental fires/injury by fire.

## Housing

Aim	Objective	Target/Action/ Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
Support tenants in rented accommodation	<p>Improve access to advice and information e.g. from Youfirst, Dorset Councils Partnership, Magna Housing and Citizens Advice.</p> <p>Help people who are in housing difficulty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote early intervention/help</li> <li>Lobby for more tenancy security</li> <li>Campaign for creation of a local social lettings agency.</li> </ul>	<p>57. Work with A&amp;I organisations to ensure continuation of services.</p> <p>58. Work with Advice Dorset Network to promote services of A&amp;I organisations.</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>Magna, Hastoe, Mill Street &amp; other Housing Associations</p> <p>A&amp;I organisations</p>	<p>DTC</p>
Develop a supply of affordable housing for Dorchester – particularly for students & younger people under the age of 35	<p>Encourage more affordable rented accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prompt home owners with space to consider renting rooms.</li> <li>Continue to bring empty/underused properties back into use.</li> </ul> <p>Set up a Community Land Trust to deliver affordable housing aimed at under 35's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with partners such as Dorset County Council to identify and release additional sites for development.</li> </ul>	<p>59. Develop West Walks tennis courts as affordable housing.</p> <p>60. Meet with DCC (Dorset Property) &amp; other partners to identify available land.</p> <p>61. Facilitate a housing forum meeting to include local MP.</p>	<p>Dorchester CLT</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>WDDC</p>	<p>Magna, Hastoe, Mill Street &amp; other Housing Associations</p> <p>Wessex Community Land Trust</p>
Promote sustainable building schemes	<p>E.g. Using thermal/solar heating, high quality insulation, and grey water systems.</p> <p>Explore other housing options such as co-housing and self-build.</p> <p>Introduce ban on building second homes – like St Ives.</p>	<p>62. Promote awareness of schemes to improve sustainability.</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>Transition Town Dorchester</p>	<p>DTC</p>

### Other Aims/objectives to include:

- Promote development of housing relevant to range of people's needs – including older people, households with special needs, smaller households. Consider for instance housing option such as Extra Care Schemes.
- Maintain character/quality of built environment in Dorchester.

## Economy, Training/Education & Volunteering

Aim	Objective	Target/Action/Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
<p>More support, guidance and opportunities for young people - especially in school</p>	<p>Grow menu of opportunities for young people post school.</p> <p>Develop apprenticeship scheme including higher apprenticeships (open to all ages but with a focus on younger people).</p> <p>Additional resources for NEET young people, care leavers and others 'at risk' of being left behind.</p> <p>Encourage careers colleges, careers fayres and careers advice.</p> <p>Work with schools, trainers and business to meet skills gap.</p>	<p>63. Work with partners to increase number of apprenticeships available in town.</p> <p>64. Maintain close contact with economic development team at WDDC.</p> <p>65. Initiate more projects working with vulnerable young people.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>BID</p>	<p>Local businesses</p> <p>Thomas Hardye School</p> <p>Training providers such as Kingston Maurward College &amp; Skills and Learning</p> <p>Range of VCS organisations</p>
<p>Support economic diversification away from public sector</p>	<p>Identify growth potential such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage-Tourism</li> <li>• Local Food Economy – shop local &amp; eat local.</li> </ul>	<p>66. Back projects with clear economic benefits.</p>		
<p>Support local business</p>	<p>Create a community business hub with shared office function.</p> <p>Develop more employment sites.</p> <p>Keep business informed and provide high quality training and advice.</p> <p>Boost local/independent business</p>	<p>67. Work with WDDC to initiate a scheme.</p> <p>68. Identify land for employment development.</p> <p>69. Support Chamber of Commerce and BID to work effectively.</p>	<p>WDDC</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>Local businesses</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Dormen scheme</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to negotiate rents and rates.</li> </ul> <p>Help increase company's productivity and output.</p> <p>Roll-out Superfast Broadband &amp; provide town centre Wi-Fi.</p>		<p>BID</p> <p>LEP</p>	
Extend other learning opportunities in town	Working for instance with local heritage-culture providers.	<p>70. Create 'directory' of opportunities for people to get involved.</p> <p>71. Hold community days.</p>	<p>DTC</p> <p>Range of VCS organisations - especially main heritage providers</p>	
Continue to integrate and link Poundbury with town centre	Link initiatives to priorities identified with local residents.	72. Work with Poundbury Residents Association on joint projects – e.g. holiday hangouts for children.	<p>DTC</p> <p>Poundbury Residents Association</p> <p>Duchy of Cornwall</p>	DTEP
Maintain (& extend) advice, information and advocacy services	<p>Support people in financial difficulty.</p> <p>Early help for people in housing difficulties.</p> <p>Help for people experiencing issues with benefit claims and Personal Independent Payments including campaigning for better services.</p>	<p>73. Maintain links with Advice and Information services and co-operate with them.</p> <p>74. Support local food banks and develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budgeting classes</li> <li>• Allotment shares</li> <li>• Cookery courses.</li> </ul>	<p>Citizens Advice</p> <p>Dorset Advocacy</p> <p>Dorchester Poverty Action Group</p> <p>Dorchester Food Bank</p>	

<p>Increase volunteering</p>	<p>Modernise volunteer offer e.g. opportunity to develop skills and follow passions.</p> <p>Review and develop accreditation e.g. to include employability skills.</p> <p>Increase level of good practice with volunteers.</p> <p>Look at establishing pool of cultural-heritage volunteers.</p> <p>More support for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>75. Project to highlight benefits of volunteering – particularly for younger people &amp; those looking for change in life circumstances.</p> <p>76. Support organisations providing high number of volunteering opportunities to implement best practice.</p>	<p>DTC</p> <p>Volunteer Centre Dorset</p>	<p>Range of VCS organisations</p>
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**Other Aims/objectives to include:**

1. Develop an enterprise economy and encourage business start-ups
  - Provide mentoring and advice for new initiatives
  - Support business forums to share good practice.
2. Attract knowledge based companies to set up in Dorchester.

## Environment

Aim	Objective	Target/Action/Outcome	Lead partner	Key partners
<p>Improve current Town Centre offer</p>	<p>Improve first impressions of town at all gateways to Dorchester – especially improve appearance/welcome to town from Kingston Maurward roundabout to Grays Bridge.</p> <p>Smarten up building frontages.</p> <p>Improve car parks appearance and develop parking capacity.</p> <p>Link town together better – including to Brewery Square.</p>	<p>77. Replace signage at town entrances and install features such as public art.</p> <p>78. Develop development of wayfinding signage in town.</p> <p>79. Work with local landlords to improve building frontages.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>DTC</p>	<p>Civic Society</p> <p>Brewery Square</p> <p>Dorchester Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>BID</p>
<p>Develop Town Centre masterplan</p>	<p>Improve/modernise Townscape – shared/mixed use.</p> <p>Support local, independent shops and businesses – design to attract.</p> <p>Link design plans to heritage offer and ensure they reflect historic nature of town.</p> <p>Address issues of development and sustainability – e.g. Charles Street proposals.</p>	<p>80. Ensure local community widely involved in decisions about town centre development.</p> <p>81. Work with statutory, community and business partners to design Dorchester for the future.</p>	<p>DCC</p> <p>WDDC</p> <p>DTC</p> <p>DTEP</p> <p>LEP</p>	<p>Local heritage organisations</p> <p>Civic Society</p>
<p>Encourage civic pride in open spaces – open garden schemes, town décor, parks award etc.</p>	<p>Support nature conservation schemes such as tree planting.</p> <p>Set up more nature walks.</p> <p>Champion allotments.</p>	<p>82. Work with town council and VCS groups to develop more environmental projects.</p>	<p>DTC</p>	<p>Friends of Borough Gardens</p> <p>Transition Town Dorchester</p> <p>Friends of Riverside Nature Reserve</p>

	<p>Encourage community gardening in public spaces. Increase number of natural verges/natural planting.</p> <p>Keep town tidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up community litter picking scheme</li> <li>• Introduce more recycling points and bins.</li> </ul>	83. Look at establishing open gardens scheme.		
Improve town orientation	<p>Improve and replace town signage including brown signs, town wayfinding signs and car park signage.</p> <p>Widen BID Ambassador Scheme.</p>	84. Install wayfinding signage in town.	DTC BID	
Increase dependence on renewables	<p>Promote use of green energy sources.</p> <p>Encourage environmentally friendly shops – e.g. campaign to reduce rates.</p> <p>Encourage innovative recycling/waste reduction schemes.</p> <p>Promote local eco schemes in shops – e.g. Close the Door (to reduce heating).</p>	85. Work with local community groups and business to set up environmental initiatives such as a wood recycling scheme.	Transition Town Dorchester	

**Other Aims/objectives to include:**

1. Improve air quality in town by reducing traffic – promoting alternative routes.
2. Promote sustainable living in town – e.g. supporting Transition Town project and development of transition streets & community growing spaces.
3. Ensure protection of local wildlife and environment.