West Dorset Partnership

West Dorset Partnership is a group of public, business, community and voluntary organisations that are working together to improve the quality of life in West Dorset. Membership of the partnership includes the local councils, Dorset Police, NHS Dorset, Dorset Fire and Rescue, Dorset Community Action, Dorset Wildlife Trust and the local area partnerships.

West Dorset Community Plan

West Dorset Partnership agrees and implements a community plan every four years to improve the quality of life in the area, taking forward the issues that have come from the parish plans and the local area partnerships. The community plan also takes into account the limitations in which the partnership's members operate.

Dorset Strategic Partnership

Dorset Strategic Partnership is the county-wide partnership which looks at the strategic issues coming from community planning and works across the whole county.

For more information on community planning in West Dorset

If you would like to know more, please contact the Community Planning Officer by phoning 01305 252305 or emailing westdorsetpartnership@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

More information can be found at **www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west**

Community Planning in West Dorset

Bringing people **together** to make **West Dorset** a better place in which to **live and work**

West Dorset partnership

What is community planning?

Community planning gives you a chance to have a say, be listened to and get involved in action to tackle the issues that really matter to you.

In West Dorset many people are working hard to deal with local issues and problems. Community planning is about joining up the efforts of public, business, voluntary and community organisations and making sure they are working with residents for a common goal, to improve all aspects of local life.

Community planning looks at a wide variety of issues including:

- Housing
- Roads
- Transport
- Environment
- Economy
- Community safety
- Health
- Community facilities and activities

Parish plans

Parish plans are the most local level of community planning. They are developed in the local community and are usually led by parish councils. These plans develop actions for improvements to the immediate area. Actions may be carried out by the community (for example forming a neighbourhood watch group) or by service providers such as the police or local councils (for example introducing street lighting).

Once a parish plan is agreed, all the members of the West Dorset Partnership (see overleaf) comment on how they can help implement the actions. Parish plans are used to develop local services.

Local area partnerships

Local area partnerships include town and parish councils, voluntary organisations, businesses and residents.

The partnerships identify local views, issues and needs (including those from parish plans). They help influence decision makers and those who provide services. They also help communities develop local projects.

Local area partnerships are based round the market towns and their surrounding areas. They cover West Dorset as follows:

- Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership
- Bridport Local Area Partnership
- Dorchester Area Community Partnership
- Lyme Forward
- Sherborne Area Partnership

West Dorset Partnership Network

Are you interested in finding out more about community planning in West Dorset?

Would you like to know more about the work of the West Dorset Partnership?

If so you can join the West Dorset Partnership Network.

This network is open to all groups and organisations in, or working across, the district. Members will be invited to the partnership's annual assembly each autumn, receive newsletters on the work of the partnership and be invited to take part in consultations by the partnership and its members.

If you would like to join the West Dorset Partnership Network please complete the details overleaf and return to:

Community Planning Officer
West Dorset Partnership
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58-60 High West Street
Dorchester
DT1 1UZ

Electronic forms are available by emailing westdorsetpartnership@westdorset-dc.gov.uk or phoning 01305 252305

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