

Dates for your diary in 2009

January 2009

- 16 Success in Radio Interviews Training Session** contact community@eastdorset.gov.uk to book a place
- 18 Launch of Fit Christchurch Programme** contact Julia Whelan 01202 495017, j.whelan@christchurch.gov.uk
- 20 Dorset Tobacco Control Alliance Scoping Event** contact Sue Sparkes on 01305 224388 s.h.sparkes@dorsetcc.gov.uk
- 28 East Dorset Community Lunch.** For more information contact the website www.eastdorsetcommunitypartnership.org.uk
- 29 Accessibility Networking Conference** contact Andy Shaw on 01305 224237 a.shaw@dorsetcc.gov.uk
- Purbeck Community Partnerships draft Community plan out for consultation** date to follow.

March 2009

- 27 Start of Christchurch Action Fortnight** contact Julia Whelan 01202 495017, j.whelan@christchurch.gov.uk
- 30 Launch of Public Consultation for the Culture strategy** contact Pat Pryor on 01305 224078

Dorset Age Partnership (DAP)



The DAP is involved in an important piece of work concerning how we live well into later life. A county-wide strategy is being developed called "Ageing Well in Dorset", and the work is being led by Robin Cowen who will be attending the DAP locality meetings between October and December. Robin is focussing the discussions on outcomes and is asking questions about how to ensure older people can enjoy a long and healthy life. During the summer the DAP

agreed a set of outcomes for older people and this is contributing to building a picture of what is working well and what gaps exist. The real challenge to older people, communities and organisations will be what we can do individually and together to enable a good life in old age.

It is important that we hear from as many people as possible including other members of the theme group. If you would like to contribute to this work or comment on what is taking place in your area please make contact with any of the following:

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Compliments and complaints

If you have a complaint or compliment about the DSP please contact in writing, by phone or by e-mail the Secretary, Dorset Strategic Partnership c/o Chief Executives Office, County Hall Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ, 01305 224409, p.k.neimer@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

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View from the Chair

Partnership working is a vital strategy for ensuring our communities survive the economic downturn. We must continue to work together in a focussed and co-ordinated way on priorities set by the people of Dorset. To do so will encourage the efficient use of public funds and give influence to attract and keep thriving organisations. We should continue to make sure our voice is heard and add our considerable collective influence on the way public money is spent. This edition shows many examples of how this is making a real difference.



Finally I would like to take this opportunity to give my thanks and say farewell to Chief Superintendent Lynn Hart and



Affordable Housing Theme Group Chair Janet Rees for all their invaluable help and support over the years. The Dorset Strategic Partnership will miss them and we wish them all the best for the future.
Simon Raynes DSP Chair

Date to Remember



Don't forget to keep 09 July 2009 free in your diary next year. This is the date scheduled

for the Dorset Strategic Partnership 2009 annual conference which will take place in Verwood. More details will appear in following newsletters.

The Dorset Strategic Partnership (DSP) supports business conference

Almost 200 business representatives attended the 2008 Conference for Dorset Business on the 11th September at the Portland Spa Conference Centre. The event included presentations and workshops on improving the image and identity of Dorset as well as achieving Dorset's 2012 Legacy. Speakers included Ian Jolliffe - Sunseeker, Giles Henschel - Olives et Al and Sue Bertram - B + B Weymouth. The day offered excellent networking opportunities and the chance to speak to business support organisations and training providers that exhibited at the event.



The DSP is committed to developing Dorset's economy and has highlighted the need to increase business engagement in its Community Strategy. The conference was part funded by the DSP and co-ordinated by the Dorset Economic Partnership (DEP). The aim of the conference was to engage with local businesses, celebrate success and encourage discussion of the key issues affecting the local economy.

Mary Boughton, Chair of the Dorset Economic Partnership said: "We have a wealth of unusual and diverse businesses across the county, and events such as the 2012 Olympics present us with new and exciting commercial opportunities. We hope that through organising events such as this conference and bringing the local business community together in one place we can take a unanimous approach to maximising and developing trade and commerce in Dorset."

The conference was well received by local businesses and their feedback will be invaluable in setting future work programmes. For further information, please contact Robert Firth, Economic Development Officer, Dorset County Council 01305 224581, r.m.firth@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Dorset v-Developing Excellence in Youth Volunteering

Dorset Youth Association has attracted funding from the new national charity **v** to deliver this exciting new project. Dorset **v** is recruiting young people aged 16-25 to participate in inclusive and meaningful Youth Action and Youth Led Projects. **v** believe that every young person aged 16-25 has the right to play an active role within their community. The charity encourages young people to take the lead in volunteering by developing youth led projects that build on young people's passions and interests.

The project will also build capacity within the voluntary and public sectors by providing support and training to organisations that would like to involve young people.

For more information contact: Rachael Quick, Dorset **v** @ Dorset Youth Association, 5 North Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1HY, telephone 01305 757027 or email v.devmanager.dya@btconnect.com



Children and Young People's Plan: Video Project

Consultation is underway for the new Children and Young People's Plan for 2009-2011. An important element of this process is seeking the views of young people. This year, an innovative project involving the use of video cameras has been introduced. Over 50 young people have been given use of video cameras for six weeks and asked to record something of their lives in Dorset.

Young people from youth councils in Purbeck, West Dorset, and the County Youth Council were involved. Importantly young people from a wide range of backgrounds were active – young carers, children who are looked after, young people in rural areas, teenage parents, care leavers and homeless young people. They were given the following brief:

- * say who you are and what your age is
- * say something about the area in which you live and what school you attend
- * say something about the good things about growing up and living where you do
- * say something about things you feel could be improved to make your life better
- * say something about what gets in the way of you fully enjoying your life
- * say something of the things that you do both in and out of school
- * just say anything you want to tell us about your life, growing up and what you hope for.

The results of the project are being collated and edited before the young people approve the final "cut".

This has been an extremely successful way of engaging young people. They have responded positively and feel that this is a good method of gaining their views.

Emerging issues for young people include:

- * access to and cost of transport
- * access and availability of positive activities

The finished piece will eventually be available on the website.

Look out for details on how to view the finished article.

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New Christchurch Dial-a-Bus service takes first trip

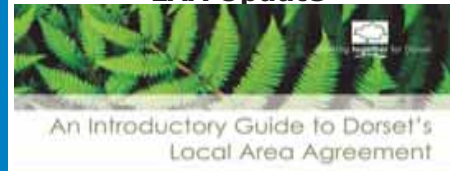
The new service to provide excursions outside the Borough for users of the Christchurch Dial-a-Bus has taken its first trip.

Passengers on the inaugural journey, to Haskins Garden Centre in Longham were accompanied by the Mayoress of Christchurch, Denise Flagg, and the Chairman of the Community Partnership's Travel & Access Action Group, Christine Wright, and met by Cllr Josephine Spencer, the Chairman of the Friends of Dial-a-Bus.

Bookings for Christchurch Dial-a-Bus services can be made on 08454 580883. Bookings should be made at least one day ahead for local journeys and by the previous Friday for Wednesday excursions.



LAA Update



We are now implementing our second Local Area Agreement, which runs for three years from 2008-2011. The LAA is an agreement between central and local government which brings together local priorities to make Dorset a better place to work and live. It involves partners such as the Police, the Primary Care Trust and representatives from business and the voluntary and community sector.

Dorset's LAA sets out 33 key priorities known as designated targets along with 15 local priorities and Olympic targets to deliver a legacy from the sailing events of London 2012 in Weymouth and Portland.

An introductory guide to Dorset's LAA is now available. To order copies contact Zoe Rumney, z.f.rumney@dorsetcc.gov.uk, tel 01305 224409. Alternatively you can download the guide on the LAA pages at www.dorsetforyou.com/dsp.

Dorset Criminal Justice Awards 2008



The Dorset County Division of Dorset Police, the Dorset Police Criminal Justice Department and the Dorset Youth Offending Team have been working together to pilot the use of restorative reprimands—using restorative justice (RJ) to deal with some minor crimes committed by 10 to 17 year olds.

The RJ project Board pictured here were delighted to be recognized for their partnership working at the recent Dorset Criminal Justice Awards 2008 Ceremony.

Culture Theme Group leads the development of a cultural strategy to create a better quality of life

When we talk about culture we're talking about our quality of life and how cultural activity promotes well being both for individuals and communities. Culture encompasses visual and performing arts; museums, archives, libraries; sport, physical activity, play; built environment; creative industries; heritage, historic environment; tourism. Therefore culture has a key role supporting outcomes that benefit our economy, our health, our environment and our safety.



The Dorset Community Strategy highlights the key issues for culture, but doesn't include the more detailed approach to developing culture in the county, which a cultural strategy will provide. All the DSP theme groups have the opportunity to express their aspirations for culture through a programme of visits to their meetings by Culture Theme Group (CTG) members. The CTG Chair Roderick Knight said:

"Culture is truly cross-cutting in its impact, and we recognise the importance of capturing the views of all DSP partners as we develop the draft strategy".

Seminars are being held to capture wider community input. The draft strategy will be presented as part of the the public consultation at an event on March 30 2009. The development of a cultural strategy gives us the opportunity to present a clear case of how culture delivers on the strategic priorities of the Community Strategy alongside a more detailed document outlining plans for the coming five years. Contact Pat Pryor, Culture and Community Planning Manager, 01305 224078, p.a.pryor@dorsetcc.gov.uk

10,000 People enjoy spectacular events in Weymouth at launch of Cultural Olympiad

The bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games included a commitment to develop a four year national cultural celebration in the run up to 2012 - The Cultural Olympiad. This gives Dorset an unprecedented opportunity to present its many cultural attractions to the world.

10,000 people attended the spectacular September **Veles e Vents (Wind and Sails)** event which tells the story of a dangerous journey at sea through live performance, music and pyrotechnics. The event was presented by Inside Out, and Dorset Promoters' Consortium - managed by Activate, Dorset's theatre and dance development agency.



Over 250 young people from across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole were involved with Inside Out's educational programme. Eleven local artists encouraged participants to get inspired by wind and sails and extraordinary journeys, and create their own 'stories of the sea' in Bournemouth and Weymouth schools. Additionally, there were workshops at the Lighthouse, where participants created films and animations.

Events were financially supported by Arts Council England, Dorset County Council, and Dorset Strategic Partnership alongside twelve other partners. Many other events took place for details contact Mike Hoskin, 01305 224927, m.hoskin@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Public Art Strategy for Weymouth and Portland Partnership



Terence Rourke MBE has been recruited as Culture Champion on behalf of W&PP to progress the public art strategy and input into other regeneration projects in the Borough. The W&PP is pleased to be taking a leading role in the delivery of this strategy, along with other partners; Arts Council England South West, Public Art South West, SWRDA, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Weymouth College, Dorset County Council, Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team and the Creative Coast Group Contact: Louise Stewart, Weymouth & Portland Partnership Manager, 01305 383364, louisestewart@weymouth.gov

Accessibility Theme Group
The Accessibility Theme Group will hold a Networking Conference in January (see back page for details).

We are building on DART's *Connecting with Health* report by finding ways for people in Dorset to get to hospitals more easily when they need to, looking at the transport needs of different groups and finding the best ways to meet those needs. We hope to take advantage of efficiencies realised by the new Dorset Passenger Transport unit, but volunteer drivers are always needed in many parts of Dorset.

We are also helping the West Dorset Partnership build on recommendations from *Sustainable Rural Community Transport* report, again with the help of Dorset Passenger Transport. A development worker will be appointed to push forward West Dorset's Community Transport Strategy, which will link with proposals to ease access to healthcare, acting as a pilot for a Dorset-wide Community Transport Strategy.

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