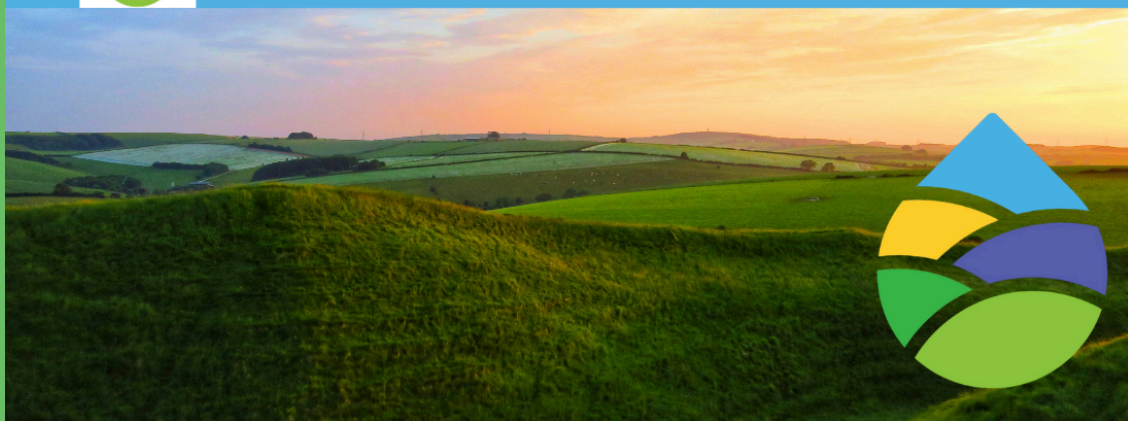




Dorset Climate Action Network - Newsletter May 2025



DCAN Newsletter May 25

Dorset CAN are springing into action with projects, events and more this May.

 **BigGive**

Green Match Fund



Thank you for your support!



Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who donated to our Big Give Green Match Fund campaign. We are bowled over by everyone's generosity! - raising nearly **£11,000** for our work inspiring action to tackle the climate and ecological crisis. We're grateful to everyone who donated, and to the Big Give Trust, which provided the match funding, helping us exceed our target.

It's the first time we've taken part in the Green Match Fund campaign - watch this space for future fundraising campaigns! And thanks again 🙏

RIVERS & BEACHES

OPEN ZOOM EVENT TUESDAY 13TH May 7pm-9pm

**CLEANING UP DORSET'S RIVERS:
HOW TO TAKE ACTION LOCALLY**



Across the UK, community action groups are in the news for the work they're doing to clean up their local river. Dorset is no exception. But the range of challenges is huge and the problems faced are complex.

If you're part of an existing river action group, come and compare notes, hear what others are doing and see how we can coordinate for better outcomes.

If you're wanting to set up or join a local group, come and find out where to start and what to do.

If you're on a Town or Parish Council and want to know more about what can be done, come and find out what others are doing.

[More details here.](#) Registration Required - [Follow this link to REGISTER](#)

DCAN AGM - 28 May at 19:00 online

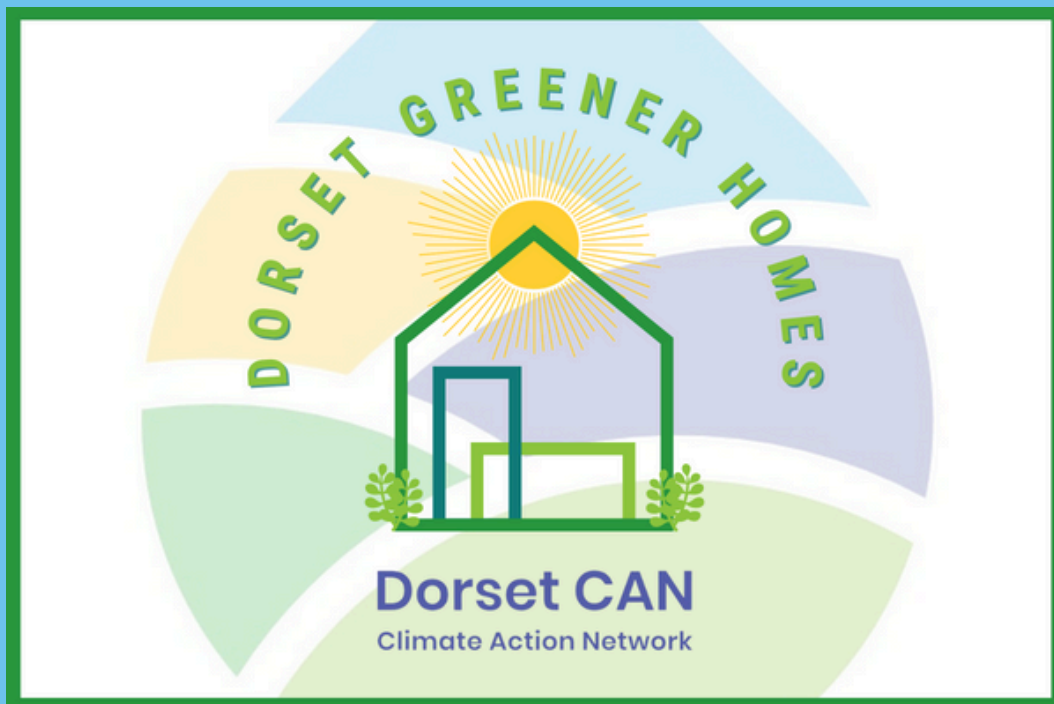
The DCAN AGM will take place on 28 May at 19:00 online. We are delighted that the leader of Dorset Council, Councillor Nick Ireland, has agreed to attend and explain the council's Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Strategy (NECES).

The short AGM will take place first and we encourage you to come along and learn more about what we do.

We are looking for more people to step up as trustees. The role involves 3-4 meetings a year and looks after the good governance of the organisation. We are also looking for a Treasurer to succeed Henry Lovegrove. Full briefing available from Henry on request. Please email dorsetcan@gmail.com to register your interest in either of these roles and to find out more.

[Register for the meeting by following this link.](#)

More information with agenda will be released soon.



Dorset Greener Homes 2025

DCAN is gearing up to run another Open Homes event on the weekends of the 17th-18th and 20th-21st September 2025. If you have invested in your home to reduce your environmental impact, why not share your experience with others on the same journey? If you, or someone you know, are willing to open your home for a day to welcome visitors, or just discuss what is involved, then please get in touch at dorsetgreenerhomes@gmail.com. Your home does not have to be perfect, nor the work completely finished. Hosts who have helped other householders by giving their impartial advice have found it a rewarding and positive experience.

Energy Team - Community Solar Roofs Event

An event sponsored by Lyme Regis Town Council, Turn Lyme Green and Dorset Greener Homes.

Do you want to reduce your energy bills and carbon emissions? You can do both by installing solar panels on your roof. With high fuel prices you could pay back the cost in 7-9 years and increase the value of your home.

We have arranged for three local installers we trust to offer a competitive rate, for 20-40 homes around Lyme Regis to install PVs and/or batteries.

Come to a meeting in Lyme Regis at **7pm on Tuesday May 20th** for details of the scheme and get answers to your questions from our recommended installers. [More Info.](#)



Nature recovery: Land use consultation:

It's a vital summer of public consultation on land use in Dorset. Look out for:

- [Dorset Council's draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) is due to be launched on 7th May with a 12-week consultation period to the end of July.
- The Government's [Defra consultation on a Land Use Framework](#) for England has now closed with results due to be published in August. Dorset Council claimed it would be submitting its own comments on the framework by the 25th April deadline with a covering letter from Nick Ireland but it has not so far made those comments or the letter public on its website. DCAN did not make a separate response but several members of DCAN were involved in CPRE's response. You can read this [here](#).
- The next stage of Dorset Council's public consultation on its long-delayed Local Plan launches in August.

The three documents need to dovetail to make any proper sense so close monitoring and scrutiny is required by all.

The graphic is set against a light blue background with abstract yellow and green shapes on the left. It features three photographs: a group of seven people standing in a field, a person in a black jacket planting a sapling, and a group of people working with a wheelbarrow. A large QR code is positioned in the upper right, with the text 'To participate in surveys or hedge planting projects scan this code' and 'Sign up as a Volunteer' below it.

Great Big Dorset Hedge:

There are twelve scheduled hedge surveys in May, in different parts of the county. Why not sign up with us and walk with knowledgeable and congenial companions

while you record the state of the hedges. No previous knowledge necessary.
Read about volunteering with the project [here](#).



Carbon Literacy for Town and Parish councils and community groups

These two-half-day courses will be run on the following dates on Zoom:

Tues 17 June Workshop 8.1.

Thurs 19 June Workshop 8.2.

Weds 10 Sept Workshop 9.1.

Weds 17 Sept Workshop 9.2.

This accredited course aims to encourage and facilitate the development of a carbon strategy for your council or community group and enables certification as Carbon Literate.

Community Pot funding from the Carbon Literacy Project means we are keeping costs low and accessible to all.

For further information see [here](#)

Advocacy Team Update

DCAN responded to Dorset Council's report on "Revised Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Trajectories and Key Milestones" with a question to a Full Council meeting on 4th April. We complimented their revised net zero targets (2035 for council, 2045 for county) but suggested that there was a lot more that Dorset Council could be doing especially with the county targets. The response from Nick Ireland (leader of Dorset Council) has been very positive and we are organising a follow up meeting with Nick and the council officers.

Dorset CPRE are holding their [Annual Conference on "Net Zero Homes - Can Dorset Do It ?"](#) It will be a Zoom Webinar at 18.30 on 4th June. This looks like being a very interesting event with representation from universities, architects, builders and developers. More information available on the Dorset CPRE web site (link above).

Dorset Council's consultation on the Local Plan is expected for 8 weeks starting on 18 August. Consultation on the new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) is expected at the same time and there will be a joint roadshow around Dorset.

Dates for your Diary

- 13th May 7-9pm Rivers and Beaches Event on Zoom. See above
- 16th May Defashion Dorset, at Hawker's Farm
- 17th May Bridport Charter Fair
- 20th May Community Solar Roofs Event - Lyme Regis

- 28th May 7-9 pm DCAN AGM - see above.
- 31st May River Char Dragon festival
- 14th June Bridport Food festival
- 16th June Food resilience webinar
- 13th-14th August Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show
- 20th-28th Sept Dorset Greener Homes
- 1 November Dorset COP 25 will take place this year at Sturminster Newton.
- TBA We are hoping to arrange a visit to Alaska Wind Farm, near Wareham, in the next two months, further info on this will be emailed out to members.

More details of these events will be available on the [events page](#) of our website
If you would like to be involved in any of these events or our projects, please [email us](#).

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