



DCAN Newsletter August 25

*Community-led action to cut carbon emissions, adapt to our changing climate and restore nature
across Dorset*

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Editorial Comment

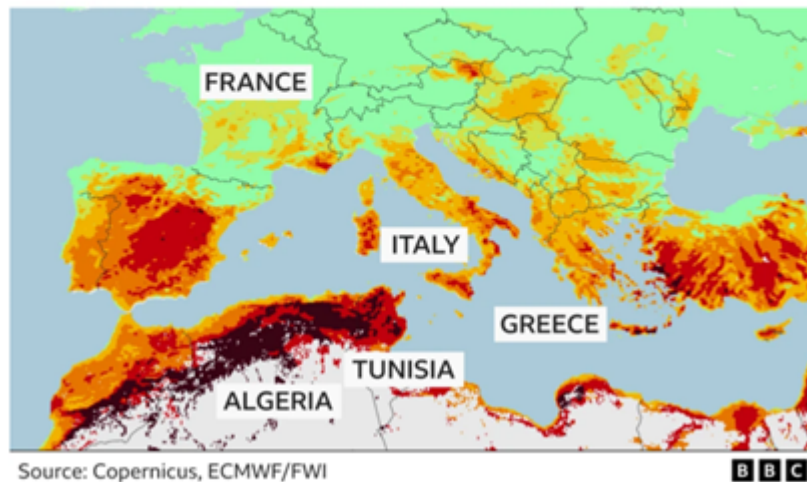
Extreme Weather in 2025

This year has seen new weather records in UK with baselines shifting - hottest temperatures, lowest rainfall, severe flooding, failed crops. Most people tend to file these events as unusual hot/wet/cold/windy spells in an unpredictable weather system. Yet worldwide events - floods in Texas and Pakistan, extreme temperatures in Iran and China, forest fires in France, Turkey and Greece, heat waves in Europe etc. barely make the news in the UK, and so do not impinge on many peoples' consciousness. Climate change is with us now, but the '[boiling frog](#)' effect allows people to ignore it.

While the work that DCAN does in restoring hedgerows, improving the efficiency of homes, cleaning up rivers and beaches, promoting renewable energy, reducing waste and working with Dorset Council to tackle climate change and loss of biodiversity is essential, the task of increasing awareness falls to our Carbon Literacy program and the Dorset COP in November. We would welcome your ideas of how to reach a wider base, particularly with younger people.

Fire danger forecast for 28 July

Low danger High danger Extreme danger
Moderate danger Very high danger Very extreme danger



Dorset's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Last month Dorset Council published its strategy for nature recovery, which can be read [here](#). It is “a 10-year framework to help everyone work together towards a shared vision for nature recovery in Dorset.”

While we welcome many of the aspirations of the strategy, DCAN has pointed out some ways in which it can be improved in [our submission](#).

Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy 2025

Consultation draft



DCAN visit to Alaska Wind Farm, near Wareham

We are delighted that Will Bond of Alaska Wind Farm has agreed to take a limited number of us round his four wind turbines and talk about his solar farm. If you are interested in joining us on **16 August at 14:30**, [please fill out this form](#) to register your interest - spaces are limited.

[Read more about the project here](#)



DCAN summer social at Cock Crowing Farm in Eype

In July, DCAN members were given a tour of The Climate Project at Cock Crowing Farm, Eype, followed by a picnic and a walk to Eype beach for a swim.

Lucy Sommers and Chit Chong have created an experimental farm, which includes an orchard and wildflower meadow. The climate resistant multi crop orchard, building on principles for sustainable forests of the future and incorporating the principles of agro-ecology contains a wide variety of species adapted to different climates.

[Read more...](#)



CPRE Planning Conference on 'Net Zero Homes. Can Dorset Do It?'

Many of us attended an excellent online webinar on building low carbon homes Dorset organised by CPRE Dorset. Read more about the webinar and links to recordings of the talks can be seen [here](#)



Dorset Greener Homes 2025

Dorset Greener Homes: We now have nearly fifty homes opening in the last two weeks of September, many of them new additions; but we can do

with more. Have you fitted more insulation, a heat pump, a home battery, a car charger? or have you sold your car, do active travel, tend your wildlife-friendly garden or grow your own food? Your home does not have to be perfect! Can you spare one day opening your home to inspire and inform others? Please [contact us](#).

See the current list (and start planning your visits) on www.dorsetgreenerhomes.org

THE GREAT BIG DORSET HEDGE



FACILITATING THE RESTORATION & EXTENSION OF DORSET'S HEDGEROWS

The Great Big Dorset Hedge

There are still some vacancies in our hedgerow surveys in August. What could be a better way to spend a morning than walking in unfamiliar, new countryside with two or three knowledgeable companions? Sign up through our [web page](#)



Are you an experienced bookkeeper with some time to give?

Become part of a friendly team of dedicated volunteers helping make a difference to a worthwhile cause working at the very heart of our charity!

We are looking for a **Volunteer Bookkeeper** to support Dorset CAN with some key tasks.

Ideally we are looking for someone with prior bookkeeping and charity experience, who could support us for approximately 2 days work per month, spread out into weekly (possibly some daily) activities.

Key Tasks would include:

- Access the Dorset CAN bank account. Receive receipts and set up payments.
- Regularly update the bookkeeping system ensuring funds are allocated to the appropriate project.
- Prepare monthly Income and Expenditure statements, balance sheets and cash flow reports
- Ensure compliance with Charities Commission regulations.
- Manage data integrity and documentation. Ensure data is correct and improve data entry processes and controls.
- Assist with the preparation of Year End returns (creditors, debtors, prepayments and deferred income)
- Process Gift Aid claims

The role would be flexible, working from home and on a voluntary basis.

If you are interested in the role or have further questions, please email DorsetCAN@gmail.com with a summary of your relevant experience

or a CV and/or your questions.

Dates for your Diary

- 2 August Loders Fete. We are running stalls for DCAN and Loders Community Energy which is supported by DCAN.
- 13-14 August Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show at Turnpike Showground, Motcombe. Look out for DCAN's stall at B73
- 16 August visit to Alaska Wind farm (see above)
- 10 September Carbon Literacy course. See the [CL website page](#)
- 20-28 September Dorset Greener Homes
- 20 September Planet Purbeck Festival (Nature and Well being Fair)
- 2 October Save The Date Energy Meeting , Zoom.
- 1 November Dorset COP 25 at The Exchange Sturminster Newton.

[More details of these events will be available on the events page](#) of our website

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