



DCAN Newsletter - February 26

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

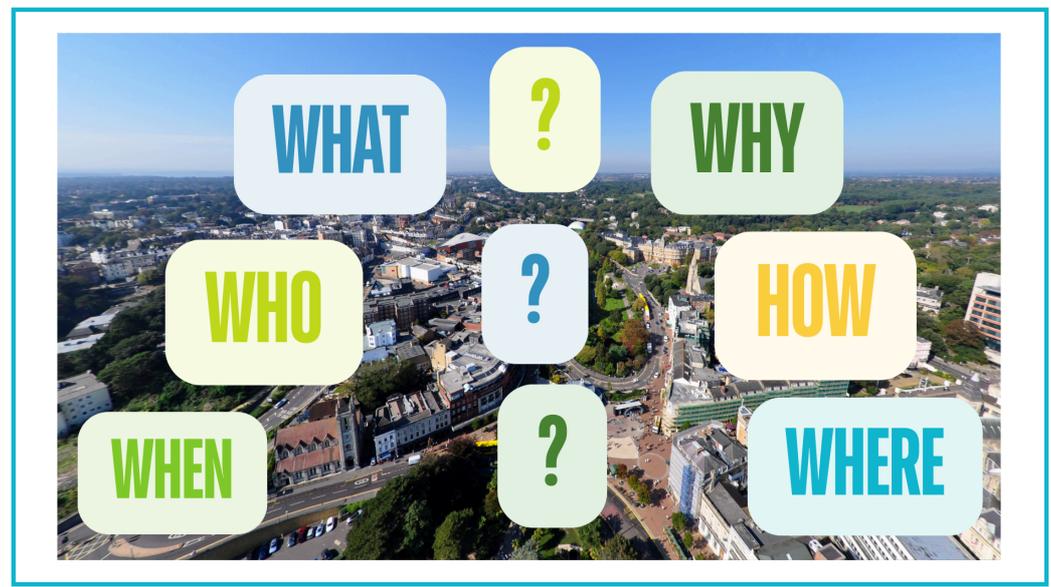
Bringing you the latest news and updates...



Strategy and Priorities Day 30 January

Dorset CAN held a very successful day, with 59 people from the DCAN action team and a wide range of campaigning groups from around Dorset coming together to plan the coming year. It will take us a while to sift through the treasure trove of ideas and submissions on how Dorset CAN can become a great networking organisation, and we hope to distil the ideas for our members soon.

Dorset CAN will be the lead organiser for the fourth Dorset COP, taking place on 14 November at Kingston Maurward. This will fall at the end of Coastland College's environment week, and we look forward to working with students from the college on climate and biodiversity issues. (Coastland College is the new name for Weymouth and Kingston Maurward College).



What is Dorset CAN for?

We've been working on our aims to become a leading environmental network in Dorset over the next five years. We'd welcome your **feedback and ideas**.

1. To sustain, support, expand and strengthen the network of environmental and climate community organisations across Dorset.
2. To work with councils at all levels and other external organisations to take the urgent action needed to address the climate and ecological emergency and to promote a positive vision of Dorset's future.
3. To act as a knowledge exchange platform for the network: sharing information templates and best practice; to raise awareness in the wider community about climate and ecological issues.
4. To inspire and initiate projects in the community which reduce carbon emissions, care for nature, build resilience and engage volunteers.
5. To continue to build a strong core organisation for Dorset CAN and to grow its operational resources.

MAKE FOOD RESILIENCE IRRESISTIBLE!

DORSET CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK & FEEDING DORSET PARTNERSHIP

AN OPEN ZOOM EVENT

Mon 23rd Feb, 7pm - 9pm



Make Food Resilience Irresistible! - Zoom Event

Monday 23rd February 7:00 - 9:00pm

Starting the year with stories from people whose food projects have won local hearts and minds!

Share ideas about how to listen and how to connect effectively with each other.

Ask ourselves what is still needed to strengthen Dorset Food Security?

This zoom is hosted by Dorset CAN and Feeding Dorset Partnership.

For more information and to reserve your place follow this [link](#).

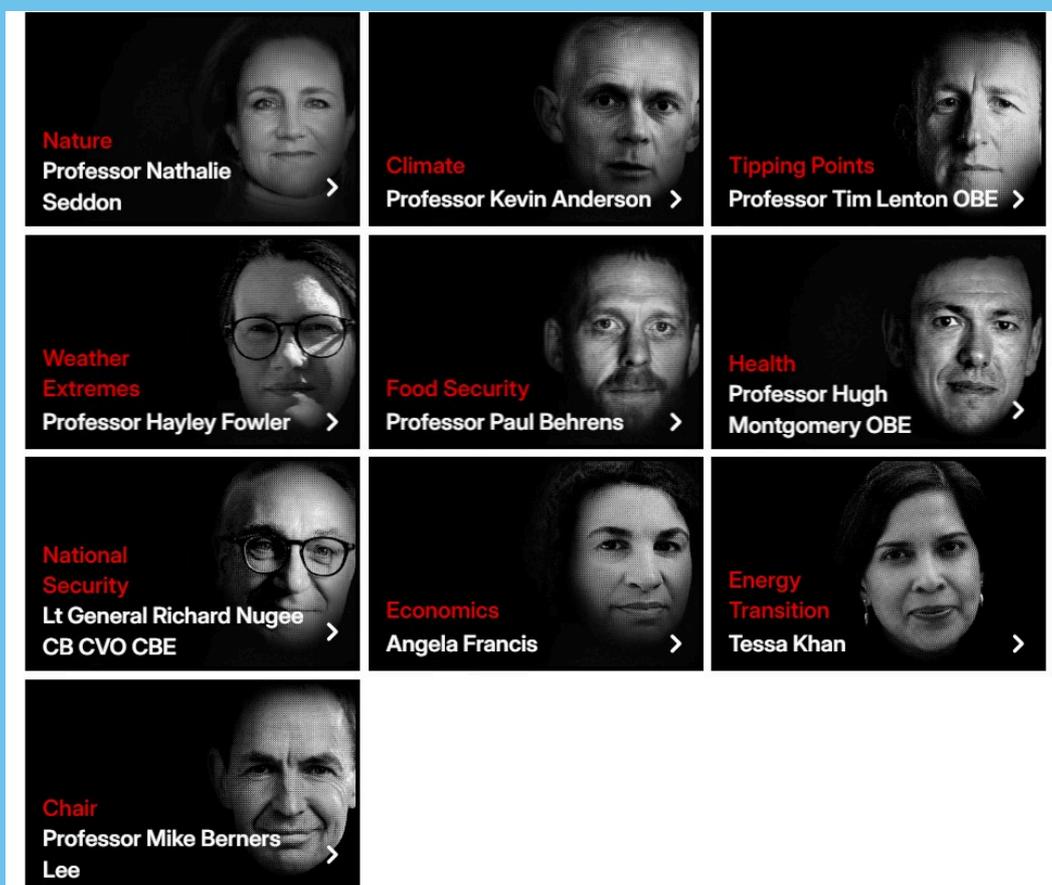


Great Big Dorset Hedge

A third of our planting sessions in January were rescheduled because of wholly unhelpful weather and already February is proving to be just as tough. Often we just stick to it and accept that getting wet is worth it.

That's what we did at Rookery Farm near Leigh when Joseph, Jackie and Mark joined me on a hedge-gapping-up exercise in one field while Adam, Sarah, Barbara, George, Ian and Wendy soldiered on creating four hedge plant scrubby areas at the other end of the farm. There were hot pasties to follow!

You can learn about what else goes on at Rookery Farm by listening to farmer Sam Vincent here https://youtu.be/5pzUVOB_sTU

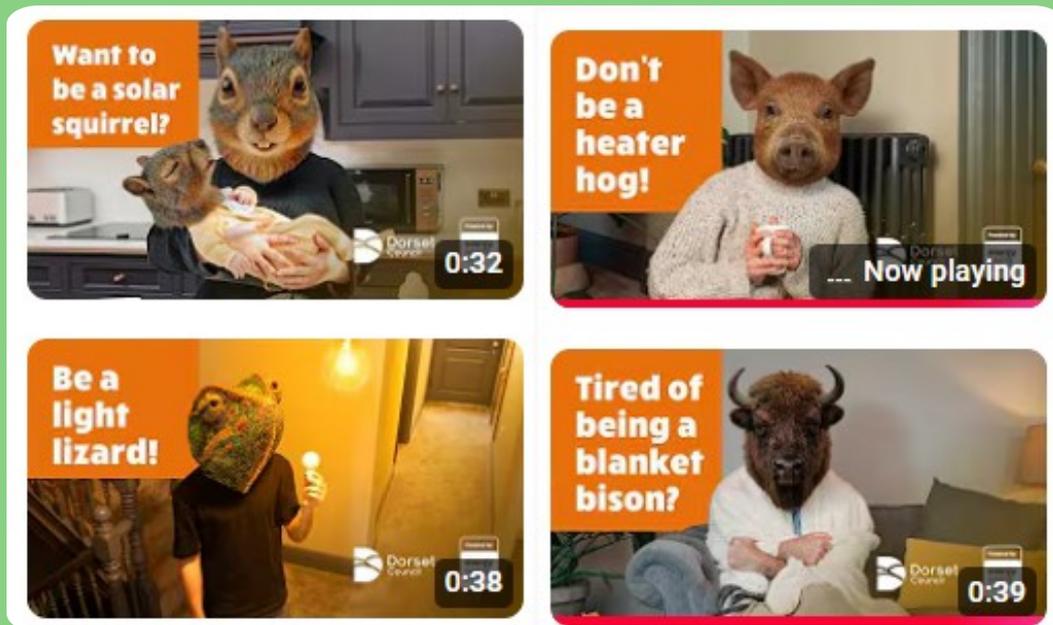


Dorset National Emergency Briefing

In December a conference on the National Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis took place in London - if you haven't watched the videos you can find them [here](#).

Now a Dorset Emergency Briefing group has formed under the leadership of Caz Dennett and Julie-Anne Brooker. The plan is to hold film shows and public talks in Dorset to widen awareness of the climate and ecological emergency, and to coordinate action on mitigation and adaptation.

More detail will appear on our events page in due course.



Dorset Council's Home Habitat

Dorset Council launches the Home Habitat campaign to publicise ways we can save energy in the home. They have also developed a great toolkit, Homewise, to inform how we can save energy, with tailored advice for your home. Try it [here!](#)

Dorset Council to work more collaboratively with DCAN

Dorset Council's Sustainability team is setting up regular quarterly meetings with DCAN and other climate and environmental groups to work more collaboratively, share details of community projects and communicate opportunities to get involved more widely.

The next meeting will be 18 February so please **send any questions** by Monday 16 February.

APSE Energy Conference

The Association for Public Service Excellence's Energy Group, of which Dorset Council is a member, held a conference in London on 3 February on 'Sustainable Futures: Local Action & Innovation'.

Local authorities' key role in the delivery of Net Zero was recognised, with examples of community-funded Heat Networks and Decarbonisation Strategies. The delivery of low carbon heating for homes and the uptake in electric vehicles and vans needs to increase in scale and pace to achieve Net Zero by 2050, with 37% of projected emissions reductions coming from households.

When we get the slides from the conference we will upload them to the news section of the DCAN website.

Dorset Council is recruiting Climate Ambassadors to work in schools. Could this be you? [details here.](#)



Get Involved - Feel Good!

Dorset's Social Prescribing Team organised a meeting with years 7-9 at Beaminster school and pupils from Mountjoy School, with 14 voluntary groups encouraging children to get involved.

Dorset CAN's Sam Wilberforce said it was great to engage with children with climate change and what actions they thought would help. Belinda Bawden suggested a future family day removing Himalayan Balsam from the river Lim.



Oil field decision delayed!

The proposed extension of the oil drilling permission at Waddock Cross, east of Dorchester, has been delayed, as the government has insisted Egdon Resources obtain an Environmental Impact Assessment before opening three new wells.

This reverses Dorset Council's ruling that an EIA was not required.

Thanks to the Weald Action Group and those of you who objected to the application. See [here](#) for more details.

Stop Parley and Canford Incinerator

Burning our rubbish, particularly plastics, is a bad solution for dealing with waste - we should produce less of it.

Write to your councillor or MP before 13 February. For details [see here](#).

Dates for your Diary

12 Feb 12:30-14:00 [Love Wind! The community power source we've missed](#). CEE webinar

17 February 18:45 [TLG Talk](#) - Saving Energy in the Home - what really works. Sam Wilberforce; Driftwood Cafe at the Baptist Church, 2 Sherborne Lane Lyme Regis, DT7 3NY

23 February 7:00-9:00 DCAN/ Feeding Dorset Partnership zoom on [Making food Irresistible!](#)

25 February 12:00 - 13:15: Climate Emergency UK debate: Preparing for Difficult Climate Conversations [Tickets: Eventbrite](#)

25 April 7pm St Marys Church Hall, Dorchester: **Dorset CAN Ceilidh** with Bellows and Bows, caller Michael Catovski.

28 February 18:45 Marine Theatre Lyme Regis: **Screening of 'Ocean'** with exclusive talk and Q&A with one of the film's directors, Keith Scholey

14 November **Dorset COP at Kingston Maurward**

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

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