



DCAN Newsletter - January 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...

Dorset Climate Action Network Strategy & Priorities Day Dorchester Town Hall Friday 30th January

- Help plan our priorities for the next 1 to 2 years
- Get involved and help shape our future
- Meet everyone (the team) in person
- Be involved going forward! (if you wish)



Dorset CAN Strategy and Priorities Day - 30th January

The fourth Dorset COP will take place in late October or November, and Dorset CAN will be the lead group in organising the conference (dates and venue to be confirmed). Dorset CAN is both a networking group (see our [network structure](#)) and a campaigning group with active projects in nature restoration and energy saving.

In December we met to try to rationalise our resources. As part of our review of how we can be most effective, we asked our members and key organisations a simple question:

"How can DCAN better support your organisation(s)?"

We had a number of excellent responses, which have been summarised [here](#). Thank you to the 42 individuals and organisations who responded.

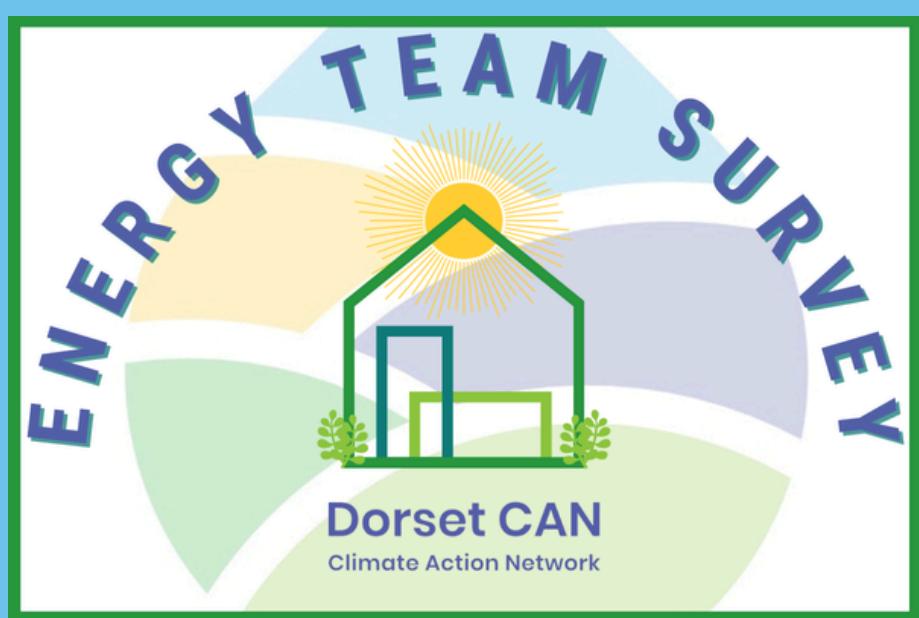
A fuller (non-AI) summary will soon be available.

On Friday, 30th January in Dorchester Town Hall, members of DCAN are invited to join us to plan our priorities for the coming 1-2 years. If you would like to be part of our network and campaigns, please **save the date**. We will be sending out an invite to all our members shortly.



The Great Big Dorset Hedge

We have hedge planting projects scheduled every week. If you would like to be involved, either to help survey hedges around Dorset, or to plant new hedges, please sign up with the GBDH. You don't need to be especially knowledgeable and we can guarantee a rewarding 3 hours in the outdoors. For more information follow [this link](#), or volunteer [here](#)



Low Carbon Neighbourhoods

Last month, Dorset Greener Homes sent out a survey to everyone who has done some eco-improvements on their house and to all our members, to enable us to publish a list of recommended installers in Dorset. Thank you to those people who have already taken part - the survey will be open until the end of January, so if you have done some green works on your home (PV panels, Batteries, Heat pumps, Insulation) then please fill out the survey through [this link](#). It should take about 5 minutes. Thanks. -

Sam



Drilling for oil in Dorset - update

Thanks to everyone who wrote in to Dorset Council objecting to plans to drill for oil at Waddock Cross, east of Dorchester. The decision was due to go to their planning committee in January. But the onshore oil campaigners, Weald Action Group, wrote to the Secretary of State asking for a decision on whether the plans should be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment. He agreed to make the assessment - especially in light of the 47 tonnes of crude oil the site is projected to produce each day, making a significant contribution to carbon emissions and climate impacts. He is due to make a decision by March 1st and Dorset Council has confirmed it will wait to see what he has to say.

Weymouth Residents help shape the conversation on Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Research in Weymouth

SAT 17 JAN 2026 | 10:30 AM - 1:30PM
SEA LIFE WEYMOUTH
LODMOOR COUNTRY PARK, DT4 7SX

REFRESHMENTS AND FREE ACCESS TO SEA LIFE CENTRE INCLUDED

Take part in a small group discussion and tour the SeaCURE research site. Tell us what you want to know about the research, ask your questions and have your views heard by researchers.

To register or find out more contact: hayley@senseaboutsience.org

Interested but can't make this date? Let us know.

SeaCURE is a pilot research study looking at how to extract carbon dioxide from the sea in a bid to help tackle climate change. SeaCURE operates from SEA LIFE, here in Weymouth.



 University of Exeter  PML | Plymouth Marine Laboratory  SENSE about SCIENCE

Sense About Science are asking Weymouth Residents to help shape the conversation on Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Research in Weymouth.

Can we use the sea to absorb CO₂ from the air? Find out about the possibilities, and have your say. **Saturday 17th January, 10:30am – 1:30pm**, SEA LIFE Weymouth, Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX.

More details [here](#)

Portland Port welcomes feasibility study for offshore wind facility.

The Crown Estates have granted an award to the Channel Gateway feasibility study. The proposed Channel Gateway facility is specifically designed to service the offshore wind energy sector, including the manufacturing of components for a future wind farm, probably in the Lyme Bay area 20 km offshore.

Channel Gateway will form a key part of the Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster (DCESC) – a £28 billion investment opportunity that can make the whole of South Dorset a hub for producing clean energy.

For more details follow the link to [the BBC report](#) or for more details follow [this link](#)



Local Nature Recovery

Dorset Council's cabinet has approved its eagerly-awaited Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for publication 'recognising its role as a statutory framework for nature recovery across the county.'

Cabinet also agreed to integrate the LNRS into relevant council policies and decision-making, including planning, land management, climate adaptation, and public health and support the ongoing delivery of the LNRS. [More...](#)



Feeding Dorset Partnership

Help and Kindness and Dorset Climate Action Network are delighted to announce that the Feeding Dorset Partnership has been welcomed into the network of [Sustainable Food Places](#) across the UK.

A huge number of people, groups, and organisations work tirelessly to feed everyone who lives in Dorset. These include people growing food, making food and selling food. It includes those who offer training in skills to grow and cook food or run projects offering affordable and emergency food when it's needed. There are also those who advocate and work for more sustainable growing practices and urgent responses to the climate emergency. Others promote a better understanding of nutrition and health through diet. There are those who run networks to support the people in these different areas of work.

[More...](#)

See the National Emergency Briefing on [Food Security](#)

Dates for your Diary

- 14 Jan Litter Free Dorset Summit 2026 - details [here](#)
- 17 Jan at Sea Life, Weymouth: Marine CO2 removal. A [discussion](#)

- 23 Jan 7pm at Charmouth Community Hall, The Dorset Bee's screening of 'To be with the Bees' a film about our relationship with, and the future of Bees. [Details here](#)
- 30 Jan 2026 Dorchester Town Hall: DCAN Strategy and Priorities Day. Details to follow
- 25 April 7pm St Marys Church Hall, Dorchester: DCAN Ceilidh with Bellows and Bows, caller Michael Catovsky
- Oct-Nov TBC Dorset COP26.

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

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