



DCAN Newsletter October 25

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

Bringing you the latest News and updates...



Mike Stephenson, of H2Eco, showing the range of panels and heat pumps in his own house.

Dorset Greener Homes

Over fifty homes were open over two weekends; attenders gained practical information about heat pumps, solar panels with batteries, retrofitting and insulating homes, and creating wildlife friendly gardens. Many of these homes are open throughout the year by appointment - see the huge range of unbiased advice available from www.dorsetgreenerhomes.org



Food Resilience in Dorset - see you at the DorsetCOP 2025!

DorsetCAN hosted a vibrant Food Resilience Zoom meeting last night, looking at what and where are the main blockers towards creating a local, sustainable, resilient and socially just food economy in Dorset ?

This conversation revealed key issues, touched on by all the speakers in various ways, which will inform the [Feeding Dorset Partnership's](#) contribution to the [DorsetCOP](#) on November 1 in Sturminster Newton . There we shall be supporting action-focused workshops on Food Resilience and Security in Dorset and farming will be a core theme during the day. Please join us if you can !

The video of last nights' talk and a summary of the key points will be available on our websites shortly.

[DorsetCAN](#) and [Feeding Dorset Partnership](#)

DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN 2025

A DorsetCAN OPEN ZOOM EVENT
Wednesday 1st October - 7pm-8:30pm

Dorset CAN
Climate Action Network

**For Town and Parish Councillors, Members of the Public and
Community Groups**

- Are you interested in the Council's plans for housing over the coming 17 years but don't know quite how to respond?
- An informative event taking an in-depth look about the sites consultation and the areas and towns it may impact.
- Learn how to easily respond to the council with your individual comments.

Speakers & Agenda:

- **Giles Watts - Dorset CAN (Chair)**
 - Welcome and Introduction with some context to the Local Plan including national targets and the relationship with other current consultations
- **Belinda Bawden (DCAN, Dorset Councillor for Lyme Regis).**
 - Outline of the Local Plan Sites Consultation and how people can respond positively with their individual views.

[Registration required - follow this link to register before the meeting](#)

Please pass this invite on to any individual or group who may be interested.

Membership of Dorset CAN is required for all attendees of our zoom events, by registering for the event you agree to become a member of DCAN and agree to our T&Cs that can be viewed [here](#)

Dorset's [Draft Local Plan \(DLP\)](#) and [Draft Local Transport Plan \(LTP4\)](#)

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To register for Dorset CAN's open zoom event on Wednesday 1st October click [here](#).



Energy Team Meeting

Monday 6th October 7:30pm-9:00pm

Energy Champions

OnShore Wind Farm Proposal

Questions & Answers, plus have your input

Retrofit Re-imagined

Community Energy Projects

Dorset Council Solar Together Initiative

Registration required - Follow this link to Register for the meeting

Dorset CAN Energy Team Meeting

This meeting is to update members on the various projects we are involved in, and to hear from you how you would like to contribute

- Tim Crabtree on the Retrofit reimagined campaign
- The community energy projects in Loders and Martinstown
- Possible onshore wind farms on Slyers lane, tying in with the proposed North Dorchester Development
- Dorset Council plans for Solar Together, a bulk rollout of PV panels, and other initiatives on reducing energy use and insulating houses.
- Energy Champions and other initiatives

To register click [here](#).



Carbon Literacy Training

The team is putting the monthly online Carbon Literacy sessions on hold while we develop a package that includes climate adaptation and community resilience as well

as nature recovery alongside the climate science, ways to reduce emissions and local responses for town and parish councils and community groups.

We are always looking for more co-facilitators so please let Belinda and Helen know if you would like to join the team delivering Carbon Literacy training and accreditation to town and parish councils and community groups or other sectors, like small and medium businesses, in schools or to the NHS and other public sector groups.

Email DorsetCAN@gmail.com to show interest in becoming a co-facilitator.



The Great Collaboration

[The Great Collaboration](#) is a sort-of national version of DCAN, by sharing information and support for community groups, town and parish councils and individuals wanting to respond to climate and nature challenges from the bottom up.

We are also volunteer-led and run so please do join us, share your case studies and success stories and help us develop even more joined-up local responses for a better greener future.

For further information visit the [website](#).

Campaigning

Dorset CAN has signed a letter to the President and members of the European Commission and environment ministers, calling for a Moratorium on new waste incineration in the EU. This is following the rejection of the planning application of the proposed Portland Incinerator, and the subsequent reversal by government ministers. Permission has been granted for a Court of Appeal hearing against the government decision.

To read the letter click [here](#).

Plan for a major Oil Well south of Dorchester

Egdon Resources want to resume their previous plans for new oil wells and extraction of 138,000 tonnes of oil by 2033 at Waddock Cross. This will result in a big increase in Greenhouse Gas emission.

Dorset CAN opposes new fossil fuel wells, which are incompatible with plans to reach net zero by 2050. Vicki Elcoate, a Dorset CAN Trustee, is calling for members to object to the planning application. See her letter [here](#).

Shaftesbury seeks national recognition for its Nature Friendly Town status

Shaftesbury is hoping its pioneering plan to be declared a [Nature Friendly Town](#) - expanding its earlier declaration as an Orchard Town - will be taken up at the national '[Creating Nature Neighbourhood Towns and Cities](#)' conference in Manchester on 23 October.

Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Dorset office of the National Trust have both offered to support the concept at the one-day in-person conference - for people from voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations to 'explore the vital role that nature can play in building happier, healthier and more connected urban communities.'



GBDH Approaches Autumn

Huge progress was made this summer thanks to all our willing volunteers. So now we have autumn to enjoy!

We have kept the number of surveys high for October at 22 over the month and soon we should begin to see one or two planting projects finding their way into our schedule.

If you would like to join us and volunteer on the hedgerow project, please sign up [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

- 1 October 7.00-8.30pm Dorset Council Local Plan Open Zoom Event
- 6 October 7.30-9.30pm Energy Team Online Meeting.
- 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
If you would like to be involved, please [email us](#).

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