

## **Update on Shaping Dorset Council**

Last week was a momentous time when the two new shadow authorities were formed for both Dorset Area and the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area.

Hilary Cox was elected as the Chairman of the Dorset Area Shadow Council. Teams from across all authorities pulled together to make these inaugural meetings a success, the Democratic Services teams pulled out all the stops and showed that collaborative working has already been successfully achieved.

We're also building a new SharePoint site for DCC Members that will be shared across all nine existing authorities and will be the one-stop shop for all the latest information. It will also make sure that messages going out are the same across the board. This should be live towards the end of next week. Members will be able to share information with Town & Parish Councils.

## **Boundary Review consultation**

At the meeting with the Boundary Review Commission on 11 June, town and parish council members found out about the consultation process which will begin in July.

Some really good work is going on, and Hilary Trevorah, along with the DAPTC, is working closely with the Dorset Area project team to make sure that the review of new warding proposals is publicised, not only to all 98% of local councils in Dorset that are members of DAPTC, but also to the two very small parish councils that don't have DAPTC membership.

DAPTC has worked with the LGR Programme Team to make sure that accurate and timely information has been circulated. The association has a membership of 160 parish and town councils across the whole of Dorset, including all town councils. In total, over 98% of local councils in Dorset are members.

The information is on the association's website.

## **Small acts of kindness can change lives**

Volunteers supporting families who have fled conflict in Syria were recognised at a celebration event. We wanted to thank residents who have helped refugees become part of local communities across the county.

Dorset's Syrian Resettlement Programme helps families find private housing, school places, jobs and healthcare. But it's thanks to the kindness of local people that families are able to become part of their new community.

To find out more go to [dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://dorsetforyou.gov.uk) and search 'refugees'.

## **Changes to cashless parking provider**

Our cashless payment provider for car parking is changing!

Council owned car parks in Purbeck and Poole have already switched over to the new provider – JustPark – and, from 18 June, council owned car parks in North Dorset, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, and on-street parking provided by the county council, will start moving over to the new provider.

Download the JustPark app onto your smartphone and look out for new signage on paying machines. [www.justpark.com/](http://www.justpark.com/)

## **Low Carbon Dorset awards first grant**

Charlton Marshall Village Hall has become the first beneficiary of Low Carbon Dorset, the new county council led programme set-up to boost Dorset's low carbon economy, and reduce its carbon footprint.

The £10K grant from Low Carbon Dorset will fund a variety of renewable and energy efficiency measures in a brand-new 'green' village hall.

## **Members event at Durlston County Park**

The members event at Durlston Country Park held at the end of May showcased the work of Giles Nicholson's service – especially work they are doing with partners on health and wellbeing: getting more people into the countryside, volunteering, improving mental and physical health, improving people's skills, kids' education and generating income.

It was a really inspiring event in a stunning location. Members were also updated about the progress of the £1 million Heritage Lottery Funded 'Durlston Pleasure Grounds' Project to enhance the Victorian landscape at Durlston for nature, history and people.