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to Ali, Ian, Ian, JOHN, me, Shelley, timbrodiejames

Dear all,

I am sure you will be interested to read this latest newsletter from Dorset Council – especially Nick Ireland's message about Household recycling Centres.

Best wishes

Tim

Tim Watton,  
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Update from Cllr Nick Ireland,  
Leader of Dorset Council

Following last week's announcement of our planned Household Recycling Centre (HRC, or "the tip") booking system, it's fair to say it's sparked a lot of discussion.

I recognise how much residents value the recycling centres. The reality is, Dorset Council is under serious financial pressure, and we've had to make some tough decisions to reduce costs and protect the services people rely on.

Closing recycling centres or cutting opening hours as a way of saving money would hit residents hard. Instead, the booking system helps us save hundreds of thousands of pounds a year—money we can use to keep all our centres open and running well.

This will also mean Dorset Council taxpayers stop footing the bill for rogue traders and people outside of our area. Right now, we pay BCP Council so our residents can use their sites—but BCP residents use ours for free. That's not fair. Under the new system, non-Dorset residents will still be welcome, but they'll help cover the costs too.

We're not introducing access fees for Dorset residents, and we're not limiting how often you can visit. Booking takes just a couple of minutes online, and a phone option is coming soon. If you're not online, you'll still be able to visit and get help from staff on site. No-one will be turned away while the system beds in.

This is about fairness, sustainability, and protecting services. It helps us manage demand, reduce misuse, and improve recycling."

Thank you for reading,

Nick

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#### Armed Forces Day Ceremony at County Hall

We will be hosting a special Armed Forces Ceremony at County Hall on Monday 23 June at 10am, in recognition of Armed Forces Day, which takes place nationally on 28 June.

Organised to celebrate and honour the dedication of the UK's Armed Forces, the event will be led by Cllr Stella Jones MBE, Chair of Dorset Council, and will welcome military personnel, veterans, and dignitaries from across the region.

The ceremony is free to attend and open to all, especially members of the Armed Forces community and veterans, as well as residents.

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#### Time to sign up for this year's Dorset Coding Week

Do you work with young people aged 9-12? Then you just might want to sign them up to this year's Dorset Coding Week, which promises to be the best one yet.

We have once again teamed up with Barclays Digital Eagles and BCP Council to host a coding event that aims to inspire future generations.

It will be held from 6-12 October and schools and home education providers are urged to sign up now.

We are also looking for people who work in the digital and tech sector to volunteer their time by visiting a school during the week to help further interest children in what it's like to have a STEM career.

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#### Stay safe in the heat this weekend

With hot temperatures forecast across Dorset and an amber heat-health alert in place until Monday, we're reminding everyone to enjoy the sunshine safely.

Hot weather can be especially challenging for older people, young children, and others who may struggle to stay cool and hydrated. If you're heading outdoors this weekend, follow these simple steps to stay safe:

- avoid the sun during the hottest part of the day (11am–3pm)

- cover up with light clothing, including a hat and sunglasses

- apply sunscreen regularly (at least SPF 30 or higher)

- stay hydrated with plenty of water and limit alcohol intake

- take extra care with children

Even in hot weather, water temperatures can remain dangerously cold. If you're spending time by the water, make sure you know what to do if you fall in unexpectedly. Learn the RNLI's Float to Live steps.

Hot weather can also increase pressure on Dorset's NHS emergency services. We can all help by using NHS services wisely and responsibly.

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#### Reuse and recycle your electricals

The Litter Free Dorset team is hosting a series of Give or Take events across Dorset over the coming months.

Donate your old electricals and swap the items you don't want for the ones you do, for FREE!

Nothing to donate? No problem! Come along and browse a selection of donated items PAT tested by Litter Free Dorset's brilliant volunteers.

Forthcoming Give or Take events  
(9am drop-off, or drop-off and take from 10am - 2pm)

Sat 28 June - Willowbed Hall, Chickerell  
Sat 12 July - Parish Centre, Blandford  
Sat 20 Sept - Digby Hall, Hound St, Sherborne  
Sat 1 Nov - Community Centre, Wimborne

Home collections are also possible for some postcodes in Dorset, with the next collections for Blandford postcodes from 23 to 27 June

Consultation on a new policy for the licensing of Pleasure Boats, Vessels and Boatpersons.  
A new draft Policy has been prepared by officers for consultation. The policy is intended to give a fair, consistent and equitable approach across the Dorset Council area. This would give the council, as Licensing Authority greater control over the licensing of pleasure craft and ensure that all operators and boatmen are subject to the same application, enforcement and licence conditions regardless of where they trade.

We would therefore welcome your feedback on the new draft policy.

Please contact us by email [customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or phone 01305 221000 if you need the survey in another format or would like to respond in a different way e.g. a paper survey.

Your responses will help shape the final Pleasure Boat, Vessel and Boatperson Licensing Policy decided by Dorset Council councillors.

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Review of local validation checklist for planning applications

We've been reviewing the local validation checklist for planning applications. This checklist outlines the information Dorset Council needs to validate an application based on the site's planning constraints and the proposed development. National Planning Practice Guidance recommends reviewing the local list every two years.

This draft review document is now out to consultation, and we welcome your feedback. You can find out more about how this checklist fits into the planning application process on our website

If you wish to provide any feedback or have any queries, please contact Ros Drane  
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The consultation will close after 14 July 2025

All responses received will then be considered before producing the final updated document. We aim to complete the review and adopt the updated local list by the end August 2025.

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