



# DORCHESTER NEWS

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## WELCOME TO DORCHESTER'S NEW EAST WARD COUNCILLOR



This summer's by-election resulted in the election of Kate Reid to the Town Council.

Kate was born in Dorchester, moved to Scotland as a teenager, went on to serve with the Army for over 20 years, and was very happy to return some 6 years ago with her husband Andy and their teenage daughters.

Kate has an interest in the urban environment; how public spaces and facilities are accessed and used, provisions for young people, encouraging a sense of community and top to bottom recycling.

Kate takes a great pleasure in talking with residents about local issues and ideas for the town.

More information about Kate, including her contact details, can be found on the Council's website at [www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk](http://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk)

## DORCHESTER YOUTH COUNCIL



Dorchester's latest Youth Council (DYC) has been running for almost a year now! Meeting once a month, DYC are working hand in hand with the Town Council to champion youth-centric policies and tackle crucial issues like mental health support for young people.

But it's not all business! DYC is also about fun and community engagement. From exciting events to meaningful volunteer opportunities and impactful projects, they've been busy making a difference. They've even dabbled in funding applications and have undertaken presentations to Councillors.

Being part of DYC not only means making a positive impact but also looks great on any CV. If you are a young person aged 13-19 who lives, works, or attends school or college in the town and you're interested in getting involved, contact Emma at: [e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk).

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2024

All are invited to attend the annual Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) event on Friday 26th January 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, DT1 1HF - 12.30pm - 1.30pm.

Visitors are welcome from noon, to view displays and meet with the organisers.

HMD 2024 is being organised by a partnership made up of Dorchester Town Council, the South-West Dorset Multicultural Network (SWDMCN), Dorset Council and Kushti Bok.

The theme for this year is the 'Fragility of Freedom' which will explore the idea that freedom is a fragile concept and one we should not be complacent about. Eroding our freedoms is often a subtle, slow process, but if left unchecked can pave the way for far greater crimes to be perpetrated against populations.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda when the world stood by as Hutu extremists shattered the fragile freedom in Rwanda, following decades of tension and violence, culminating in the murder of over one million Tutsis in just one hundred days. This happened 49 years after the Holocaust ended and just 19 years after the genocide in Cambodia.

The event will include readings and poetry, including contributions from local schools, and will conclude with the lighting of candles and a minute's silence. Free refreshments will be available afterwards.



## SEND IN YOUR D-DAY STORIES

2024 will mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Dorchester had a huge part to play in this historic day. The town hosted many allied military personnel from around the world in the run up to D-Day and many Dorchester residents also took the journey across to France to take part in the military campaign which marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control.

Dorchester Town Council is planning how it can commemorate this anniversary and wants to gather any Dorchester D-Day memories. If you have a family member who was involved in D-Day or perhaps you remember the military visitors to Dorchester and the tanks in the town in the lead up D-Day please let us know by sending any stories to us via email to Matilda at: [m.manley@dorchester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:m.manley@dorchester-tc.gov.uk)



## DORCHESTER'S HISTORIC CORNHILL MARKET

A market has been held around Cornhill since Anglo Saxon times. Dorchester became the County Town in 1305 and in 1629 was granted a Market Charter by Charles I. The Charter is managed by a Joint Markets Panel which is made up of Councillors from Dorset Council and the Town Council.

Nowadays Cornhill is a vibrant local market, an ideal destination for stall holders new and old to showcase their talents and products. With a strong sense of community and affordable pitch fees it offers an ideal platform for businesses to grow and develop.

Various pitch sizes are available with special pricing packages available to suit different budgets. The market operates from 7.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

For further information and to book a pitch visit [www.dorchestercornhillmarket.com](http://www.dorchestercornhillmarket.com) or telephone 07412 787578



## BREWDORCH

Dorchester has an amazingly rich brewing history. To celebrate this, Dorchester's Festival of Drinks is back in 2024 with another brilliant schedule of events (not all of them alcoholic!).

Between Thursday 15th and Sunday 18th February 2024 there will be gin tasting, wine tasting, pottery, brewing heritage walks and lots more frivolity and fun!

Keep an eye on [www.DiscoverDorchester.co.uk](http://www.DiscoverDorchester.co.uk) for the full festival line up.



## Dorchester Councillors' Residents Surgery



- Want to know what's happening in your community?
- Have a question for a local councillor?
- Want to know who does what?
- Or would you simply like to meet those representing you?

Where: Dorchester Library

When: First Saturday of every month 10.00am – 12.00pm

For more information call: 01305 224440

## COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

Phone and e-mail contact details for Ward councillors for the Town Council and the Dorset Council are available on our website, [www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk](http://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk)



# 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DORCHESTER AND LÜBBECKE

Following the successful and enjoyable visit of the Mayor of Lübbecke to Dorchester in June members of the Lübbecke Society were invited to visit Lübbecke together with the Mayor and Mayoress. The celebrations which took place during the Bierbrunnen Fest in August. Seven members of the Society travelled to Lübbecke to join Alistair and Kate to represent the town. We were joined by a civic group from Bayeux, our other twin town, a three way partnership.

At the civic reception we heard speeches which reflected the depth of our friendships, what we share in common and the importance of maintaining these links. The Kantorei, with whom the Dorchester Choral Society exchange, sang to welcome us. As a gift from the Lübbecke Society to our hosts we had taken beer from the Cerne Abbas Brewery as well as some celebratory mugs. After lunch we were driven in a vintage coach belonging to the Barre Brewery for guided visits to a nature reserve on the Turfmor, a museum with a unique collection of automatons and a restored farm house where we had a rustic dinner.



The following day was sunny and with the silver band playing and the beer from the local brewery Barrebrau it was most relaxing as we met up with old friends and made new friends. There was time to wander around the old part of the town and enjoy our hosts hospitality. We are delighted that some of our Lübbecke friends have said that they would like to come to Dorchester next year, a visit that had been planned for in 2020 and delayed by the pandemic. Also next year we are planning a visit of our youth football team to Lübbecke and so our friendships will continue with the next generation.

## GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The town council offers small grants (typically up to £500) to support a range of community projects. The grant applications are considered by the council's Management Committee.

At the meetings in July and September councillors awarded the following grants:

£150 for the dulcimer music workshops and performances.

£500 for Dorset Poverty Action towards a project to provide school uniforms to help families on low incomes (pictured).

£500 for Dorset Family Support to help provide food parcels to children in receipt of the Pupil Premium over the school holidays.

£500 for As One theatre company for their 'They Came from Ukraine' community workshops (pictured).

We still have funding available. So please submit your grant application to the council by end of December 2023 so that it can be considered by the Committee in January. The application form can be found on the town council website.



## NEW HUMAN SUNDIAL PLAQUE IN THE BOROUGH GARDENS!



Pop down to the Borough Gardens to try out the newly updated human sundial! To use the sundial, stand on the designated spot, and your shadow will indicate the time on the sundial's hour markers.

The old instruction tablet was not very clear so the Friends of Borough Gardens commissioned a new instruction tablet made from Portland Stone so more people could use and enjoy this fascinating feature.

The sundial was previously installed by Damers School over 30 years ago but was moved when the Gardens were renovated in 2007. It is now positioned in the main lawn to the south of the Bandstand.

Dorchester Town Council would like to thank the friends for their generous gift to the Gardens and their continued support!



## TOWN EVENTS

### Free Parking and Christmas Events

There will be free parking days in Dorset Council (Dorchester) town centre car parks again this year. Please do make the most of these free parking days in the run up to Christmas. The free parking days are:-

Saturday 25 November 2023

Saturday 2 December 2023 (Small Business Saturday)

Thursday 14 December 2023

### Christmas Events



Saturday 2 December - Poundbury Christmas Market

10am - Crown Square

4.30pm - Carols for Advent - St. Peter's Church

Sunday 10 December - Christmas Cracker

11am High East/West Streets

Thursday 14 December

6.00pm - Santa on Fordington Green

Thursday 21 December

6.30pm - Carols in the Borough Gardens

## CAROLS IN THE GARDEN

Carols in the Borough Gardens is one of the traditions of Christmas in Dorchester.

Taking place on Thursday 21 December and organised by the Friends of the Borough Gardens and the Town Council, the Carols are for everyone to join in, with music from Dorchester's own band - the Durnovaria Silver Band, and singing from the group 'Encore'. The music starts at 6.30pm and lasts for about an hour - and it's free!

All are welcome to add to the atmosphere by bringing their own home-made lantern. Carol books will be provided. (Please note that in case of very bad weather the event may be cancelled so keep an eye on the Borough Gardens Facebook page for information).

## HOW TO MAKE A LANTERN

Lantern Crafting Materials:

- Colourful tissue paper
- LED tealight
- PVA glue
- Sturdy scissors to cut the top off the bottles
- Pipe cleaners
- Clear 2 litre plastic bottle



1. Wash the bottle and cut off the tapered tops.
2. Plan your Christmassy design.
3. Cut the tissue paper into shapes to make your design and stick them to the inside wall of the dry bottles using glue.
4. Optional: Decorate on top of the tissue paper using paint and/or marker pens.
5. Punch holes into the upper lip of the cut bottles and thread the pipe cleaners through to make a handle.
6. Place the LED tealight inside the lantern and admire your creation!



## SCOUT POST

Sadly, we've been informed by the district Scouts that there won't be a Christmas Scout Post from this year onwards.

After 35 years, with only a short break due to Covid, the scheme has had to wind up. But over this period the Scouts, with help from over 300 volunteers, raised money for both local charities and scouting, and enabled young people the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities and gain life-long skills.

The Town Council would like to thank the Scouts for all their hard work, in all weathers, over the years.

