

DORSET PRIDE OF PLACE AWARD 2009

For communities taking pride in their local environment and heritage.

Every place has its own special qualities and we wish to champion the improvement and enhancement of the best of those qualities. We're looking for the Dorset Parish or Town Council or Local Community Partnership that takes the most pride in its local environment and heritage. The winning community will have an artist in residence to work with them on a special project. The 2008 winner was "Turn Lyme Green" visit <http://turnlymegreen.wordpress.com/category/pop-award/> for more details.

This award is promoted by the Dorset Design and Heritage Forum - created through the Dorset Strategic Partnership Culture Theme Group. The Forum's purpose is to bring together a range of organisations and interests with the aim of championing high quality design and conservation of the built environment.

Have you worked hard to care for and celebrate what makes your town or parish special and distinctive? Do you have a new project you would like to take forward? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes' then this is just the opportunity for your community.

The award could support one of a wide range of projects such as: -

- **Caring for the past on your doorstep – historic buildings and monuments**
- **Hedges and walls**
- **Research and recording spoken history?**
- **Promoting good building design and green issues**
- **Preparing a village design statement or other planning guidance**
- **Promoting innovative recycling or the creative use of sustainable materials in new buildings and structures**
- **Promoting public art and rural crafts**
- **Designing features and street furniture to reflect local character - sculpture or carvings trail - working with an artist to explore and characterise your town or parish**
- **Offering opportunities for creativity by maintaining local traditions and celebrating contemporary arts**
- **Beating the bounds - protecting footpaths - sensitive interpretation of sites and views in your area - heritage trails - creating innovative new interpretations**

The 'Pride of Place Award' is part of a wider programme of work for which the forum has achieved external funding and it will be administered by Dorset Community Action alongside the existing 'Village of the Year' awards.

Application forms and guidance leaflets are available from Dorset Community Action, Community House, The Barracks, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1YG Tel; 01305 216412 or 216400 e-mail; denise.paice@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk and on the web site at www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

