

# Winter 2010 Community news

The magazine for Dorset Community Action

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## All the fun of the food

Turnips, sprouts and carrots were turned into vegetable characters along with the traditional Mr Potato Head, at a children's play and craft event hosted by Dorset Community Action as part of the annual Wimborne Food Festival in October.

Children attending the Tops Fun Food Factory, held in the Community Learning and Resource Centre (CLaRC), were able to take part in workshops with Katy Ashworth from CBeebies 'I Can Cook', as well as a treasure hunt, face painting and craft sessions. All the family activities were free.

'The event was a great success,' says Alison Cross of Dorset Community Action. 'There were an estimated 8,000 visitors to the town over the weekend, and many of them came along to CLaRC. The cafe was open, and the centre was a hive of activity.'

Elsewhere at the Food Festival, producers, brewers, winemakers and chefs showcased regional food and drink, and there were food markets, tasting sessions, street performers, music and other entertainment.

Above: childrens' workshop held at CLaRC for the Wimborne Food Festival

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# The challenges ahead



## communities in Dorset?

The answer is not a simple one. It is clear that the level of cuts required of local government is even higher than feared. Dorset County Council expects to have to make savings of £48.6 million over the next three years, and a significant amount will have to be found next year. At the same time, there have been very encouraging words of support from the government.

**A question I have been asked many times in recent weeks, is 'What do the spending cuts mean for voluntary groups and**

Long has the community sector fought for such recognition. But with these words of support from the government there are likely to come expectations – that voluntary organisations change and merge, take on contracts and start 'earning' income, that people in communities become 'community organisers' and that young volunteers take on 'National Citizens Service'.

For some organisations and groups it will be absolutely right to take on these expectations and make the most of the opportunities presented. For others it might be right to say 'no thanks – we're doing it this way and it's working for us'. At Dorset Community Action we will be

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words of support from the government**

In September, David Cameron said, 'We should say to every single council in the country, when it comes to looking at and trimming your budgets, don't do the easy thing, which is to cut money to the voluntary bodies and organisations working in our communities.'

The Prime Minister's statement was backed up by Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society: 'Small local groups bring people together and drive social change, lose them and you risk losing the community... local authorities can do much to support these groups even while making the difficult decisions necessary to reduce the deficit.'

here to help communities and groups take the path that they see fit, based on the needs they are trying to meet.

As the council works out the detail of the savings, we will do our best to represent the energy and creativity of the voluntary sector and communities. This issue of Community News illustrates the huge amount of positive work going on at the heart of communities, and highlights how much can be done with a little investment and the right support.

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## Dream space for Harmans Cross

**Residents of Harmans Cross, Purbeck, finally have a new village hall after spending almost six years and £700,000 to realise their dream of replacing a World War II ex-army building.**

The new hall was officially opened in August by Lois Rose, former Village and Community Halls Adviser for Dorset Community Action, who had supported the building's management team before her retirement. Also at the ceremony were representatives from the major sponsors and local councils, who joined the community for a buffet lunch served

in a large marquee in the grounds. Later, a barn dance and hog roast were held in the new hall for villagers and guests.

The hall is vital to residents of Harmans Cross which has no pub, post office, church or other community building. It is now used for regular activities like yoga classes, art and craft, movie nights, and a computer club. Events such as concerts, meetings and village celebrations are also held in the hall.

One of the grants for the hall came from the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA). Jane Colvin of Dorset Community Action, who is

Dorset's advisor for the SWRDA's Rural Development Programme for England, said she was delighted to see how their £150,000 Community and Social Enterprise Grant had been used: 'It has really contributed towards improving the quality of life for the local population by ensuring they have a welcoming, attractive and useful building for generations to come.'

For details of the Regional Development Agency grant, see article, page six.

*Above: Harmans Cross Village Hall on the day of the official opening in August*

## Top marks for Leigh Village Hall



**Leigh Village Hall has become the first hall in Dorset to achieve a national quality mark for halls.**

The Hallmark 1 Certificate is awarded to halls which can demonstrate good standards of charity administration and management. Dorset Community Action is currently working with halls across the county to prepare them for assessment for the quality mark, explains Peter Orchard, Village and Community Halls Adviser. 'Hallmark 1 can help with funding applications and attracting bookings, and gives hall trustees the

reassurance that they are managing their halls well.'

In due course, Dorset's halls will work towards other Hallmark awards which look at different aspects of running halls, such as health and safety, security, licences and social awareness. For more information about the scheme, call Peter Orchard on 01305 216416 or email [peter.orchard@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:peter.orchard@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

*Left: Peter Orchard presents the Hallmark 1 certificate to Duncan Moore, secretary of Leigh Village Hall*



## Village award adds green schemes

The value of resident involvement in local environmental schemes was recognised in the Dorset Best Village Competition this year, with a new 'Environmental Champions' category. The winning village was Frampton, which was judged to be doing the most 'green' initiatives.

Judges were impressed by how residents of Frampton have come together to manage their Millennium Green and community-owned woodland. The green, created with Lottery funds 10 years ago, is used daily by children, dog walkers and others villagers, and is where village events like fetes and the annual cross-river tug-of-war take place. Like the woodland, it is managed by a charitable trust set up by residents.

Mike Keene (pictured above left with others from Frampton) says that it was good to get recognition for their work: 'It has encouraged those who put the effort in to keep doing so, and has highlighted the need for ongoing activity, as you really

need people who will roll their sleeves up and get stuck in.'

The 2010 Best Village Awards also had a new 'People's Project' category, won by Briantspuddle Community Shop, which was judged to be the best project involving local active people. Other winners were Winterborne Kingston (left) which received the Best Kept Village award for large villages, Shipton Gorge, the winner of the small village award, and Alton Pancras, which won the category for hamlets.

The annual awards are organised and run by Dorset Community Action, and this year's competition was sponsored by Magna Housing Association. For details of all winners in the Dorset Best Village Competition, see [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)



Above: Mike Keene and other residents of Frampton at the Millennium Green.  
Left: Villagers in Winterborne Kingston

## Trustee ‘mistakes’

**A recent report by the Charity Commission makes the worrying statement that trustees are ‘making too many basic mistakes in managing their charities’.**

The report, which covers the financial year 2009 to 2010, reveals that failures by trustees to properly govern charities, poor financial management and inadequate accounting and reporting continue to be among the most common areas of concern for the Commission.

Dorset Community Action often helps local groups and charities which are experiencing management and accounting difficulties.

In some cases, organisations may be unaware of good practice in management, explains Susi Calder, Team Manager for Voluntary and Community Sector Support. ‘We are great believers in prevention rather than cure and urge you to ensure that the groups you are involved with are running themselves properly. An easy way to do this is to send a committee member or trustee on one of our courses on Running a Community Group.’

For details and dates of these short afternoon courses, see Dorset Community Action’s training programme which features a wide range of courses all over Dorset. Currently all courses are free to voluntary and community groups. To get a copy, call Fred Wild on 01305 216407 or see [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)



Above: Members of the Oaktree Club, a Weymouth-based group run by and for users of mental health services, which has received funding through the N17 seed fund (see page 6)

## Promoting positive partnerships

**W**ith the current economic and political climate, positive partnership working is more important than ever. Local groups and charities are therefore encouraged to take a look at the Dorset Compact, an agreement between public bodies and the voluntary and community sector in Dorset.

The Dorset Compact recognises that the voluntary and community sector makes a huge contribution to Dorset’s communities through the activities of volunteers, and through providing services and supporting individuals. The public sector often provides funding and support for such activities, and the Compact outlines the principles which both sectors agree to, in order to improve the way they work together.

Dorset Community Action’s role is to promote the Compact, and help resolve problems when it is not being followed. Voluntary and Community Sector Support Manager, Susi Calder, says that unlike many documents of this type, the Dorset Compact is written to be used: ‘Although it is 11 pages long it doesn’t take too long to read. Voluntary and community groups hopefully use it when working with local public bodies. If not, we recommend that you have a look as there are a number of advantages for our sector in using the Compact.’

One of the principles for partnership working outlined in the Compact is that Dorset County Council and other statutory bodies agree to respect the independence of the voluntary organisations they fund. Other principles relate to shared responsibility, and mutual value and respect.

The document also sets out guidelines for best practice in consultation, funding, volunteering, support for voluntary and community organisations, and equality and diversity. It states, for example, that the public sector should allow realistic timescales when consulting the voluntary sector (preferably 12 weeks for a standard written consultation, and a minimum period of eight). The Compact also promotes the use of clear and simple language.

To download the Dorset Compact, go to the website [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) and type in the keyword ‘Compact’. For guidance on how to use the Compact or help in resolving problems related to it, call Georgina Morgan on 01305 216415 or email [georgina.morgan@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:georgina.morgan@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)



## Cash for fledgling music scheme

When Toby's Young Peoples Project from Shaftesbury received a £1,000 grant from Dorset's NI7 Seeding Fund, it was used to pay for extra staff time for fundraising. As a result, two significant grants were awarded, one of which was for £26,000 to fund a Music Studio Technician on a two-year Youth Music Project.

The idea of the NI7 Seeding Fund is to help make groups more sustainable, for example by paying for consultants or existing staff to write business plans and research funding opportunities. It can also be used for volunteer expenses and other costs to help groups achieve financial security.

There is still money left in the NI7 Seeding Fund, and any Dorset-based community groups and charities are eligible to apply. Successful applicants so far have included arts groups, disability groups, environmental organisations and projects supporting older people.

For more details and an application form, call Rachele Smith of Dorset Community Action, on 01305 216411, or email [rachele.smith@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:rachele.smith@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

Above: Tom Jobling, Music Studio Technician, assists a summer scheme participant at Toby's Young Peoples Project. His post was funded following NI7 Seeding Fund support

## Local grants for social enterprise

Social enterprises providing access to basic services in rural communities can now apply for a new Regional Development Agency grant.



To be eligible for the Community and Social Enterprise Grant, groups must demonstrate financial, environmental and social sustainability, and serve communities of less than

10,000. If not already a social enterprise, they need to be moving towards this model. Successful projects so far have included energy efficiency measures for a new village hall, and a community-owned village shop.

For more information, call Jane Colvin, Social Enterprise Adviser for Dorset Community Action, on 01305 216402, or email [jane.colvin@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:jane.colvin@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk). You can also see details at [www.swan-network.org.uk](http://www.swan-network.org.uk)

Left: Jane Colvin with Bob Evans of Harmans Cross Village Hall, which received a Regional Development Agency grant

# Boost your income

These are challenging times for fundraisers. Funding sources are diminishing, funding pots are dwindling and public sector funding is disappearing. So now is the time to diversify, and maximise every potential source of funding for your group. Dorset Community Action's Funding Adviser, Chris Carman, lists here some ideas that could help generate valuable funds.

**£ Gift Aid:** Is your group missing out on this income? £740 million each year is lost by UK charitable groups. Even if your group is not registered with the Charity Commission, it can be considered as a charity for tax purposes if you can prove you were established for charitable purposes only.

Contact Chris Carman (see below) for an information sheet, HMRC guide to the 'Fit and Proper Persons test' and a copy of the Model Declaration.

**£ Tax-effective giving:** A new Institute of Fundraising microsite offers information on tax reliefs available on payroll giving, gift of shares, legacies and gift aid. See [www.tax-effective-giving.org.uk](http://www.tax-effective-giving.org.uk) or join a workshop in Bournemouth on 8 December, or Taunton on 26 January. Call 0845 337 3801 to book (£20).

**£ [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com):** By signing up to this website, your supporters can set Everyclick as their default browser when online, giving your organisation a donation each time without it costing them a penny. Fifty per cent of the gross advertising revenue received by Everyclick gets disbursed each month through the Charities Trust, to individual charities that have been supported by users of the website.

**£ Lotteries:** These have become a popular form of charity fundraising, due to the 2006 Gambling Act making it easier to run not-for-profit lotteries, advances in new technology and the fact that, in times of uncertainty, forms of gambling are extremely attractive. For guidance and advice, see [www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk](http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk)



**£ Missionfish:** This charity arm of eBay allows your supporters to donate to you every time they buy or sell on eBay, and helps charities raise funds by selling through the website. A growing number of charities now recognise online trading as a significant fundraising opportunity and many charity shops sell on eBay, as it avoids the overheads of a shop and is relatively simple to use. A guide to registering and selling on eBay can be found at [www.missionfish.org.uk](http://www.missionfish.org.uk)

**£ Legacy fundraising:** This is the oldest form of philanthropy yet many groups are still loath to consider it as an income stream. To find out more, type 'Legacy Fundraising Code of Practice' into the search bar of the

home page at [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk). This code explains how charities can ensure that legacy fundraising is undertaken in a professional, responsible and sensitive manner. Contact Chris Carman (details below) to find out about the Dorset Community Action register of charities placed with local solicitors within Dorset.

**£ Community fundraising:** Although it fell out of favour during the last decade of easier grant availability, this is a classic way to boost your unrestricted funds, especially for small, local groups. It's time to view community fundraising in a more innovative light and put the fun back into fundraising. To maximise local support, groups need to work hard at raising and maintaining their profile within the community. Join one of our communication workshops (see training programme for dates) and learn some useful skills and tips in getting your message across effectively.

**Email [chris.carman@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:chris.carman@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) or visit [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) for up-to-date information on grants, funds, awards and training opportunities for local groups.**

Above: Community fundraising by the Thornford Horticultural Society, which holds an annual plant sale to raise funds



## One World brings in thousands

**The second Dorchester One World Festival took place in August, bringing together nearly 3,000 visitors to celebrate cultural diversity through food, sport and other activities.**

Food from around the world was on offer, including Nepalese dishes prepared by women from the Gurkha community, a Bangladeshi banquet and American food from Yankee Pankee. Dance performances ranged from belly

dancing and a Chinese Lion Dance, to cheerleading and street dance. Other entertainment included rapping from 12-year-old Lil' Dreads, sports for children like archery and climbing, and the chance to watch teams compete in tug-of-war and Kabaddi matches.

The event was hosted by the Speak Easy Group, with the help of over 40 volunteers. Kris Hallett of Dorset Community Action, which supported

the organisers, says the event was a great success, but has grown to such an extent that more community involvement is needed: 'We hope local organisations and individuals will come forward to get involved in next year's festival.' Anyone interested should contact Kris on 01305 216409 or email [kris.hallett@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:kris.hallett@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

**Above: Food from the Thai Nakorn Restaurant, in Dorchester is served at the One World Festival**

## How safe do you feel?

**Local authorities have a duty to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity for everyone. Research now being carried out throughout Dorset will find out how people from different ethnic groups feel about where they live and work.**

In the first instance, people from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities, including migrant workers, are being asked to fill in a confidential questionnaire. Dorset Community Action

and the Dorset Race Equality Council have been commissioned to undertake the research. The results will help local authorities set priorities, says Rachelle Smith of Dorset Community Action. 'In particular, we want to find out how safe people feel, so that any necessary action can be taken to help residents and workers be safer, and feel safer.'

The surveys will also be used to identify people willing to be consulted over issues affecting them, Rachelle Smith

adds: 'In time we might see forums develop in much the same way as we now have older people's forums or disability forums in parts of the county.'

The survey can be downloaded and completed online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/communityengagementsurvey](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityengagementsurvey). The deadline is 20 December 2010.

For a paper copy of the form, or to find out more about the project, call Rachelle on 01305 216411, or email [rachelle.smith@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:rachelle.smith@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)



## New homes from land trust

Villagers in Buckland Newton, concerned that houses were unaffordable to buy or rent for most local people, decided to set up a community land trust. As a result, 10 new homes are being built in the village.

The project was developed with the support of the Somerset and Dorset Community Land Trust Project. As reported in the last issue, this offers free advice and help to community groups and parish councils interested in securing land, homes and other assets important to residents. They do so by helping set up community land trusts which hold land in trust on behalf of local people.

In Buckland Newton, the new trust was formed to build homes for families with strong links to the village. Work has now begun on the site, and a new website has been launched (see [www.lyddenmeadow.co.uk](http://www.lyddenmeadow.co.uk)). The 10 new properties will generate a modest income once the loans have been paid off in 25 years, and this will be used for the benefit of the village.

To find out more about the help available through the Somerset and Dorset Community Land Trust Project, call Alison Ward on 07827 941030 or email [alison.ward@wessexca.co.uk](mailto:alison.ward@wessexca.co.uk), or see [www.wessexca.co.uk](http://www.wessexca.co.uk)



The building site at Buckland Newton, where a Community Land Trust is now building 10 new homes

## Volunteers for stamp duty

This year four more rural post offices in Dorset have closed. With support from Dorset Community Action, one has now been replaced and the other three are opening in new locations.

In Portesham, the village post office which closed in February has been replaced with an 'outreach' service (pictured) which runs twice a week from the village hall. A similar service is planned for Chetnole.

In Stourpaine, where the post office closed in April, a service is now being started up at the White Horse pub, and villagers in Shillingstone are also trying to identify a suitable location for an outreach service following the closure of their post office.

On a positive note, Motcombe Community Shop and Post Office was officially opened in July with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the shop, followed by a ride on a decorated double-decker bus to the village hall for a celebratory tea party. An impressive 60 volunteers have been trained to work the tills and run the shop. Local craftsmen from the village helped with the refit and much of the shop's food stock is local produce from within a 10-mile radius.

There are also plans to open community shops in Trent and in Tolpuddle, where a public meeting has been held and a group formed to take the idea forward.

Above: Villagers at Portesham Post Office outreach service in the village hall

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## Youth services under one roof

**October saw the launch of the New Children and Young People's Integrated Service Hub in Wimborne.**

The hub has been set up at Dorset Community Action's Community Learning and Resource Centre (CLaRC) to provide office space for a variety of children's and young people's services. The idea is that professionals from the different services will be able to work more effectively based together. Alison Cross, one of the Managers at CLaRC,

says the opening of the hub will also strengthen the relationship between Dorset Community Action and Dorset County Council: 'In these uncertain financial times this partnership will offer security to both parties.'

As well as providing a permanent base to some organisations, CLaRC has a number of rooms and offices for hire to organisations wanting to provide training, hold meetings or run events. The centre, located in a converted

Victorian school in the centre of Wimborne, has its own cafe and can also provide catering.

To find out more about the hire of rooms at CLaRC, contact Alison Cross or Jackie Upton on 01202 847603, or email [enquiries@dcawimbornelearning.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dcawimbornelearning.org.uk).

*Above: Alison Cross (left) and Jackie Upton (right) of Dorset Community Action, cut the ribbon with Dawn Campbell, who heads the new team at the Children and Young People's hub*

## What next? Hazelbury Bryan launches parish plan



**One of the latest villages to produce a parish plan is Hazelbury Bryan, where their recent launch (left) followed a year's hard work by volunteers.**

Householders and school pupils from the seven hamlets included, were all asked to complete a questionnaire about local issues from footpaths to emergency services. As a result, actions were identified, from simple ones like

setting up a book club and providing grit containers and benches for the village, to more complex ones like creating planning statements for each hamlet to preserve their distinctive characters.

For details about the support available to parishes wanting to produce plans, contact Simon Thompson on 01305 216412 or email [simon.thompson@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:simon.thompson@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)



## Getting on track

**In North Dorset, a team of community resource workers is employed by Dorset Community Action on behalf of local partnerships. Here we highlight some of the projects they support**

### Better broadband

**If your home computer takes ages to download from the internet, or is slow to email documents, it's likely you have insufficient broadband feed.**

In North Dorset, where broadband speeds are particularly low, a volunteer-led campaign aims to improve the situation. The team has begun by surveying computer users to establish the need for better broadband.

Steve Adamson of the DT11 Forum Community Partnership, who co-ordinates the group with the support of the Community Partnerships Executive for North Dorset, says the area is being excluded from planned improvements including investment in 'superfast' broadband. 'BT plans to lay a new cable to Weymouth and Portland in time for the 2012 Olympic events. However, the current plan is to bypass North Dorset and take the cable along the coast.

The broadband group is looking into technical options which could improve speeds, including fibre-optic cables, wireless technology, and upgrading telephone exchanges. The next stage is to seek financial backing.

For more information or to get involved, contact the DT11 Forum Office on 01258 489998 or [office@dt11forum.org.uk](mailto:office@dt11forum.org.uk)

**Crossing the Stour  
Hundreds of cyclists, walkers, joggers and horse-riders gathered recently to celebrate the opening of a new bridge across the River Stour.**

The crossing is part of the latest link, from Shillingstone to Stourpaine, in the North Dorset Trailway. This traffic-free route follows the line of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway – from Stalbridge in the north to Spetisbury in the south. Most of the route is now open, apart from a few short sections.

Rebuilding bridges over the Stour is a major challenge for the Trailway Network Group, which raises funds to open up new sections by buying land or rights of way. It also works alongside Dorset County Council's rangers to keep the track clear of vegetation, and with the support of the Sturquest and DT11 Forum Community Partnerships, publicises the Trailway and raises funds for improvements.

At the Trailway launch in early November, supporters tested out the new stretch of track on bike and foot, in pushchairs and even on horseback, before celebrating in Stourpaine with music and food.

For maps of the trail, and details of the Trailway Network Group's activities, see [www.dorsettrailways.co.uk](http://www.dorsettrailways.co.uk)

### Riversmeet launch

**The new Riversmeet centre in Gillingham opened its doors to the public in late August, following years of hard work to establish a venue for sport, community and cultural events.**

A sports hall, swimming pool and gym now stand on the site of the old leisure centre, and activities including badminton and martial arts are already taking place. Meeting rooms, a coffee shop and other spaces are available for use by local groups. The next stage is to raise around £500,000 for a large community hall for concerts and shows.

Much of the funding for the current development came from North Dorset District Council, explains Mark Hebditch, Chair of Three Rivers Partnership which has led the project: 'The District Council has been incredibly supportive, and the project would not have come about without further support from parish and town councils. Local people have also fundraised, helping RiversMeet become a real focal point for the community.' Three Rivers was set up by the Gillingham community in 2003 with the support of Dorset Community Action.

*Above: Cyclists at the launch of the Shillingstone to Stourpaine Trailway*



## Free computer training gets villagers online

**Using computers is part of everyday life for many people, but for those lacking the confidence to shop online, or use email and the internet, free computer training is now on offer in village halls across Dorset.**

The computer workshops are being run by Dorset Adult Learning, in partnership with Dorset Community Action, and are intended for those who have a computer but need some help with using it, or who are thinking of buying one.

Betty Lewis (pictured), went to a session at Leigh Village Hall in October, wanting to get more confident at using her computer. She was particularly keen to use it for email and storing photographs: 'I was fumbling about at home, and to be talked through it on a one-to-one basis is a very good thing.'

At some of the workshops, participants will be able to find out about Twitter, blogging, and social networking sites like Facebook, with the help of young people from Dorset Youth Association.

The last session to be held this year will be at Netherbury Village Hall on Thursday 2 December.

Between January and May 2011, further free training will be on offer at Sandford (19 January), Broad Oak (3 February), Portland (23 February), Broadmayne (7 March), Durweston (22 March), Morden (12 April), West Moors (12 May) and Brianspuddle (24 May). For details and times, or to book a place, call 0800 262648.

*Above: Kate Chandler (left) of the Dorset Youth Association helps Betty Lewis (right) with her computer skills*

## At a glance

**Two Dorset Justice Awards** have



been presented for community work in West Dorset. Kris Hallett of Dorset

Community Action was awarded for engaging local communities, in particular for helping young people fundraise and set up youth groups and committees. Khalique Miah (pictured with Kris at the Dorchester One World Festival) was recognised for his contribution to diversity, including his work for the festival.

**The 2011 Census** takes place at the end of March 2011, and all households will get a form through their letterbox. Information gathered helps local government, health authorities and others plan services such as housing, health, education and transport. It also affects the allocation of funds. For details and jobs see [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

**The Kingston Lacy Estate** near Wimborne (below) was the venue for an autumn community lunch held by Dorset Community Action and the Volunteer Centre Dorset.



The next East Dorset lunch is in January 2011. For details call Sarah on 01202 847619.

**A Dorchester Community Lunch** is to be held on Thursday 2 December from 12.15 pm at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester. See [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

**The Travelling Book** reported in the



last issue, has now returned to Dorchester. For the full story and pictures of its six-month

journey round the world, see [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)