

# Dorchester Area Community Plan 2009 - 2012



Our Community Plan -  
Looking to the future

## DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

### BACKGROUND

The Dorchester Area Community Partnership covers the market town of Dorchester and 49 surrounding parishes and villages. From Frome St Quinton to the North East, across to Minterne Magna to the North, Melcombe Horsey to the North West, following the boundaries with East Dorset and Purbeck to the East and down to the boundary with Weymouth and Portland to the South, joining up again with Fleet and Portesham to the South West and including Long Bredy and Litton Cheney to the West (see map appendix 2).

Dorchester itself has a population of 17,680. It is the county town of Dorset. The population of the surrounding parishes and villages included in the partnership area is 20,760 making it the largest community partnership in West Dorset. Dorchester has rapidly grown over the past few years and continues to grow with the further development of Poundbury.

Dorchester is the commercial, industrial, educational, medical and leisure hub for a wide area of rural and surrounding communities.

Over 14,700 people are employed in Dorchester. The main employment areas are: wholesale and retail, hotels and restaurants, banking and building societies, estate agency, construction, health and social work, local authorities, HM Prison Service and social housing associations. Two of the largest local employers are Dorset County Hospital and Dorset County Council who employ 50% of people working in Dorchester.

Unemployment at 1% is lower than the county average.

Dorchester is the centre for many services and activities in the locality. For instance there is a Dorchester pyramid of schools, which includes thirteen First schools. Three Middle Schools, one Upper School and one Secondary joint sixth form School.

21.7% of the local population are aged 0 - 17.

Dorchester has a large library, a Community Learning Centre, a Youth Centre, five group medical practices, a very successful annual arts and music programme and a large active museum. A market is held every Wednesday on Fairfield car park. The town also has a very active Chamber of Trade and Commerce, which has successfully achieved Business Improvement District status for Dorchester. The retail, leisure and business sector continues to grow with the development of the Brewery Site and potential development of Charles Street.

Some of the larger surrounding villages and parishes do have a Village Hall, a village shop and / or post office, a doctor's surgery and a local pub, in others there are relatively few facilities other than Village Halls, although some have retained a village shop and / or Post Office.

Dorchester has two railway stations; one is on the Weymouth to Waterloo line the other on the Weymouth to Bristol line.

Bus services to and from Dorchester to the villages are inconsistent; some villages receive a good service and some with no buses at all.

## HOW THE ACTION PLAN WAS FORMULATED

The Partnership's original Action Plan was adopted in 2003. It provided a focus for activity within Dorchester and the surrounding area and many of the original action points have been addressed during the past five years. Many aspects of life in and around the Dorchester area, over recent years have raised new issues.

In December 2007 we embarked on a new round of consultations for drawing up this Action Plan, a first draft was formulated based on the results of this consultation. The research used also included a review of the 2003 Town Plan and completed Parish Plans from, Broadmayne, Cerne Valley, Cheselbourne, Crossways, Dewlish, Frampton, Frome Valley, Hilton and Melcombe Horsey, Litton Cheney, Owermoigne, Stratton, Stinsford and Warmwell. Various consultations, events and activities were held in the area. Information was also obtained from the PCT, Police, Fire Service, WDDC Core Strategy, Housing Conditions Survey 2007, 2007 Rural Trends Report, Dorset Data Book and the DYE Young Peoples Consultation DVD.

This information was used to identify the main issues.

The specific actions and targets in the Action Plan were formulated after discussion amongst the members of the Partnership and the seeking of expert advice. The intention is to bring together into one document actions that will create a comprehensive forward plan for the area. This will help us think and act strategically and make the best possible use of the resources available. Our vision is that Dorchester should continue to develop as a thriving and vibrant town, which supports the lively and sustainable villages in the surrounding area.

## THE FORMATION OF THE DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

DACP is a Community Partnership it was set up in 2002 with the aim of working together to improve the quality of life within the area – working with the local community and the service providers. The Steering group members consist of representatives from Dorchester Town Council, West Dorset District Council, Dorset County Council, local parish councils and a variety of community and representative organisations.

### GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in this Action Plan and want to make a difference in your community. You can contact DACP's community worker on 01305 266861 or email: [pauline.trimming@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:pauline.trimming@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

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[www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk](http://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk)

## DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

### HOUSING

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
1.	To increase the supply of affordable homes in the area. For all age groups, particularly young people	Dorchester Town Plan Parish Plans Public Consultation Rural Housing Enabler	1.1	Actively promote a wider range of options – shared equity, self build, ie Maiden Newton and Buckland Newton project	Hold an awareness raising session	M	WDDC PC's	WDDC DYE DYA Connexions Roots	Support
			1.2	Encourage parish housing needs assessment to be carried out throughout the whole of the partnership area	All parishes in the area to have carried out a housing needs assessment and feasibility plans to be completed by 2009	M	PC's WDDC		Support
			1.3	Actively seek out empty properties for use eg above shops		M	WDDC PC's	Registered Social Landlords	Support
			1.4	Lobby to increase quota on all housing development and reduce thresholds	35% and above achieved on all new developments	L	WDDC RSS		Support Lobby

**TIMESCALE S – SHORT 12 MONTHS M – MEDIUM 1-2 YEARS L – LONG 2-5 YEARS**  
**SEE APPENDIX 1 FOR LIST OF ABBREVIATED ORGANISATION**

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
			1.5	Lobby to increase Council Tax on second homes to be proportionate		L	WDDC		Support Lobby
			1.6	More provision of eg prefabricated homes for low cost purchase or rent		L			Support
			1.7	Limited expansion should be permitted In villages currently embargoed by the Planning System		L			Support
2.	Increase the use of sustainable materials and fittings in new build homes in the area	Partnership Steering Group Public Consultation		Encourage use of sustainable options in building development. Links with (Environment 18)	All new homes in the area to achieve sustainable homes level 3	M	WDDC	DCC Local Developers DACP	Support
3.	Increase provision of accommodation for rough sleepers and homeless people	Public Consultation		By the end of 2009, complete feasibility work for a hostel and detox facility, shared with Weymouth	Facilities in place by 2010	M	The Hub Street Pastors	WDDC Registered social landlords	Support

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4.	Ensure that new housing development in the Dorchester area does not take place unless proper provision of local infrastructure is made	Public Consultation		Work with WDDC in the development of the Local Development Framework, including responding to consultation on the Core Strategy		L	WDDC	DCC NHS Dorset	Support
5.	Avoid Greenfield development if there are alternatives to ensure appropriate new green space provision, during any housing development in the area	Public Consultation		Work with WDDC in the development of the Local Development Framework, including responding to consultation on the Core Strategy		L	WDDC	Local Developers	

## TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
6.	Implement the Dorchester Traffic and Environment Plan (DTEP)	2003 Action Plan Public Consultation	6.1	Phase 1 – proposed closure of South Street (Links with local prosperity 24)	South Street closed to traffic 9.30 am – 4.30 pm and associated works complete	M	DCC	WDDC Chamber of Commerce DACP DTC	Support and Lobby
			6.2	Support and lobby until DTEP is completed through all phases	All phases complete	L			Support and Lobby
7.	Form a Dorchester Car Club	Dorset Community Action (DCA) Research		Support the ongoing development of a club	Car Club successfully running	M	DCA	DACP WDDC DCC	Support
8.	Improve regular bus services daytime and evenings to rural villages & Dorchester, for all age groups	Public Consultation  Parish Plans Young People's Consultation	8.1	Investigate a wider range of options for transport services in the villages	A return service to connect all villages (specific population and radius) to Dorchester at least 3 x weekly	M	DCC	DACP DYE DYA PC's POPP Age Concern	Support Lobby
			8.2	Explore options for concessions of bus fares or options for alternative transport for all age groups living in the rural villages					

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9.	Integrated public transport systems	Public Consultation Transport Consultation		Encourage the bus and train companies to work co-operatively to provide integrated timetables between bus and rail services	All bus and train times to co-ordinate for Dorchester and surrounding areas	M	DCC	Train Companies WDDC DACP PC's	Support
10.	Better availability of bus timetable information	Public Consultation  Annual Assembly	10.1	Ensure up to date timetable information is available at all bus stops		S	DCC	WDDC DACP PC's Bus Operators	Support
			10.2	Timetable information to be available on village noticeboards and newsletters. Provide relevant timetable information to all new bus pass users		M	DCC PC's		Support
			10.3	Investigate new IT relating to the development of providing transport information		L	DCC		Support

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11.	Improve access to public transport for those with disabilities	Annual Assembly Public Consultation	11.1	Improve access to Dorchester South and West stations	Full access to both platforms at both stations	S	First Great Western South West Trains	Brewery Site Development DACP Access Group DAD	Support and advise through Access Group
			11.2	Improve access on to local buses to ensure everyone can access a bus	Arrange meeting with DCC officer		DCC	DACP Access Group DAD	Support and advise through Access Group
			11.3	Better training in disability awareness to transport staff, eg 'Seagulls' – become a partner					
12.	Improve train service to Bristol	Public Consultation		Lobby First Great Western and Government for improvement in service	Better quality of trains and less over crowding	L	First Great Western DCC	DACP Community Rail Partnership	Lobby

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13.	Provide more cycle paths, cycle lanes, footpaths and integrated system of cycle paths	Youth Consultation Core Strategy Parish Plans Public Consultation	13.1	Support the development of cycle lanes and footpaths and promote cycling and walking	Hold a cycle and walking campaign / event	M	DCC DACP DTC	DYE DA21 Strollers Police DACP Access Group Dorchester Cyclist Network	Promote Lobby
			13.2	Identify a clear path through planning and finance to achieve this aim					
14	Encourage more use of Park & Ride services in Dorchester	Public Consultation		Explore options for other park & ride sites to West, East and North of Dorchester. Specifically outside the A35 belt.	Improved Park & Ride available to workers and visitors.	M	DCC WDDC	DTC DACP	Support

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
15.	To make Dorchester a plastic bag free town	Annual Assembly		Encourage local shops and markets to stop using plastic bags. Encourage local people to use reusable bags	Dorchester town plastic bag free by 2011	S	Chamber of Commerce BID	DTC DACP Joint Market Committee	Support Encourage
16.	Dorchester and surrounding parishes are seen as a good example of environmentally sustainable living	Public Consultation National Policy	16.1	Support Transition Town Dorchester		S/M	Transition Town Dorchester	Climate Care DA21 DACP DCC WDDC CTD	Support      Promote
17.	In partnership with other agencies seek to promote recycling and kerbside collections	Parish Plans Public Consultation	17.1	Improve recycling facilities in villages	Facilities for all recycling needs in two new places	S	WDDC	PC's DA21 DCC TTD	Support
			17.2	Lobby WDDC to collect plastic	Improved plastic collection		WDDC		Lobby
			17.3	Encourage community composting	Link in with allotment provision at item 20		PC's DTC		Promote

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18.	Improve appearance of the local area	Parish Plans Public Consultation	18.1 Support local litter awareness group.  18.2 Support educational campaigns	Two awareness campaigns annually	S	Local litter campaign group	WDDC DACP DTC Chamber of Commerce Local Schools Local Groups	Support
19.	Improve appearance of Dorchester West Station	Public Consultation	19.1 Form a friends of the station group to improve and maintain the physical environment of station  19.2 Encourage First Great Western to actively discourage groups of drinkers on the station	Appearance of station is clean and pleasant	M	First Great Western	DACP Community Rail Partnership Police	Promote

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20.	More allotments spaces and 'grow your own' land available for local people	Public Consultation Parish Plans	20.1	Identify land which could be converted for use as allotments. Specifically public sector land within easy reach of local communities	Fifteen new allotment spaces of 50% of the waiting list offered allotments	S/M	PC's DTC	DA21 DACP TTD POPP DCC D of C NHS Dorset	Support
			20.2	Identify land which could be converted for small scale growing, eg roadside verges for fruit and nut tree growing	Notify the local community of available land for growing	S/M			Promote
			20.3	Investigate the development of a share your garden scheme	Shared Garden Scheme set up	S/M			Promote
21.	Improve and repair river path in Dorchester. Millstream	2003 Action Plan Public Consultation	21.1	Repair and reinstate river bank on path between Hangman's Cottage and Swan Bridge	Path repaired and made accessible	S/M	DTC Heritage Committee Environment Agency DTC	DCC WDDC DACP DACP Access Group	Support
			21.2	Support friends of local nature reserve		M		DCC WDDC DACP	Support

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
22.	Improve access to Maumbury Rings	2003 Action Plan		The whole area of the rings made more accessible	Path around perimeter installed and general area refurbished	S/M	DTC D of C	Heritage Committee WDDC DACP Access Group	Support
23.	Improve access to footpaths and bridleways in the area	Public Consultation Access Group Consultation		Carry out an audit of selected routes	Two routes accessible for all people to use by 2010	M	DACP Access Group Dorchester Strollers PC's	DCC DAD	Support Promote

## LOCAL PROSPERITY

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
24.	Successful development of Business Improvement District (BID)	Public Consultation Chamber of Commerce Consultation		Support the Chamber of Commerce with the development of the BID	Improve and retain retail and business outlets and activities in the town. So that the town is a vibrant and successful hub for the local area.	M/L	Dorchester Chamber of Commerce	DTC WDDC Local Businesses	Support
25.	Keep local post offices / shops / libraries / pubs and other local facilities in the area open	Public Consultation  Parish Plans	25.1	Campaign / lobby to retain local facilities	At least one campaign organised	M	Local Community PC's Chamber of Commerce Rural Shops Alliance	WDDC DCA DACP CTD	Support
			25.2	Support WDP / DCA initiative with regard alternatives should post offices close	At least one alternative arrangement in place				
26.	Greater range of retail outlets on offer and more variety of small independent shops in Dorchester	2003 Action Plan  Public Consultation		Consult with Charles Street Development and Brewery Site Development	At least two new national shop outlets in the development	M	Simons Developers and Brewery Square Ltd	Chamber of Commerce WDDC DACP	Advise and Support

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27.	Local Exchange Trading Scheme (LETS)	Public Consultation		Support the on-going development of a trading scheme for Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland and surrounding villages	LETS scheme first year report, shows trading successfully	S	Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland LETS Group	WDDC DCA DACP CTD	Advise and Support
28.	Investigate what help can be given to local businesses suffering from the current economic climate	Partnership Steering Group National Statistics	28.1	Investigate sub division of large units and enable small shops to be in prime positions		S	Chamber of Commerce BID	DCC WDDC	Support
			28.2	Encourage a preferential business rate for local enterprise		S/M			Support
29.	Investigate what help can be given to local people affected by the present economic situation	Partnership Steering Group National Statistics		Sign posting to advice centres and re training opportunities		S	CAB Job Centre Plus	Samaritans FIDO Local Colleges DCC Adult Ed	Promote
30.	Investigate the development of a community enterprise as a local growers and producers market in central Dorchester	Partnership Steering Group		Form a community enterprise and develop an action plan	Markets held monthly / bi monthly	M	BID Chamber of Commerce	WDDC Dorset Food Links County Markets	Support Promote

## SAFER COMMUNITIES

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
31.	Reduce crime and the fear of crime in the area	Parish Plans Public Consultation	31.1	Support the PACT process and ensure that issues that cannot be actioned through PACT are fed into DACP	Reduction in crime and fear of crime in the area	S/M	Police  Safer Neighbourhood Team	Crime Prevention Panel PACT DACP WDDC	Support
			31.2	Introduce Cold Calling Control Zones	More cold calling control zones established	S/M	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership		
32.	Improve road safety on rural roads in the area	Parish Plans Public Consultation  Police Accident Statistics	32.1	Enforce speed limits in rural villages and on rural roads	Arrange a joint meeting with concerned Parish Councils, Police and DCC	M	Police DCC Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	DACP DAPTC Crime Prevention Panel	Support Promote
			32.2	Make wider use of SIDS		M			Support
			32.3	Ensure regular speed enforcement measures in villages		M			Support
			32.4	Encourage PC's to work together		M			Support

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP's ROLE	
33.	Provide Road Safety Education	Parish Plans Public Consultation	33.1	Encourage all local schools to participate in pedestrian and safe cycle education for children in schools	All local schools participate	S/M	Police DCC	PC's WDDC DACP DYE DYA Local Schools DASP DACP Access Group POPP	Support	
			33.2	Increase awareness to the safe use of electric powered scooters and wheelchairs	Education and awareness raising sessions held				Access Group Police	Support Promote Action
			33.3	Provide widely available safe driver education to sections of the community most at risk of speeding						Support Promote
34.	Provide safer routes to school	Partnership Steering Group	34.1	Identify dangerous road safety situations within routes used by children / young people to attend local schools	Two First and Middle schools in Dorchester have safer routes to school	M	Police Schools	WDDC DCC DASP DACP DYE DYA	Support Promote	
			34.2	Encourage development of walking buses					Police Schools	Support

## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS	TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
35.	Promote healthy life style changes for all ages	Public Consultation Health Statistics	Support the promotion of healthy life style initiatives  Healthy eating, exercise, smoking cessation, drink and drug dependency and reducing obesity	Health life style event is held.	M	NHS Dorset DCC	DACP DCC WDDC DTC Age Concern POPP Healthy Living Wessex Dorset Food and Health Trust Dorchester Strollers Local Schools DCA SureStart DYE DYA	Support Promote
36.	Reduce sense of isolation in villages and town for all vulnerable groups	National Studies Public Consultation	(Links with Transport and Accessibility 8 and 11)	Organisation work in partnership to alleviate isolation	M	DCC WDDC	POPP Age Concern CTD PACT Parish Councils Samaritans	Support

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
37.	Improve access to healthy living activities for everyone	National Studies Public Consultation		Ensure activities are accessible for all people  (Links with Transport and Accessibility 8 and 10)	Information is widely available  New adult inclusive outdoor gym equipment available three new locations	M	NHS Dorset  DTC PC's	POPP Age Concern DCA CTD Health Living Wessex Strollers	Support
88.	Promote teaching of cookery skills to primary aged children and to adults	Nat Obesity Strategy	38.1	Support training and funding of cookery teachers	Improvement in obesity levels in the area	M/L	DCC NHS Dorset	Local Schools DASP SureStart Local Groups POPP DACP Local Schools Healthy Living Wessex	Support
			38.2	Promote adult classes		M/L			Support
39.	Promote 'Home Check' by the Fire Service	National and Local Statistics		Ensure information is widely available	Reduction in house fires	M	Fire Service	DACP Age Concern POPP	Support

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
40.	To provide new and updated play, recreational and leisure facilities for children and young people in the rural villages and Dorchester	Young People's Consultation	40.1	Encourage and support the implementation of new and improved facilities	New improved facilities installed in three locations	M	DTC and PC's	DACP WDDC DCA CTD (Youth groups)	Support
		Public Consultation	40.2	Encourage and support the development of new activities	New activities available in three locations	M	PC's	DACP DCA DASP DYA DYE WDDC	Support
		Parish Plans							
41.	Dorchester Skate Park	2003 Action Plan	41.1	Encourage and support the installation of a new skate park in Dorchester	New Skate Park installed 2009	S/M	DTC	SK8 Park Committee WDDC DYA DACP DCA	Support
		Young People's Consultation	41.2	Promote the safe use of the facility in the future and the engagement of young people in its management	Management group to include 50% young people	M/L	DYE		Support Promote
42.	Provision of a dedicated art gallery / theatre in Dorchester	Annual Assembly Public Consultation		Support development of new facility	New facility in place	M	Maltings at Brewery Square. Brewery Square Ltd	Arts Forum DACP	Support

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
43.	Promote the use of existing cultural venues and other local venue	Partnership Steering Group Public Consultation		Ensure local people are aware of local facilities – venue booklet	Update existing venue booklet 2010	M	DACP Arts Forum	WDDC DTC	Support Promote
44.	Provide improved swimming facilities in the town	Public Consultation		Replace the aging Thomas Hardy Centre	New swimming facility in town	M	WDDC DCC	DACP Thomas Hardy School D of C	Support
45.	Identify area's where the legacy of the 2012 Olympics can be of benefit to the local community	Public Consultation		Encourage and support partnership working to explore options	New activities and opportunities are available	L	Team Dorset	WDDC DCC DACP DTC PC's CTD	Support Promote
46.	Maintain community facilities in the area, including pubs, post offices, phone boxes, libraries, village halls and other local facilities	Parish Plans Public Consultation		Support the use of facilities in the area  (Links with Local Prosperity 26)	To keep what is there open	M	Town and Parish Councils	DCC WDDC DCA DACP CTD	Support Promote

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

AIM		EVIDENCE	ACTIONS		TARGET	TIME SCALE	LEAD PARTNER	KEY PARTNERS	DACP'S ROLE
47.	Improve access for disabled to west side (up side) platform of Dorchester West Station	Public Consultation		Active involvement in developments	Access ramp in place from Williams Avenue	M	DCC DACP Access Group	Community Rail Partnership DAD Network Rail	Advise Promote
48.	Improve access to public transport for those with disabilities	Public Consultation		(Links with Transport and Accessibility 10)	People with disabilities are able to travel with no difficulty	M	DCC First Great Western South West Trains	DACP Access Group	Support Lobby
49.	Improve access to public transport to Dorchester for young people living in the rural villages	Young People's Consultation  Parish Plans		(Links with Transport and Accessibility 11)		M	DDC	DACP DYE DYA Parish Councils	Support Lobby
40.	Improve access to all areas in Dorchester Town	Public Consultation and Targeted Consultation of Disabled People		Carry out an access audit of the hard landscaping in Dorchester	Carry out remedial action on poor landscaping	M	DCC WDDC	Access Group Developers Age Concern	Action Advise Support

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51.	Improve access to shops and businesses in Dorchester for those with disabilities	Public Consultation and Target Consultation of Disabled People		Carry out an access audit of buildings	All new and refurbished shops and businesses are fully accessible	M	Developers DACP Access Group	DAD Chamber of Commerce	Action Advise Support
52.	Support and promote understanding and good relationships between groups and people of different ethnic, cultural or faith backgrounds and people of differing sexuality and trans gender groups	Annual Assembly	53.1	Organise workshops, training and events to improve understanding of history and culture of differing ethnic groups. Linked into national awareness weeks / months	Workshops / training events arranged	M	SW Multicultural Network DCC WDDC	DACP DCA EHRC Dorset REC Equality South West Local Interest Groups Rainbow Trust	Support Promote
			52.2	Arrange talks and meetings to outline beliefs of different faiths	Workshops / meetings arranged				
53.	Support people particularly those at risk of social exclusion to Be more involved in the local decision making and community activities	Annual Assembly	53.1	Make positive efforts to engage with people at risk of social exclusion	Greater number of people engaged in the process	S/M	DACP DATCP	Local Users Forum PC's DTC WDDC DCC	Action Promote
			53.2	Ensure clients of services are able to represent their views.		S/M			Support

## DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT

SPECIFIC ACTIONS	TARGET	TIME SCALE
Maintain Steering Group	To hold at least four meetings annually	Ongoing
Hold Annual Assembly Meeting	To hold annually in November	Ongoing
Develop the partnership's Protocol into a constitution to be reviewed every three years	To adopt the constitution by March 2009	March 2009
Monitor the Action Plan annually and review the Action Plan in 2012	To monitor progress against actions at least once a year. To review the Action Plan in 2012	Annual 2012
Engage with parishes in the Dorchester area over issues of common concern		Ongoing
Engage with people at risk of social exclusion to enable them to participate in the democratic process	Establish and maintain support to relevant Forums	Ongoing
Support the development of parish plans in the Dorchester area and feed the issues into the work of the partnership		Ongoing
Develop and maintain parish representation on Steering Group	To have at least two representatives of local parishes on the Steering Group	Ongoing
Play an active part in West Dorset Partnership (WDP) meetings, representing the Dorchester area	Ensure the regular exchange of information between the Dorchester area and WDP	Ongoing

## LIST OF ABBREVIATED ORGANISATIONS AND TERMS

CDRP	Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership	EHRC	Equality and Human Rights Commission
CTD	Churches Together in Dorset	FIDO	First Dorset Credit Union
DAD	Dorset Association for the Disabled	PACT	Partners and Communities Together
DACP	Dorchester Area Community Partnership	PC's	Parish Councils
DAPTC	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils	POPP	Partnership of Older People's Projects
DASP	Dorchester Area Schools Partnership	RSL's	Registered Social Landlords
DCA	Dorset Community Action	SWRDA	South West Regional Development Agency
DCC	Dorset County Council	TTD	Transition Town Dorchester
D of C	Duchy of Cornwall	WDDC	West Dorset District Council
DTC	Dorchester Town Council	WDP	West Dorset Partnership
EDP	XXX Street Pastors		

APPENDIX 2

Dorchester Area Community Partnership

