

REPORT TO THE WDP

14/01/19

Organisation Name: Dorchester Community Forum



	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Helping Dorchester to go Plastic Free	Promote Science	Develop mental health project to support young people – with Dorset MIND and Thomas Hardy School and other partners
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	Help Dorchester obtain Plastic Free status	Increase interest amongst young people in science Showcase organisations locally working in science	Better support for young people
Evidence of Need	Local, national and global issues around over use of plastic and increasing awareness of need of all to act	Young people moving away for careers	Increases in threats to mental health particularly for younger people
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Support local school led initiative, help organise events, provide platform to showcase initiative to local business and community. Also to ensure Town Council adopts plastic free principles.	Run a Family Science Festival	Set up joint meeting with all delivery groups supporting young people with mental health in Dorchester Promote project widely to encourage good take up
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	Damers School Litter Free Dorset Dorchester Town Council	Emma Scott Dorset County Museum Local Scientists Bournemouth University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorchester Youth Extra • Dorset MIND • Thomas Hardy School • Local Alliance Group facilitated by Dorchester Family Partnership Zone • Other local mental health projects
Timescale (date to be completed by)	July 2019	End March 2019	Project ongoing
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Achievement of nationally recognised plastic free status	Number of people attending event and feedback from attenders and activities	Evaluation of current pilot project and outcomes Development of ongoing project in partnership with new organisations including Dorset MIND and The Arts Development Company

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Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	Project well underway. Increasing range of partners on board.	Planning and organisation underway. Several partners involved including Thomas Hardye School, Jurassic Coast, Royal Institute of Physics	Pilot projects underway including targeted support sessions for young people at risk of not attending school Links continuing to develop with range of partner organisations.
Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)	Risk of poor uptake by businesses and local community/residents.	Funding of event Follow up activities	Ensuring pilot project compliments work already taking place in school Funding
RAG (red/amber/green)*	Green	Green	Green

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