

County Council Report

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Dorset Waste Partnership

The Dorset Waste Partnership is conducting a recycling education project in East Dorset from mid-April.

A key area of the project will be the placement of a 'no food waste' sticker and a tag upon each rubbish bin.

The project objective is to help reduce the waste collection and disposal costs by increasing the use of the food waste collection service provided for by DWP, and in turn reducing the amount of this recyclable material being included in the rubbish bin. Due to its nature food waste is very heavy and, if left in the rubbish bin, it has a vastly higher disposal cost when compared with the cost of recycling this material. A similar project has been run and proved to have significant savings in a neighbouring county.

The project is intended to be non-intrusive to the residents. Stickers and tags will be attached to every rubbish bin regardless of the presence of a food waste bin. We will not be inspecting the contents of the bins themselves. Both the sticker and tag are designed to remain on the bin and are not recyclable. The sticker and tag refer to the webpage at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/food-waste> for further information.

The stickering and tagging exercise is planned to last 4 months starting from 9 April and will be supplemented with a social media.

Boundary Review for Dorset Council Warding

A review of the electoral boundaries for the new Dorset Council is currently underway and has reached the next stage to develop the ward boundaries for the new electoral wards. Events have been arranged to engage with district and county councillors across the Dorset area councils to consider the boundaries in separate areas of Dorset with the main consideration of ensuring **Electoral Equality, Community Cohesion, and Effective Local Governance**. This consultation is for these councillors only at this point as public consultation, including town and parish councils, will be undertaken in the next phase of the boundary review, which will be carried out by the Local Government Electoral Boundary Committee in July 2018 for an eight week period.

The principles for the engagement will be that:

- Each ward is new, and is not associated with any member of an existing Council.
- The boundaries must only be changed with a rationale for doing so which is in the best interest of the ward.
- Regard will be given to the impact of any changes to a ward and on its neighbouring ward(s).
- No parochial matters should influence changes to boundary lines and/or splitting polling districts.

Springfield Road, Verwood

Your county councillors attended a further site visit this month to see the progress on the project. We have kept in touch with local residents to ensure that disturbance is kept to a minimum; this includes the upkeep of the diversion route via Manor Lane which is an un-adopted highway.

Work is continuing apace; the lighting columns are in and the kerbing to the pavement is now under construction. Works are on schedule for completion at the end of April/early May.

Remedial works to both Manor Lane and the dog leg of Springfield Road leading to Manor Lane have been requested at the end of the project as these residents have suffered extra traffic due to the diversions.