

Dorset Local Plan and the Statement of Community Involvement

We would like to make you aware that Dorset Council is beginning work on a new Local Plan. The Council has also drafted a Statement of Community Involvement, which will begin consultation on Last Friday 21 June.

Dorset Council began life on 1 April 2019, following the merger of Dorset County Council with the district/borough councils of East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland. As such, Dorset Council is now the local planning authority for the areas these authorities used to cover.

As the local planning authority, Dorset Council is required to produce a local plan for Dorset. When adopted, this will replace the local plans adopted by the former district and borough councils.

Local Digital Champions

We would like to give you the details of your local Digital Champion (DC) sessions.

There are sessions running at West Moors Library on:

- Thursdays between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm (the DCs running this session are Nina Philp and Robert Devine)
- 2nd and 4th Friday of each month between 10 am and 12.30 noon (the DCs running this session are Tony Prince, Neil Barton and Nina Philp)

Learners need to ring the library number or our 01305 221048 hotline to book a slot with the DC. They don't need to bring their own device to the session, but are welcome to bring their phones, smartphones, tablets or laptops if they have one.

Counterfeits Trader.

A trader caught selling counterfeit clothing by trading standards officers at a Dorset car boot sale has been ordered to pay £40,000, undertake 250 hours of unpaid work and been given a suspended prison sentence.

The illegal Trader from Southampton was sentenced at Bournemouth Crown Court on 31 May 2019, having pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to 11 offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994 of possessing counterfeit goods for sale. The offending goods included t-shirts; polo shirts; tracksuits, shorts, sandals and training shoes falsely bearing the fake marks of Fred Perry, North Face, Superdry, Puma, Adidas, Hugo Boss, Polo, Moncler, Lacoste, Nike and Stone Island.

The Court heard that Dorset County Council Trading Standards had received a consumer complaint that a man was selling counterfeit clothing and footwear at Ashley Heath Car Boot Sale, situated at Three Legged Cross, Dorset. As a result, officers visited the market on 18 June 2017 where they found The Trader selling.

Cllrs Mike Dyer and David Shortell.