



The DORSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM is recruiting new members - NOW!

Do you believe it's important to have the opportunity to get outdoors to picnic, play, socialise, relax; keep fit keep healthy? That there needs to be better opportunities to walk or cycle instead of having to use the car? That opportunity to walk, horse-ride or cycle on safe off-road routes is limited? That public outdoor space and paths provide essential green space for people and wildlife? That public outdoor access needs to be sensitively managed with regards to agriculture, forestry and environmental management?

Would you like to be actively involved in helping to improve public paths and outdoor green space?

Since it was established in 2002, the DLAF has helped make a difference improving and developing outdoor access. Current work includes improving local access for health benefits, agreeing the route of the Dorset section of the England coast path and commenting on Public Rights of Way provision in new planning development. But you may have new projects to bring to the Forum?

The Forum is an independent, statutory body working with various organisations; for example, all county, town and parish councils; AONBs, National Trust, CLA, Forestry, Defra and Natural England.

We now have **vacancies for new members**, to represent the following categories:

- People who enjoy using paths and public green space for recreation and travel;
- Owners, occupiers and managers of land - especially with open access or PRoW;
- People with access-related interests, eg tourism, health, disability or transport.

The Forum meets three times a year, with additional training and working groups as required. Certain expenses and allowances can be claimed.

Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole, as appointing authorities, provide support for Forum members and the work they do.

If you have the time, experience and enthusiasm to make a valuable and constructive contribution to the work of the Forum, an application form and information pack is available at <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorset-local-access-forum/apply> or from:

Dorset LAF
Project and Service Support Team
Environment and Economy Directorate
Dorset County Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
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DT1 1XJ

Email: EnvironmentalServices-ReceptionTeam@dorsetcc.gov.uk entitled DLAF APPLICATION

We are committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity. We require the same information from all candidates and will not accept letters or testimonials in place of an application form.

The **closing date** for return of completed application forms is **Friday 6 October 2017**.

For an informal discussion about the work of the Forum, please contact **Tara Hansford**,
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