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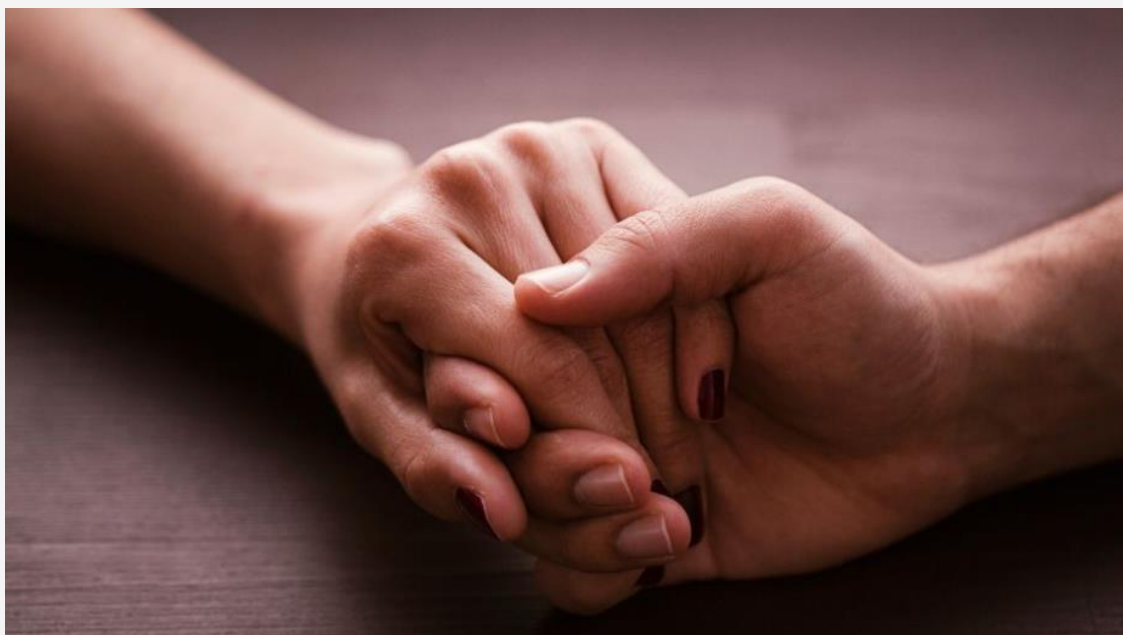
Dorset's country parks recognised as some of the best in the UK

This week, we are celebrating after receiving 5 Green Flag Awards for its Avon Heath Country Park, Stour Meadows, Milldown, Durlston Country Park, and Thorncombe Wood, Black Heath and Hardy's Birthplace sites.

The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces and is testament to the hard work and dedication of the teams that care for these sites.

Durlston Country Park has also achieved the Green Heritage Site Accreditation, supported by Historic England, for the management and promotion of its historic features.

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Another Mother – a poem to my foster carer

A child in care has written a heartfelt poem explaining how her foster carer has become ‘another mother’ to her. In the poem, Katie* age 14, expresses how her foster carer has become her rock and the one she turns to in times of need.

Angela, Katie’s foster carer said, “Katie has been with us now for almost a year and receiving the poem from her deeply moved me. It is an incredibly beautiful and meaningful poem, and the words capture so much emotion.

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New Dorset bike share scheme to span three new areas

Sustainable transport operators Beryl and partners, are launching a brand new e-bike share scheme linking coast to town and beyond.

Later this summer, 121 e-bikes will be made available to hire across Dorchester, Weymouth and the scenic Isle of Portland to help encourage even more sustainable transport habits across Dorset.

The e-bikes will be hired from and returned to designated 'Beryl bays', which will be located following consultation with key local stakeholders.

[Find out more](#)



Dorset Council launches new housing web page

A new web page has been unveiled, to mark the launch of the Home In On Housing Programme. This will deliver our Housing Strategy.

On this page you will be able to read about the themes, aims and objectives.

There is also information about each of the projects that make up this programme.

The themes include:

- Increasing housing supply
- Building healthy communities
- Homes for Dorset residents

We have divided the projects into phases. We are currently in Phase One.

[Find out more](#)



Dorset Council declares nature emergency

At the meeting of full council last night, Dorset Council members voted to declare a nature emergency and pledged to take action to reverse its decline.

Work is already underway to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for our county, and the council is working closely with farmers, landowners, businesses, and organisations to agree where and how we can help wildlife thrive in Dorset.

Opportunities for residents to help shape this new plan for nature will be coming this autumn.

Learn more about what we're doing to support [nature recovery in Dorset](#) and how you can get involved.

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Would you like to win a £100 Love2shop gift card?

All you need to do is complete a short 5-10 minute survey about Dorset Council's Food Waste service for a chance to be entered into a prize draw.

Even if you don't use the service, we still want to hear from you! It's important to us that we continue to improve this service, so the more feedback we get the better.

The deadline date for completing the survey is Monday 26th August.

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