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Dorset Coast Forum

Swanage Newsletter 10th Edition
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Swanage Neighbourhood Plan

Dorset Coast Forum has been appointed by Swanage Town Council to undertake engagement with the community to gather the community's views on the 8 proposed themes that will form the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan:

- **Swanage Settlement**
- **Housing Mix**
- **Development Sites**
- **Town Centre**
- **Townscape Character**
- **Open Space and Recreation**
- **Local Green Spaces**
- **Community Facilities**

The Draft Plan will then be produced shaped by the feedback collated during this initial engagement phase. **The DRAFT PLAN will be shared during a formal consultation planned for early 2026.**

A Neighbourhood Plan sets out policies for the use and development of land and, once approved in a local referendum, becomes part of the statutory development plan, meaning it must be considered when deciding planning applications.



There are several ways to **get involved** with this initial engagement to inform the Draft Plan:

- complete the online survey
- Drop-in to one of 4 community events this autumn and explore maps, displays and to talk to the DCF team in person. No booking needed, check out the Future Events section in this newsletter or on the project webpage
- Stay connected by checking the webpage and follow Swanage Town Council and DCF social media channels for the latest updates



Scan me 2connect with the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan

To find out more information, for FAQs, updates, events and to complete the survey by Sunday 19 October 2025 please go to the project webpage:
www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/swanage-neighbourhood-plan

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FREE ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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DORSET TOGETHER

DISCOVERY FEST

SWANAGE SEAFRONT

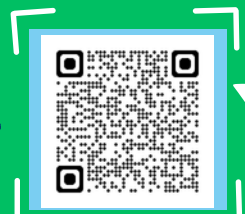
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SHORE ROAD, 10AM - 3PM

- * DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT EXPERIENCE * WILL DOES *
- * JURASSIC COAST DISCOVERY WALK * PURBECK SOUNDS
- * NATIONAL TRUST PURBECK * WILDLIFE TRUST *
- * TREES FOR DORSET * THE SHED AT DURLSTON *
- * ANDREW SIMPSON CENTRES * PURBECK REPAIR CAFE *
- * SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE * CUMULUS OUTDOORS *
- * STEPPING INTO NATURE *
- * SOUTH WEST FLOOD & COASTAL *
- * DORSET COAST FORUM FLOOD TANK *

... AND MANY MORE

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Swanage Green Seafront Stabilisation and Shore Road Enhancement Scheme

DCF Project Officer Elaine had a super busy Round 2 Engagement Phase for the Swanage Green Seafront Stabilisation and Enhancement Project during the early summer with multiple public events and opportunities for the community to have their say.

Over 400 people attended our DCF hosted range of engagement events and the opportunity to complete the accompanying community survey was extensively utilised. We thank everyone who took the time to attend an event or complete the survey.

DCF are now currently analysing the collected data and preparing a report for Swanage Town Council. It is now anticipated by the town council that the stabilisation work is unlikely to begin before September 2027.



To keep updated on the project please go to the project webpage.



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Project Officer Elaine hosting one of the community engagement events

COASTAL LIFESTORIES



Coastal Life Stories is a touring exhibition created by DCF as part of their 30th Anniversary celebrations featuring some of the exceptional individuals and organisations who dedicate their work and efforts to protecting, enhancing and helping shape a positive future for the Dorset Coast and its communities. Please come and view highlights of this FREE exhibition at the Discovery Fest event on 20 September and the full exhibition will be available to view at Durlston Country Park 7-15 October 2025.

Swanage Town Coastal Protection and Management Schemes

For updates on Future Coast North Swanage and the Swanage Town Coastal Protection Scheme please view our Have Your Say webpages – DCF Project Officer Sara will provide more details in our next newsletter in a few weeks time!





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Dorset Coast Forum and our project partners will be raising awareness and engaging with the public at these autumn 2025 events:

Saturday 20 September Join us for **Discovery Fest** on the seafront 10am–3pm in partnership with Planet Purbeck and plenty of brilliant, inspiring Dorset organisations! *Please book ahead if you want to join one of the guided walks on offer – see the ad in this newsletter for info*

Saturday 20 September highlights from the DCF **Coastal Life Stories** exhibition will be on display as part of the **Discovery Fest** event on the seafront 10am–3pm

Thursday 25 September Swanage Neighbourhood Plan drop-in at The Focus Centre, Chapel Lane 3–7pm

Wednesday 1 October Flooding Swanage with Art panels reinstall begins on the temporary wave barriers along the seafront (in situ until Spring 2026)



The Team from the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI), St Alban's Head, Worth Matravers – featuring in Dorset Coast Forum's Coastal Life Stories touring exhibition autumn 2025

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Future Events

Remember to check our project pages & social media for the latest events

Wednesday 1 October Swanage Neighbourhood Plan drop-in at All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell 10am–2pm

Wednesday 1 October Future Coast North Swanage engagement Project Officer Sara will be at the Swanage Town Council Coastal Change and Beach Management Advisory Committee Meeting 2.15–4pm

Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 15 October Coastal Life Stories free exhibition at Durlston Country Park daily 10am – 4pm

Wednesday 8 October Swanage Neighbourhood Plan drop-in at Herston Village Hall 3–7pm

Wednesday 15 October Swanage Neighbourhood Plan drop-in at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue 10am–2pm



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