



Neighbourhood Engagement Commitment

Department	West Dorset Neighbourhood Policing Team
Period covered	October 2025 – March 2026

Our Vision	To create a safe county for everyone – this sits at the centre of our policing purpose and is at the foundation of everything we do.
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Our Purpose	<p>Our Purpose is very clear – we are tough on crime, we keep people safe, and we put victims first.</p> <p>These three elements are at the core of our day-to-day activities, and they help us to guide our decisions and identify our priorities and future direction. Our purpose will help us to achieve our vision and will bring us closer to all communities, partners, and visitors.</p>
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Our Priorities	<p>To achieve our Vision and Purpose we have six priorities, which cut across all workstreams and areas of business for the Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relentless pursuit of criminality ▪ Putting victims first ▪ Exceptional local policing ▪ Ethical and inclusive ▪ Innovating, transforming and improving ▪ Enabling people to deliver excellence
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Local Policing Priorities for the reporting period (in no order of priority)

- Our most up to date NPT Priorities are listed on our webpages: [Bridport](#) | [Dorchester](#) | [Sherborne](#)

Further to these priorities, Neighbourhood Policing Teams daily scan the reported incidents, crimes, and intelligence to focus on what is important to their communities. This information informs our daily patrols, 'Hot Spot' Policing for ASB, and our engagement plans to ensure we maximise opportunities to have the right resources in the right place and at the right time. More detail can be found on our webpage here: [Bridport](#) | [Dorchester](#) | [Sherborne](#)

We will engage with our communities by holding face-to-face events

- Each team will commit to at least one face to face public engagement event per month.
- We will update our webpages every three months with our current priorities.
- We will advertise our public engagements on our website, including the time, date, and location, and on our social media platforms.
- We will reach out to our seldom heard groups, to engage when appropriate.
- We will continue to engage with our Community Speed Watch scheme. It goes from strength to strength with new villages and towns signing up weekly. For more information about Community Speed Watch and how to join the scheme: [please click here](#)

We will develop and increase the effectiveness of our digital engagement

- We will continue to engage with our communities through online platforms when necessary. This could include Teams/Zoom meetings.
- We will utilise Dorset Alert, our two-way community messaging system operated by Dorset Police, which allows us to exchange information with you by email at no cost to you. The system is designed to allow people who register, to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news. If you would like to register: [click here](#)

We will improve and increase our use of social media to engage with the public and keep them informed

- We will advertise our public engagements on our social media channels.
- We will also utilise social media to update our communities on our priorities, local issues, good working, advice and what we are doing locally.
- You can view our social media channels through these links: [Dorchester Police](#) | [Sherborne Police](#) | [Bridport Police](#)

We will consult and engage with our communities to make them integral to the decisions we make

- West Dorset Neighbourhood Policing Teams will continue to engage with our communities and complete 'Public Priority Surveys'. These surveys help to inform our decisions on our Local Policing Priorities.
- We engage with partner agencies at our 4-6 weekly (PCGS) Partnership and Co-ordinating Group. This group is well attended by Police and all strategic partners to work together to solve and address issues within our communities.
- The teams will continue to attend other partnership working meetings, including the Youth at risk Meeting when possible.
- We will consult with our town/parish councils on a regular basis, every quarter, as a minimum.

We will increase and broaden our engagement across all communities ensuring we are inclusive of seldom-heard communities

- We continue to grow a cohort of KCCs (Key Community Contacts) who represent the diversity within our communities, can speak for their communities and help us improve the service we provide.
- We will continue to consult with our KCCs and will engage with our seldom heard groups when possible.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

- You can find out who your local NPT officers are via our webpages: [Bridport](#) | [Dorchester](#) | [Sherborne](#)

Neighbourhood Inspector

Inspector 1824 Ged Want

Neighbourhood Chief Inspector

Chief Inspector 2573 Richard Jeffery