
Welcome to the
Dorset Coast
Conference
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Dorset
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Meet the team

Dorset Coast Forum

Celebrating JURASSIC COAST DORSET AND EAST DEVON WORLD HERITAGE SITE 25 years



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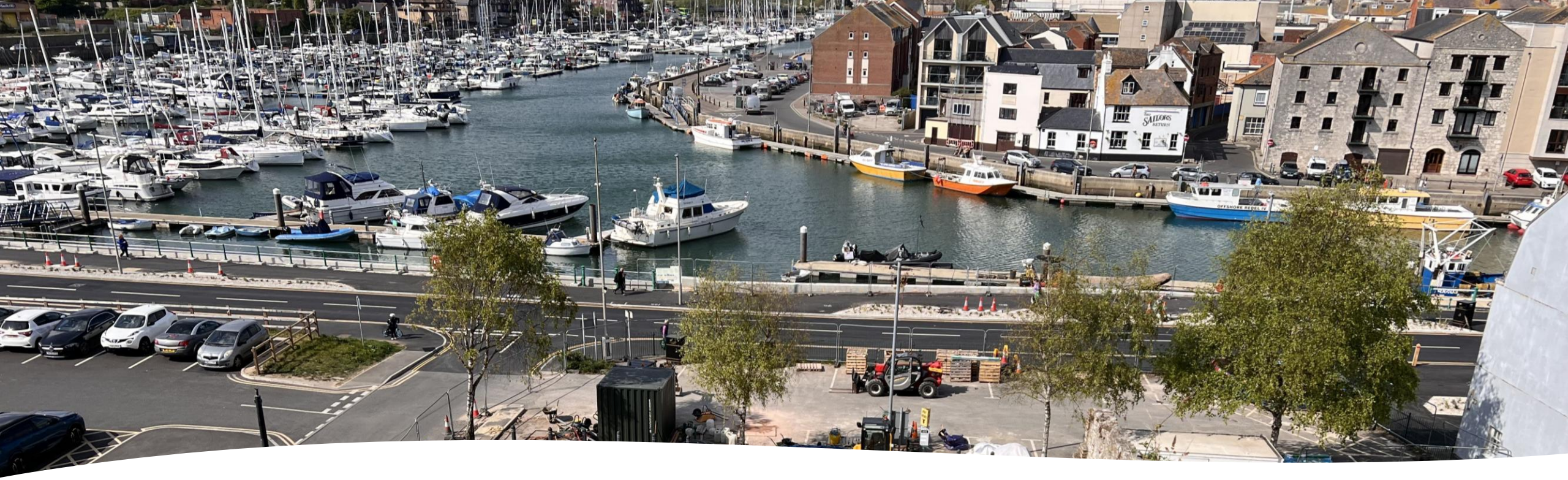
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Energising Dorset's Economy

- DCF facilitated workshops on the future of Weymouth Peninsula and social value.
- Helps to incorporate and prioritise thoughts and ideas from stakeholder and communities.
- Future support for regeneration plans and the Clean Energy Super Cluster Scheme.



World Heritage Site

- 25th anniversary, including VIP event at Lulworth Cove.
- A new online Fossil record including 600 fossils.
- Ichthyosaur exhibition at Bridport Museum.
- A new WHS website to be launched in the new year.
- DCF to support stakeholder engagement for WHS Management Plan.

CELEBRATING
JURASSIC COAST
DORSET AND EAST DEVON
WORLD HERITAGE SITE
25 YEARS



Making Dorset's Coast Accessible for Everyone

- Brought partners together to champion inclusive blue spaces.
- Shared vision: Dorset the UK's leading inclusive blue space capital.
- Building momentum over the past 18 months
- The Inclusive Blue Space Network was created.
- Beach Access Projects: Weymouth, Studland & West Bay.
- Led by multiple partners.



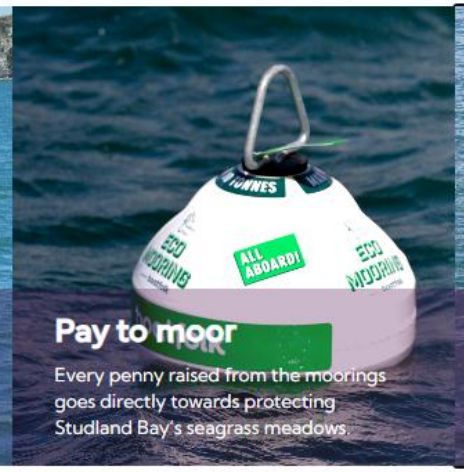
Find out more about the Inclusive Blue Space Network













STUDLAND BAY MARINE PARTNERSHIP

Studland's Ocean Meadows - the science beneath the surface

Proof that eco-moorings help save seagrass

FREE ONLINE TALK
Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 6-7pm
REGISTER to attend

Presented by Dr Ken Collins and Kira Dunn
University of Southampton



Studland Bay Marine Partnership

- New dedicated website studlandbay.org
- Evidence of the benefits of eco-moorings
- DCF acting as secretariat
- SBMP exploring next steps e.g. Poole Harbour

Hundreds pack meeting about harbour water quality



Hundreds of people packed the Regent centre in Christchurch

3 September 2026

Hundreds of residents packed a public meeting about harbour water quality after a sudden spike in E. coli levels in a nearby river.

Regular testing of the River Stour in Christchurch, Dorset, by Christchurch Harbour and Marine Society (CHAMS) revealed a huge jump in bacteria levels in mid-August.

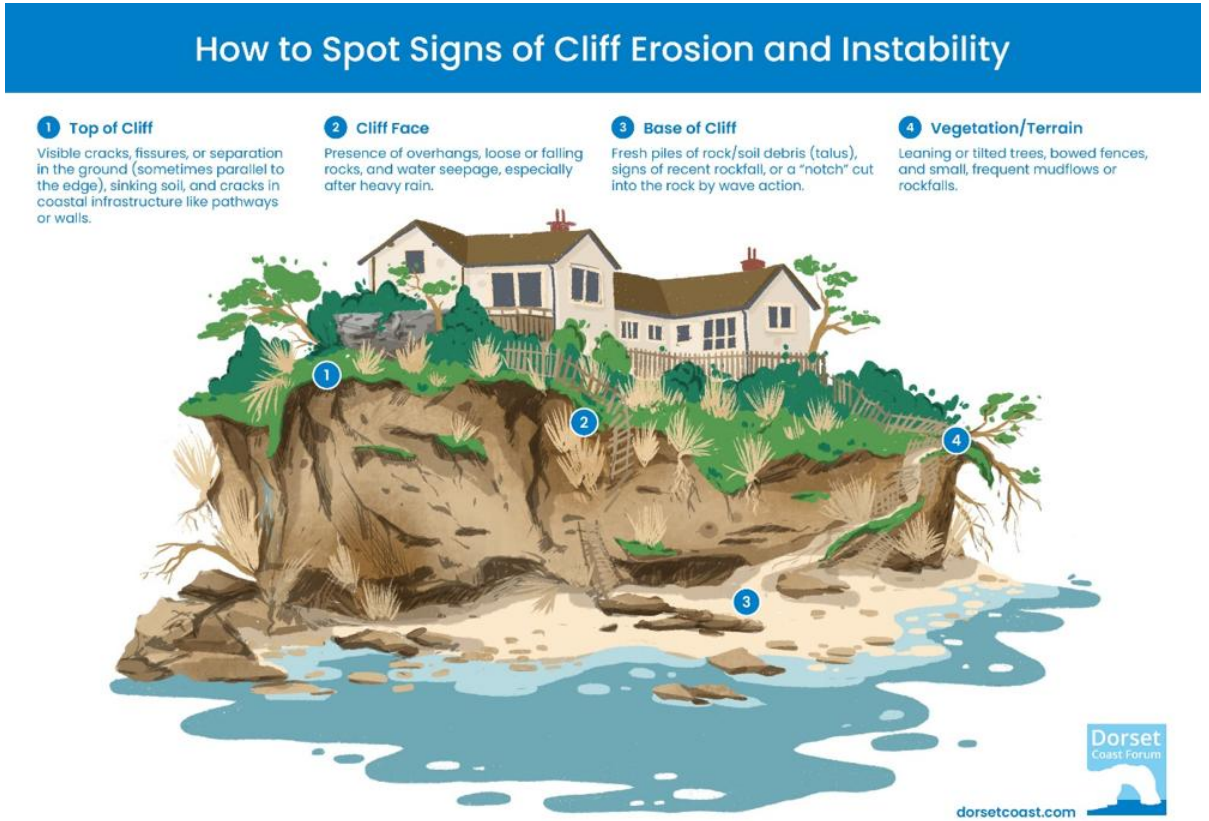
Christchurch Harbour

- Community concerns – water quality, natural habitats and sustainable business and recreation.
- Volunteer testing exposed high readings of E-coli, source not known.
- DCF to act as neutral partner to facilitate discussions and build an agreed framework
- Additional funding from 3C's.

Flood and Coastal Risk

- South West Flood and Coastal and Dorset Council.
- BCP Cliff Management guide.
- Weymouth FCERM strategy
- Portland Underhill to Wyke Regis FCRM strategy.
- Swanage Town Coastal Protection and Beach Recharge Scheme.





SOUTH WEST
Flood & Coastal

Lyme Regis Cobb Stabilisation Project

- DCF facilitated partnership with Dorset Council, Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency.
- Organisations now working more closely to develop long-term plans to stabilise the Cobb.
- Ongoing Lottery funding application for surfacing and other improvements.



Swanage Green Seafront Stabilisation and Shore Road Improvement Scheme

- Essential and new options have gained planning approval.
- The event fields are a vital asset, stabilisation works are crucial.
- Plans for adjacent Shore Road – removal of parking and widening of promenade.













Motion for the Ocean

- Dorset Council declaration
- Includes commitments e.g.
  - Sustainable blue economy
  - Considering ocean recovery in decision making & plans
  - Ocean Literacy.
- Outdoor Classroom Day, Shell Bay, Studland.
- NT, Ocean Conservation Trust, Suttle Projects, RNLI and Dorset Heaths Partnership.
- 120 pupils took part.

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Our Impacts

96% of attendees found our 2025 conference 'useful or very useful'

"A thoroughly, enjoyable, inspirational and productive day"

Feedback from our annual conference 2024

Coastal Communities engaged -From Lyme Regis to Christchuch

26 partnership projects from 2023 - 2025

56 community engagement events in 2025



30 years of expertise and experience

5110 surveys completed between 2023 - 2025