



Activities in West Dorset

Area	Activity summary	Day and time of activity	Meeting point for activity	Description of activity	Cost	Additional comments	To Book
Purbeck. West Dorset. Weymouth (for pick up)	Mid-week Wildlife Conservation Volunteering	Weekly. Wednesday 9am-4pm	Conservation tasks are held in a variety of different places mainly in south and west Dorset, minibus pickups are arranged from Weymouth and Dorchester and en route.	The EuCAN DMV activities range from hedge laying and dry-stone walling to scrub clearance and fencing. We operate on a number of different sites between Wareham in the east of Dorset and as far west as Lyme Regis, working on nature reserves and private sites. We recommend that you telephone or email the organiser, David Searle to discuss the plans and to reserve a seat on the minibus if necessary.	Free	Waterproofs, suitable walking footwear, snack and drink, mug for hot drinks. Bring work/gardening gloves if you have them. Soup is generally provided but volunteers are recommended to bring their own lunch and snacks as well.	07790 219463 or eucan.dmv@gmail.com
West Dorset	West Dorset Reserves Volunteer Work Party	Weekly. Tuesday 10am-3.30pm	Variable in West Dorset - contact organiser for details	Practical volunteer work party with Dorset Wildlife Trust, undertaking task such as scrub clearance and hedge laying across Dorset Wildlife Trusts West Dorset Reserves. This will consist of using bowsaws, loppers and other hand tools. There will be burning of arisings on most days and includes working on uneven and sometimes steep terrain.	Free	Suggested waterproof coats, suitable walking footwear, snack and drink, wellies, work clothing, lunch and work gloves	07557 561624

West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	Weekly, Tuesday 11am	Pound Piece Surgery, Maiden Newton DT2 ODB or alternate weeks at Cattistock Tea Rooms in the Village Stores DT2 0HY	Walk lengths range from ten, thirty, sixty to ninety minutes and are adapted for those attending.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	barbara_evans@hotmail.co.uk
West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	Weekly, Wednesday 9.45am	Bridport United Church, East Street, DT6 3LJ	New walkers welcome. The walks last between 20 to 40 minutes. Please arrive 5 minutes early.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	01425 480811
West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	First Wednesday of the month 9.45am	Bridport United Church, East Street, DT6 3LJ	New walkers welcome. Less than 30-minute walk. Please arrive 5 minutes early.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	01425 480811
West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	First and third Thursday of the month 10.30am	Bridport United Church, East Street, DT6 3LJ	New walkers welcome. 60-minute walk. Please arrive 5 minutes early.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	01425 480811

West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	Various times and dates – see website for details: https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorchester-strollers-health-walks	Various locations around Dorchester – see website for details: https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorchester-strollers-health-walks	The Dorchester Strollers were formed in July 2003 and is run by volunteers. We are a friendly group offering free walks with trained leaders and back markers on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Walks start at different points in Dorchester and usually finish with a sociable tea or coffee.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	Maureenhaywood@me.com
West Dorset	Dorset Health Walks	Weekly, Friday 10am - 11am	Thorncombe Woods	The walk is an hour in length using the paths, trails and bridleways around the beautiful reserve and Puddletown Heath. The walk is suitable for more experienced health walkers, as the paths have inclines and the terrain is mixed and uneven in places. No booking necessary, just turn up.	Free	Wear suitable footwear for various terrains and weather conditions, money for refreshments	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/torncombe-wood
West Dorset	General Gardening, Dorchester	Weekly. Wednesday 10am-4pm	Max Gate, Alington Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2AB	Gardening in General, weeding, pruning, lawn care, with the National Trust	Free	Waterproofs, suitable footwear, snack/drink/lunch if staying all day. Tea and coffee provided. Steel Toe Cap boots provided if regular.	07826 890940

West Dorset	General Gardening, Hardy's Cottage	Weekly. Thursday 10am-4pm	Hardy's Cottage, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QJ	Gardening in General, weeding, pruning, lawn care. Provided by the National Trust	Free	Waterproofs, suitable footwear, snack/drink/lunch if staying all day. Tea and coffee provided. Steel Toe Cap boots provided if regular.	07826 890940
West Dorset	Furzecutters	Fortnightly. Tuesday 10:am - 2:00pm	Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre, Thorncombe Wood, Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester, DT2 8QH	<p>The Furzecutters is a friendly group of volunteers who meet fortnightly to help the Rangers conserve and maintain Thorncombe Wood Local Nature Reserve.</p> <p>The day starts at 10am and work continues until 3pm, weather permitting, but volunteers are able to stop whenever they wish. If staying for lunch then packed lunches are required but teas and coffees are always provided.</p> <p>Tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> scrub clearance livestock checks path clearance site patrols wildlife surveys traditional woodland crafts (coppicing and hedge-laying) reserve maintenance (fencing, clearing drainage channels, repairing gates and signage) <p>Please contact the Hardy's Birthplace Team for more information.</p>	Free	Bring waterproofs, suitable outdoor footwear and a packed lunch or money for the café.	hardysbirthplace@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk