

Dorset LNP Annual Forum: Launching the Dorset LNRS

Wednesday 25 March 2026 – 9.30-3.00

George Albert Hotel, Wardon Hill, Evershot, Nr Dorchester, DT2 9PW

Programme

9:00	Registrations & Refreshments
9:30	Welcome – Phil Sterling (Dorset LNP Chair)
9.40	Session 1: Putting the strategy and maps into practice – Amy Smith and Bridget Betts (Dorset Council) and Martin Whitchurch (BCP Council)
10.30	Tea & coffee break / Networking
11.00	Session 2: Delivery – Successes and challenges: Panel session Presented by Lizzie McLaughlin (Podcaster) Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Gelfs (Farmer) • Tanya Bellows (CommuniTree) • Benn Kitchiner (Your Eco Gardener) • Bev Lagden (Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) • Sophie Burry (Graduate Ecologist at ABR Ecology) • David Brown (National Trust)
12:15	Lunch / Networking
13:15	Session 3: Using behavioural science in nature recovery – Toby Blume (Social Engine)
13:45	Growing Nature Recovery Dorset: Workshop session
14:45	Official launch of Dorset LNRS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Alexander (Natural England) • Cllr Andy Hadley (BCP Council) • Cllr Nick Ireland (Dorset Council)
15:00	Forum summary and close of meeting
15:05 – 15:30	Refreshments / Networking

