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DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL, DORSET

Dorchester Town Council is planning to plant 20,000 trees by 2030.

The council is supporting ten years of community tree planting to maintain the longevity of the council, as well as tackling the effects of climate change locally. The number of trees that Dorchester Town Council has chosen to plant is significant, as this is the number of residents living in the town. This tree-planting project is being undertaken by Transition Dorchester in collaboration with the Council.

An additional project that the council has undertaken, to respond to the climate and ecological emergency, is hedge planting. Councillors battled through Storm Dennis in February 2020 to plant a hedgerow. Dorchester Town Council created a grant fund for the planting to take place. The council chose to plant a series of hedges to tackle climate change locally.

The council also hosted a Plastic-Free Picnic, 27 July 2019, to demonstrate to residents that living plastic-free is easy and achievable. This is part of a wider initiative of the council going plastic-free! You can see a video of the event [here](#).

Has your council done something similar? If so please get in contact with NALC by emailing Claire Goldfinch. Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk

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