



## Annual Report

The Year from February 2021 to January 2022 has been another Year that Sustainable Dorset has seen the impact of COVID on its operations. With that said it has brought with it opportunities and collaborations that might not have emerged as quickly had it not been the case.

We also note the sad passing of Colin Dewsnap (15.6.1935 – 01.10.2021)

Colin's concern for the wellbeing of the planet stemmed from the Rio Convention of 1992 one of the outcomes of which was Agenda 21 – a call for governments to address the issues of conservation and management of resources for development within their communities. As a committed ecologist he had the foresight to recognise that global warming and climate change were a real immediate threat to the eco-system that sustains all forms of life on our planet.

### Highlights

We have seen the emergence of DorsetCAN (Dorset Climate Action Network) over the last 12 months and this initiative has been supported by Sustainable Dorset primarily by trustee Jenny Morisetti.

<https://www.dorsetcan.org/>

We have continued to see interest and thanks for the Dorset Green Living Project and the easy-to-follow manual that has been created.

<https://greenliving.sustainabledorset.org/>

We have supported the initiative Dorset Declares led by trustee Michael Hancock which is aimed at encouraging businesses and organisations to take more proactive steps towards climate change. We have recruited two new champions Natasha Dwane and Grace Barham who are volunteering their time to this partnership project, a collaboration with Community Alliances.

[www.dorsetdeclares.com](http://www.dorsetdeclares.com)

We have decided to allocate funding to supporting the website and our valued communications role across Dorset and have recruited Tracee Cossey to that post. Since September 2021 we have seen increased engagement with people and members. We have seen an increase in donations and volunteer support.

We continue to support Zero Carbon Dorset and Mark Chivers in their aim to document and highlight solutions to the climate crisis in Dorset

<https://www.zerocarbodynamics.com/zerocarbondorset.html>

### Strategic Direction

As we move into the future, the role of Sustainable Dorset as Dorset's core Sustainability Charity is to focus more on supporting other initiatives through a combination of media and communications and the use of our charitable status to help others gain grant funding by working in partnership.

### Thankyou

We would like to thank all our Champions, Volunteers, Fellow Trustees and Members for their support of Sustainable Dorset over the past year and look forward to next year.

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