



Events Guide May – August 2025



Connecting people with
learning disabilities in Dorset



People First Dorset Welcome to our Events Guide May – August 2025



Lots more fun activities over the summer that you have asked for!



Thank you to PCSO's Richard and Phoenix for coming along to meet members at our Weymouth beach walk!

We are listening



People First Dorset is for you. Don't forget to keep telling us what activities you like; what is good and not good in your life. This helps us support you best or find you the right support. Talk to us at events or contact us (see back page).



If you need support at our events, you must bring someone to support you.



We want to keep our events free, so everyone can attend. If you can support our work with a donation, it really does help. We have a 'subs' box at events.

Thank you.

Changes to Day Services. What do you think?



Dorset Council are doing a consultation. They are going to create better opportunities for people attending day services.



They want to get it right, so need to hear from people who use services, especially if you have a personal budget or direct payment.



If you want to fill in their survey, we will have copies at our events, and can help you fill it in. If you want to just tell us what you think, we can write down your ideas, and share them with the council for you.



The consultation ends on Monday 9th June 2025.

Online Events



Let us know if you would like to join our online events, so we can send you the Zoom link (contact details on back page).



Making lives better

by Emily Burr and Kerry Martin



In February, we went to a meeting at the Houses of Parliament.

It was to talk about an important report that had just been published.

For the first time ever, we can see the financial savings that our work creates.

A big thank you from us for this report, goes to the Henry Smith Charity.

They employed Social Finance and self-advocacy group Speakup to evaluate 14 groups like us, over the last 3 years.

The Henry Smith Charity



Independent Advocacy for people with a learning disability and autistic people

£12 saved for every £1 spent



to health and social care budgets!

We also sat on a panel in London, talking about why the report is important.



I, Kerry, also sat on a panel with Geoff, Marshall and Amy from Speakup.

We have stayed in touch with them because now

we know our work makes huge savings to health and social care budgets, we want to make sure that groups like us are properly funded.

We are meeting MP Liam Conlan again in May to talk more about this. Liam hosted the meeting in London and has offered to support.



**BIG
ISSUE**

We also wrote an article together for the Big Issue. It's on the People First Dorset website, in the 'News' section.

If you have views on why our work matters, please tell us. The more we understand how it helps you, the better we can keep doing this work! Thank you.



May 2025

Don't forget we can't offer support at our events. If you need support, please bring someone to support you.

Friendship Club Events

Weymouth



Date: Tuesday 6th May

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Brewers Fayre, Weymouth

Activity: Meal and walk along beach

Dorchester



Date: Tuesday 13th May

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Brewhouse, Dorchester

Activity: Meal and quiz

Weymouth



Date: Thursday 22nd May

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Centenary Club, Weymouth

Activity: Disco

Doing the best activities that work for you!

We have a smaller team now, so there are less events. We are making time this year to:-

- a) understand how to support you best.
- b) work out long term funding needs of PFD.

We will ask for your thoughts soon. Your ideas will help us support you better!





May 2025

Friendship Club Event

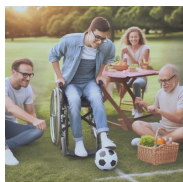
Dorchester

Date: Tuesday 27th May

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Borough Gardens, Dorchester.
If wet, meet in the Junction Hotel.

Activity: Picnic and games



Speaking Up Events

Weymouth

Date: Tuesday 6th May

Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Where: Bethany Hall, Weymouth



Dorchester

Date: Wednesday 7th May

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: United Church, Dorchester

Activity: Money workshop



Online event



Please book this (see back page)

Date: Monday 19th May

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: Bingo

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June 2025

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Friendship Club Events



Weymouth



Date: Tuesday 3rd June

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Redlands, Weymouth

Activity: Picnic and cricket

Dorchester



Date: Tuesday 10th June

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: The Junction, Dorchester

Activity: Meal and quiz

Dorchester



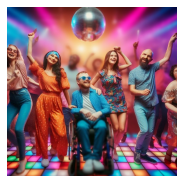
Date: Tuesday 24th June

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Dorchester Cricket Ground

Activity: Picnic and cricket

Weymouth



Date: Thursday 26th June

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Centenary Club, Weymouth

Activity: Disco



June 2025

Speaking Up Events



Weymouth

Date: Tuesday 3rd June

Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Where: Bethany Hall, Weymouth



Dorchester

Date: Wednesday 11th June

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Where: United Church, Dorchester

Online events

Please contact us to book and get the zoom code (see back page).



Date: Monday 9th June

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: ‘What Matters’ Chat and Bingo



Date: Monday 23rd June

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: AI Basics and Bingo

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July 2025

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Friendship Club Events



Dorchester

Date: Tuesday 8th July

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: SWRAC, Roman Road, Dorchester
DT2 9SL (was Whitfield Centre)

Activity: Picnic and activities

Weymouth



Date: Thursday 10th July

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Centenary Club, Weymouth

Activity: Disco

Weymouth



Date: Tuesday 15th July

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Clock Tower, Weymouth

Activity: Picnic and games on beach

Dorchester



Date: Tuesday 22nd July

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Borough Gardens, Dorchester

Activity: Picnic and games



July 2025

Speaking Up Events



Weymouth

Date: Tuesday 1st July

Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Where: Bethany Hall, Weymouth



Dorchester

Date: Wednesday 9th July

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Where: United Church, Dorchester

Online events

Please contact us to book and get the zoom code (see back page).



Date: Monday 7th July

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: Staying safe online, Bingo



Date: Monday 21st July

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: ‘What Matters’ Chat and Bingo

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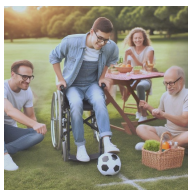


August 2025

As many of you are away in August, we run less events. We review this each year so keep telling us what works for you!

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Friendship Club Events



Dorchester

Date: Tuesday 5th August

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Borough Gardens, Dorchester

Activity: Picnic and games



Weymouth

Date: Thursday 7th August

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Lodmoor Gardens, Weymouth

Activity: Picnic and games

Online event

Please book this event (see back page for contact details).



Date: Monday 18th August

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Activity: 'What Matters' Chat and Bingo

Sponsored Walk

We are excited to be doing another sponsored walk, and we would love for you to join us!

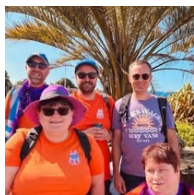


When?

Saturday 13th September 2025. Meet at 1030am. Walk starts 11am. We aim to be back by 1pm.

Where?

Meet at **Weymouth Pavillion**. We will walk to Greenhill Gardens and back.



Dress code?

Let's be **bold and visible!** Wear People First Dorset colours of purple, orange and blue.

Is the walk accessible?

The route is flat and accessible. There are also accessible toilets available during the walk.



Do I need to book?

Yes! To sign up and get a sponsorship form, please contact Zoe on 07850 427750 or email office@peoplefirstdorset.org.uk.





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