# Connect Issue 30





Connecting people with learning disabilities in Dorset



### Who are People First Dorset?

We are a charity led and run by people with learning disabilities, with support from staff and volunteers.

We want to be independent, to have our voices heard and be included in community life.



### Welcome to the Connect Newsletter!

Inside you will find information about our meetings and events for September and October.

Our events are open to all adults with learning disabilities that live in Dorset. They are free to attend!

Remember to bring money for refreshments at events if you would like to buy them.

### **Events Diary**



### Please book before you come to events, thank you!

### **Event Booking**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**



Lots of people are forgetting to book a place at events, before they come.

This is causing problems.



If <u>more</u> people come to events than we are expecting then:

• We don't have enough staff and volunteers at events.



- Venues like pubs and cafes don't have enough staff, so everyone has to wait a very long time for food/drinks.
  - If we are doing art or crafts, we don't have enough for everyone.

### **Event Booking**

#### How to book on to events

There are lots of ways you can tell us which events you are coming to, you can:



Telephone the office.

Email the office.



Fill out the form which is with this booklet, then post it back to us.



Fill out the form on our website. You will find the form on our homepage.

#### **Bridport Events**

Come and meet up with friends at local venues like pubs and cafes.



Event	Date and Time	Where
Music Session	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Town Hall
Fish and Chips, Quiz	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Longs Chip Shop
Bowling	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Freshwater Holiday Park
Halloween Crafts	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Town Hall

#### **Dorchester Events**

Come and meet up with friends at local venues like pubs and cafes.



Event	Date and Time	Where
Meal and Bingo	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 8pm	Walnut Grove Cafe
Meal and Quiz	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 8pm	Georgie Porgies
Pub and Quiz	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	Brewhouse
Pub and Halloween Crafts	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	The Junction Pub

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#### **Sturminster Newton Events**

Come and meet up with friends at local venues like pubs and cafes.



Event	Date and Time	Where
Pub and Games	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 8pm	The Swan Inn
Pub and Quiz	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	The White Hart
Pub and Halloween Crafts	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	The Swan Inn
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#### Weymouth Events

Come and meet up with friends at local venues like pubs and cafes.



Event	Date and Time	Where
Meal and Walk	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 8pm	Lodmoor Brewers Fayre
Pub and Crafts	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 8pm	Hardy's Hophouse
Pub and Quiz	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	Hardy's Hophouse
Meal and Halloween Crafts	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm	Dorset Burger Company

#### Weymouth Disco

Come and join us for a boogie to your favourite songs!



Date and Time	Where
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Centenary
7pm to 9pm	Club
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Centenary
7pm to 9pm	Club

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### Singing Session

Come and sing along to familiar songs. No auditions, anyone can join in!





It's a relaxed session, with time for tea and chat.

You don't have to be able to sing; you can hum, listen or sign instead.

Date and Time	Where
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 7.30pm	United Reformed Church Dorchester



#### **Sports Sessions**



We are offering sessions to come and try lots of different sports.

Why not come and try one with us?

No experience needed!

#### Pool

The aim of Pool is to hit the balls, using a cue, into the pockets of the table.



Date and Time	Where
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 7pm	Snookes, Weymouth
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### **Disability Aqua**

This is a gentle all over body work out, in a shallow swimming pool.



Date and Time	Where
Tuesday 3rd	

October 6.30pm to 7.45pm Everyone Active, Weymouth

### Accessible Cycling

There are lots of different accessible bikes to try. You can cycle on the bike that suits you best.



Date and Time	Where
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 11am to 12pm	Weymouth Park and Ride
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## Speaking Up

### Speaking Up Groups

Join in one of our groups to talk about what is important to you and build your confidence.



Area	Date and Time	Where
Dorchester	Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm 13 <sup>th</sup> September 11 <sup>th</sup> October	United Church
Ferndown	Wednesday 10am to 11.30pm 13 <sup>th</sup> September 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Ferndown Library
Swanage	Monday 11am to 12pm 18 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Learning Centre Durlston Park
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Area	Date and Time	Where
Wareham	Wednesday 10.30am to 12pm 20 <sup>th</sup> September 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Purbeck Connect Centre
Weymouth	Tuesday 11am to 12.30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> September 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Bethany Hall
Weymouth	Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm 27 <sup>th</sup> September 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Hope United Reformed Church

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www.peoplefirstdorset.org.uk

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