



LITTER FREE DORSET
LAND, COAST & SEA



SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS NETWORK

Guide Book

A step by step guide to joining the Sustainable Business Network and gaining a Sustainable Business Award.





WELCOME

We believe businesses play a key role in educating people and protecting Dorset's natural landscapes. That's why we are inviting Dorset businesses to take positive steps to become more sustainable and reduce their impact on the environment, by joining the Sustainable Business Network.

Our network, launched in January 2023, now boasts over 140 business members across Dorset. We would be thrilled to have your business join us next!

Complete these 5 simple steps and start your sustainability journey today. Let's go!



STEP 1: JOIN THE NETWORK

It only takes **one minute**
to sign up to the network

[Click here to sign up](#)

We just need to know your business name,
location, industry and your contact details.
That's it!



STEP 2: GET INSPIRED

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Check out all the [free resources](#) available on our website to help you #makethechange

[Ultimate Guide to Packaging](#)

[Single-use plastic audit](#)

[Sustainable Event Guide](#)

[Norden Farm business case study](#)

[Advantage Digital Print case study](#)



NORDEN FARM



**ADVANTAGE
DIGITAL PRINT**

STEP 3: MAKE SOME CHANGES

Download the award checklist and see what changes you can make in your business.

To gain a Sustainable Business Award, you'll need to complete **3 actions** within a category.

There 6 award levels and 6 categories for change. With over **60 actions** to choose from, there's something for every business.



STEP 4: LET US KNOW

In the [checklist document](#), there's space for you to explain how you completed the action.

When you have worked through your award checklist, send us your completed checklist so we can have a look.

Email us: litterfreedorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

If you need any advice or support completing the checklist, please do get in touch.



NATURE RECOVERY

Dorset is known for its natural beauty and is home to lots of nature areas with a variety of wildlife. But over the years the amount and variety of wildlife has reduced and many areas for nature have been split up or lost.

No matter what size of business you have, you can get involved in making changes to help nature thrive in Dorset! Whether you're a business with a large green space or if you have limited green space on a high street, there's something here for everyone.

Find out more about Nature Recovery Dorset [here](#)



NATURE RECOVERY



Have some hanging baskets



Compost your business food waste

BUSINESSES WITH NO OUTDOOR SPACE



Create a vertical garden



Volunteer day at a green space

NATURE RECOVERY



Create a
bee hotel



Plant a tree

BUSINESSES WITH AN OUTDOOR SPACE



Grow plants to
attract bees



Collect rainwater
for watering plants

STEP 5: FEEL GREAT

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Now you're a Sustainable Business Network member and a Sustainable Business Award winner! Wooahoo!

Share your success on social media and inspire more businesses in Dorset to #makethechange

Tag [@LitterFreeDorset](https://www.instagram.com/LitterFreeDorset) and we'll shout about your business too!



Farmer Palmers introduced Connie the Condiment Cow to decrease the need for single-use plastic sauce sachets!

SEE YOU SOON!

Stay in touch and continue the great work by making small but impactful changes to the way your business operates. See you at our next event!



**DORSET MUSEUM
JAN 2023**



**LUSH GREEN HUB
JULY 2023**



**WATCH HOUSE CAFÉ
NOV 2023**

[Find out more about the Sustainable Business Network here](#)