

Appendix 2. Community Workshops Report

The C-SCOPE Community Workshop events were held at various locations along the Dorset coast from Portland Bill to Durlston Head (C-SCOPE Marine Management Area) throughout December 2010 - February 2011. The aim of these workshops was to raise awareness of the marine plan and provide an opportunity for local coastal communities to feed into the developing plan.

A total of 132 people attended the workshops and the information gathered has been used to inform the C-SCOPE Marine Plan and the iCoast website.

This report provides an overview of how and why the workshop locations and venues were chosen, the press and publicity used and the activities devised for the workshops.

1. Choosing the locations

After assessing the population density and Parish boundaries along Dorset Marine Management Area coast it was decided that holding workshops in the following towns and villages would ensure that the events were easily accessible to the majority of the population:

- Portland
- Weymouth
- Owermoigne
- West Lulworth
- Corfe Castle
- Swanage

The workshop events were held in community hubs such as local schools and village halls. In addition, all of the workshops took place in the early evening to ensure that as many people were able to attend as possible.

2. Press and publicity

The team appreciated that simply advertising a workshop about a marine plan may not be enough to attract the public to an event as they might not understand what a marine plan is or how it could impact upon them.

Therefore, the press and publicity for the workshops advertised the exciting opportunity for people to “fly along the Seabed” through the presentation of seabed animations created from the outputs of the detailed seabed mapping project.

• Poster

An eye catching poster was designed using cartoon graphics from the Interreg BaltSeaPlan project publications to raise awareness of the events (Figure 1). The poster included the workshop dates and a brief explanation of why the workshops were being held and what attendees could expect.

Marine Planning in Dorset Managing our seas for the future



The Government will be setting up marine plans around the country over the next 20 years. These plans will manage activities and developments that take place on the coast and out to sea. The Dorset Coast Forum is currently working on C-SCOPE (Combining Sea and Coastal Planning in Europe), a marine planning project which will create a pilot marine plan for part of the Dorset coast (Portland Bill to Durlston Head, out to 12 nautical miles).

To find out more and get involved in this project residents are invited to a road show event where they can:

- Find out what a marine plan is
- “Fly along the seabed” to see the Dorset coast in amazing detail from the ancient riverbeds to historic shipwrecks
- Feed into the marine plan by saying what activities happen where in Dorset waters.

All events will start at 6.00 pm and will finish at 7.30pm. The Road Show Events Dates are:

- Weymouth Pavilion Sundeck Room on Thursday 2 December 2010
- Corfe Castle First School on Wednesday 8 December 2010
- West Lulworth Village Hall on Monday 24 January 2011
- Easton Methodist Church Hall, Portland on Thursday 27 January 2011
- Swanage Middle School on Tuesday 1 February 2011
- Owermoigne Village Hall on Wednesday 2 February 2011

Tea and cakes will be served at each and everyone is welcome. Please call 01305 224833 or email m.bark@dorsetcc.gov.uk to register your interest.



Figure 1: Workshop poster



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Copies of the poster were sent to local libraries and Town Clerks to put up around the coastal villages.

• Press release

A press release was issued to all local newspapers and parish magazines to raise awareness of the events. Coverage was achieved in the following media publications:

- Dorset Echo
- View from Bridport
- The Purbeck Gazette
- Swanage and Wareham Advertiser

Coverage was also achieved on the Swanageview online blog.

3. Workshop activities

The workshops were designed to be as interactive as possible to ensure that attendees had a good opportunity to feed into marine plan.

• Vision Exercise

On arrival, attendees were each given a post-it note and asked to answer a question:

The year is 2030 - What activities and developments would you like to see as you look along Dorset's coast and out to sea?

The following responses were collected:

- Coastal Ferry Service.
- More Waterborne transport. More restrictions on speed boats.
- Ensuring that one can still feel connected to a wild place and not lose any spiritual significance.
- Knowing that many local people and the environment are benefiting in economic, environmental and social ways for a sustainable future. Any future areas/uses/benefits are not sterilised for long periods.
- More rowing. More sailing. Sheltered mooring at Swanage. Tidal generators off Peveril Point.
- Free open access are for low impact use but without destroying habitats disturbing wildlife, e.g. nesting birds. Sailing, snorkelling etc. Some areas and vistas free from built structures. Free from pollution, full of life/nature and unimpeded natural processes.
- Are sea pollution levels being measured and projected and correlated against sea food chains?
- WILDLIFE is very important.
- In 2030 I would like to be able to see nothing but sea from the Heritage coast. The natural beauty should be preserved, all leisure activities allowed, but segregated (i.e. jet skis do not mix with sailing/diving etc).
- Wind farms 30% efficient. Waste of time and money and it spoils the view.
- The tides are predictable, winds are not. Why the emphasis on visible wind power and not sub-surface tide energy capturers?
- I would like to see leisure activities thriving and inshore commercial fishing zone restricted to outside 3 miles off shore (at least).
- Lobster pots usually placed with gallon oil cans - not flagged or 'post' light - should be managed and enforced - lobster pots even placed in Hurst Narrows!
- I would like to see a ban on commercial fishing within a one mile zone from the shore, and marine conservation kept sustainable.

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- I would like to see jet skis banned, either altogether or within one mile of shore.
- Commercial fishing curbed to a sustainable level.
- Better moorings in Swanage.
- I would like to see sea bed conservation zones.
- Better marine transport, tourism, commuting/business - to Isle of Wight, France up and down coast (from Swanage).
- An environment that has the same level of protection as the land.
- Monitoring the sea water quality (i.e. pollution levels) and correlating them against the health of lower order organisms dependent on low pollution levels, which form part of the food chain for higher order species such as fish.
- Having snorkelled off the Dorset coast for many years, I am very conscious of the decline of in-shore fish stocks.
- It might also be useful to measure sea water temperature because small changes in temperature can have a large effect on the colonisation of under water organisms.
- In 2030 I would like to see local inshore fishing thriving, leisure activities restricted, better understanding and awareness of the inshore fishing
- More boat transport for (not speed boats) tourists to stay at different locations along the coast
- Locally caught fish available, locally and traditional boats still loading their catches. No objection to wind farms (or solar farms) if they are necessary for future generations
- Local inshore fisherman continuing to fish as they have done for over 4 centuries. Restrictions placed on numbers of diver, enforcement of limits to what they can take
- I would like to see all our coastal communities well-adapted to the changed climate conditions and where necessary – ‘roll-back’ has been implemented unsuccessfully and with good consensus
- I’d like to see nothing – no wind farms, no commercial fishing, let nature restore the last 50 years of environmental vandalism.
- I would like to walk along the coastal path, unhindered by army activity during the week. The army should concentrate their activity (i.e. restrain) and let local people use the coastal path more regularly during the week
- Restrict fishing both commercial & recreational. To hook and line
- Some of the tranquillity that there is now. Please be careful not to make access so easy that Dorset becomes ‘full’. Jobs are important but too much coastal development will spoil this special place.
- 63 Fleet Lagoon nature reserve. Illegal ban netting at night during neap tides
- I’d like to see the marine ecology return to the state it was in 50 years ago.
- Low impact visually of any wind farms off shore on the Jurassic coast
- In 2030 we would like to see what we see now and from the places where we are currently able to stand
- Restoration of fish stocks to levels where both commercial and recreational fishing/angling do not have significant effects on fish populations
- In 2030 I would love to see: Minimal additional coastal development, (need to control over fishing and pollution as well and prevent degradation of the marine environment, Dorset as a marine conservation success
- Maintenance of the near shore environment and scenery. Integrated aquaculture zones with other users, e.g windfarms (offshore environments) Where will all the extra fish come from by 2030 to feed a few extra billion people!. Replace rusty crumbling 2nd world war bunkers along breakwaters with Jurassic statues – dinosaurs or something impressive.
- Sustainable fishing. Not overdeveloped shoreline. Leisure activities zoned to reduce/ minimise conflict
- Develop sales of locally caught fish within the area. Be more strict on over fishing, protect local small fishing companies and fish stock
- Keep the sea views free from wind farms etc. The cost of building the units far outweighs the monies brought in by them
- Offshore wind farm: cost very high, benefit very low. Not worth the environmental damage
- As little as possible!
- I would like to see a wreck for diving on
- Leisure and tourism – make most of Jurassic heritage – preserve uniqueness

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- The Portland breakwaters developed into something to visit – museums, cafes, night life – a destination within a destination
- No wind farms – Keep coast as unspoilt as possible
- Much the same as now. Maybe some 'green energy. Initiatives –wind turbines, wave thingy, etc
- Development of integrated/ minimally intrusive green energy resources. Infrastructure/support put in place to encourage more people to use coast in recreational ways.

• C-SCOPE Display

A C-SCOPE information display was erected at each workshop with information about each of the three C-SCOPE activities and background documents such as the Dorset Land and Seascape Character Assessment document.

• C-SCOPE background and Seabed Mapping presentations

Presentations were given to:

- Introduce the C-SCOPE project
- Explain what a marine plan is
- Explain why we need a marine plan in Dorset
- Explain how the marine plan is being created
- Demonstrate the DORIS Seabed mapping work

• Activity mapping exercise

The team devised an activity mapping exercise for the workshop to capture all activities/management issues/solutions within the Marine Management Area.

Attendees were invited to highlight on a large map (using a small numbered post-it note) where they carried out a particular activity and then complete a question sheet to provide more information about any management issues related to this activity. Figures 2 and 3 show an example question sheet and the completed activities map.

After the meeting this information was put into an access database and the information was mapped (Figure 4).

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C-SCOPE Marine Planning Road Show

Name: _____

Contact telephone number and/or email: _____

Reason for interest in the Dorset Coast i.e. recreational user, commercial fisherman, ports and harbours etc: _____

Activity Overview

What activity does the tab you have attached to the map relate to? Insert tab number here:

What time of the year do you carry out this activity, or when do you see this activity taking place?

Are you aware of any management issues with this activity, or whether this activity conflicts with another?

Can you think of any simple solutions to these management issues or conflicts?

Do you have any other ideas or any aspirations for the future management of the Dorset Coast?



Figure 2: Example question sheet

Figure 3: Completed activities map

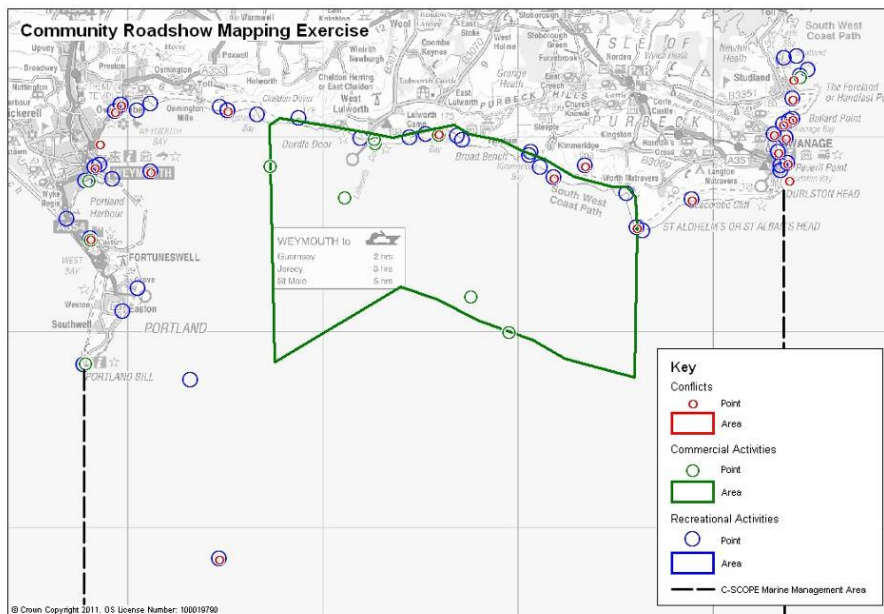


Figure 4: Mapping exercise output