

CENSUS 2021 IS COMING

Households across Dorset along with the rest of England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021

The census is a ten-yearly survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Those residents who are unable to complete the Census digitally will be supported by a phone helpline, a network of Census Support Centres or by ordering a paper Census

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” said Philip Eades, the Census Engagement Manager for the area covered by Dorset Council

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them” he continued

Census day will be on Sunday March 21st 2021 with households across the country receiving letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity

Initial results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. Residents can be assured that the Census form is completely confidential and personal data is not shared until the Census is opened up 100 years later. On that subject Census 1921 will be available for research early in 2021

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