

Ridgeway Voices

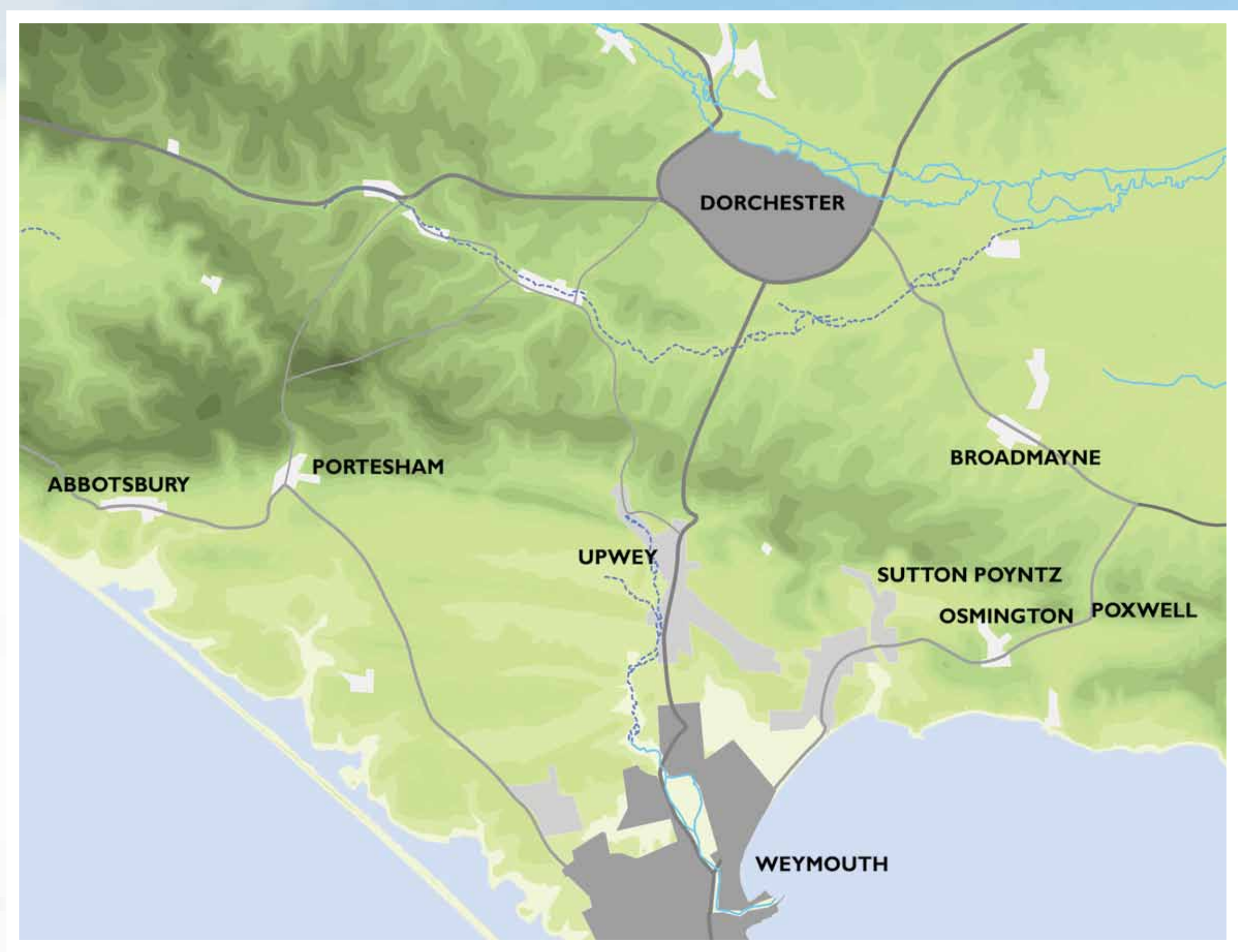
Discover the South Dorset Ridgeway

'Ridgeway Voices' draws to a close the South Dorset Ridgeway Heritage Project which began in June 2008. The exhibition celebrates this special landscape through the 'Voices' of people who live, work or simply enjoy the Ridgeway sharing their experience and love of this area with you.

The South Dorset Ridgeway is a special area of ancient landscape, with as many as a 1000 historic monuments spread across it. Some are well known and some lie secreted under grassy mounds. Together they tell a story of more than 10,000 years of people living on and around the Ridgeway. Today the area is home to around 6,500 people, many of whom live below the ridge in one of the charming villages; it is this population who share their life stories with us.

Their 'Voices' provide an often humorous and sometimes moving insight into Ridgeway life in the area in the 20th Century. Also included in the exhibition are photographs, film and a collection of fascinating historic photographs and objects donated by local residents or from the collections of Dorset County Museum.

The South Dorset Ridgeway Heritage Project is part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership and was funded for three years by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Natural England.



The South Dorset Ridgeway is a chalk ridge lying between Weymouth and Dorchester and stretching from above Abbotsbury to Poxwell.

