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Re: New Networking Opportunities from The British Computer Society Dorset Branch.

Dear BCS Member,

The BCS Dorset Branch Committee is starting a number of initiatives to improve our local services to members. One of these initiatives, for which I have taken responsibility, is to improve the networking opportunities we offer, between our members, and between members and organisations associated with our Branch, and with other local private and public sector organisations.

So, my first step is to contact all the Dorset Branch members and canvas their views on what sort of networking opportunities they think we could provide.

To give you some context to ponder on, I think we might divide up such networking activities into two broad categories: (1) electronic; and (2) face-to-face. Since it is our business, I'm sure I'll get suggestions for electronic networking, both about exploiting existing systems as well as, perhaps, the Branch introducing new ones.

Meeting people is an effective and efficient way of networking, and it is on this that I'd particularly like feedback from you at this stage. For example, do we want special networking events, and if we do, who would attend? In addition, how can we use our existing events programme to more effectively provide networking opportunities? Would networkers want to display publicity materials, and of what sort, e.g. business cards, flyers, documents, posters or electronic displays?

I'd greatly appreciate your thoughts on this, preferably by email so that I, and the Branch Committee, can start to organise our improved networking services to members. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Diaper' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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