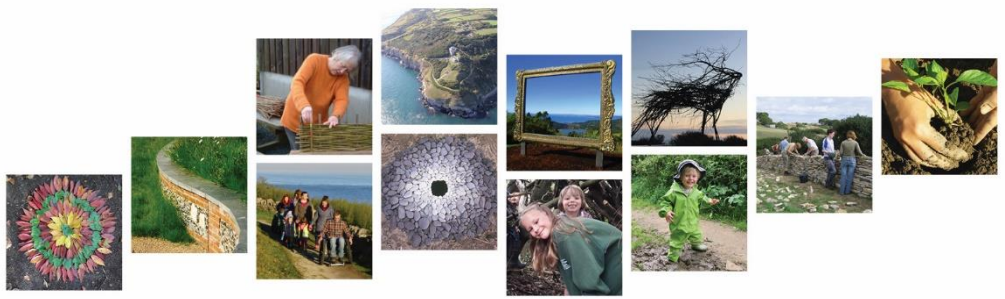


# DURLSTON PLEASURE GROUNDS



## Project Update: January

The 'Pleasure Grounds' Project will enhance Durlston's Grade II-listed Victorian landscape for nature, history and the local community, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Lottery players.

Work will include path improvements, new viewpoints and woodland management to improve wildlife habitats and the condition of historic plantings. Victorian features will be restored and opportunities for 'wild play' created. The project will also provide new ways for people to get involved, including volunteering, training and play opportunities for people with disabilities, dementia or long-term health conditions. A lift-sharing scheme will support the existing Durlston Bus.

### Latest News:

- Our new volunteer base for the **'Everyone Needs A Shed!'** project was delivered in time for Christmas! Over the next month contractors will dig in services and landscape the area before we add the 'finishing touches' ready for the opening in April.
- **Tree Surgeons** have completed this winter's work at 'Sunnydale', opening up the canopy to let more light reach the woodland floor. During January and February, they will carry out management work along the Coast Path and tree work at 'The Dell'
- Our **Tuesday volunteer work party** have done an amazing job clearing scrub around the Globe to restore the landscape. If you'd like to help, just come along to the Learning Centre on any Tuesday at 9.50am - all welcome!
- The **Dorset Coppice Group** will be providing training to staff and volunteers to make Hazel hurdles, which will be using to screen the area around the yard
- The **'Christmas Pudding Plod'** on the 16<sup>th</sup> December raised over £400 which will be shared between the Pleasure Grounds Project and Swanage Dementia Friendly Community. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event so enjoyable!
- During January and February Toby Hoad of **Dorset Horse Logging** and his heavy horses will be on site moving cut timber to be reused around the site, or for sale.



To find out more about the Project, or get involved, visit [Durlston.co.uk](http://Durlston.co.uk), email [durlston@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:durlston@dorsetcc.gov.uk) or pop in and chat to a Ranger at the Castle.