

DURLSTON PLEASURE GROUNDS



Project Update: June

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 includes 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 provide new ways for people to get involved, including volunteering, training and play opportunities for people with disabilities, dementia or long-term health conditions.

Latest News:

- Our new 'Everyone Needs a Shed!' volunteer base is now open for business, after the official opening by Cllr. Ray Bryan. Stop by the 'shed' any Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon (or ring for weekend opening) and try your hand at gentle volunteering (including gardening, green woodwork, DIY or craft), or just join us for a cuppa and a chat!
- We will be running taster days at the shed for local groups – please get in touch if your group, club or society would like to try something new!
- Our team of volunteer 'Sheddies' will be helping develop and run the Shed – providing a friendly welcome and enabling visitors to take part in a range of light volunteering tasks. If this sounds like a role you would enjoy, please get in touch!
- The 'Durlston Neighbourcar' lift-sharing scheme also launches this month, helping visitors and volunteers get to Durlston without a car. A friendly, verified volunteer driver can pick you up from your home and bring you to Durlston. If you could offer a lift, or know someone who would like to get here, please get in touch.
- Designer and maker Alice Blogg is hard at work producing a series of beautiful oak benches to be installed later this year around the Pleasure Grounds.
- Procurement is underway for a Landscape Contractor, to carry out improvements to paths and viewpoints this winter.
- Our 'Pleasure Grounds' Volunteer Work Parties are continuing to do fantastic work improving the landscape. If you would like to get involved, work includes dry-stone walling, path work and more. Just come along to the Learning Centre any Tuesday or Thursday at 10am.



To find out more about the Project, or get involved, visit Durlston.co.uk, email durlston@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or pop in and chat to a Ranger at the Castle.

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