

# DURLSTON PLEASURE GROUNDS



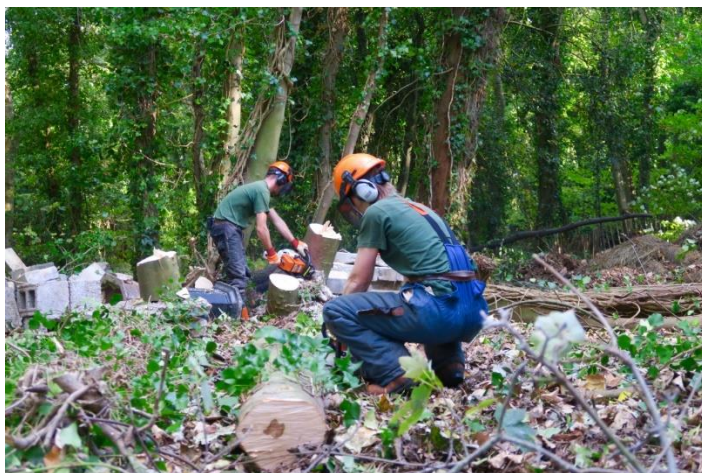
## Project Update: November

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:

- We are delighted to welcome Marie Sanchez to the team as our **Pleasure Grounds Project Officer**, joining Ali, Ben and Izzi. Marie will be developing our lift-sharing scheme, to help people get to Durlston, among many other things!
- The team have been preparing the site for the **'Everyone Needs a Shed!'** project, for the new shed to be delivered in December and groundwork is underway
- **Tree contractors** have been engaged and will be starting work before Christmas
- Our **Tuesday volunteer work party** have finished habitat management on Caravan Terrace and started clearing scrub around the Globe. If you'd like to help, just come along to the Learning Centre on any Tuesday at 9.50am
- Visitors can now borrow a tablet and enjoy a **British Sign Language Tour** of the Clifftop Trail, thanks to help from our partners at Heritage Ability
- Izzi has been organising the **'Christmas Pudding Plod'** on the 16<sup>th</sup> December - a 2K or 5K seasonal fun-run, raising money for Dementia Friendly Swanage and the Pleasure Grounds Project. Do sign up to run, or sponsor one of the Rangers!



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.