

DURLSTON PLEASURE GROUNDS



Project Update: September

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

Latest News:

- Between October 2019 and March 2020, **Landscape Contractor ID Verde** will be improving paths, installing seating and creating accessible viewpoints. Plans developed by our Landscape Architect, Rangers and Friends of Durlston will retain the character of the area, while making it easier to enjoy - especially for people with disabilities.
- So that work can take place safely, **some paths in the woodland and clifftop will be temporarily closed** for a few weeks, but diversions will be in place. The rest of the 340-acre park and Castle will be unaffected.
- Other work between autumn and spring will include **tree surgery** to improve habitats and views, **restoration of stonework** and **dry-stone walls** and the creation of a **'wild play' trail**.
- Our new **'shed' is open** on Mondays (10-1), Wednesdays (1-4) and Saturdays (10-1) – just pop in and you can try gardening, woodwork or craft activities or just join us for a cuppa!
- If you would like to get to Durlston without a car, why not join our Durlston Neighbourcar **Liftshare scheme** (or get in touch if you can offer lifts to others...)
- Our **Tuesday and Thursday volunteer groups** have been busy walling and working on paths – to join in, come along any Tuesday or Thursday at 10am to the Learning Centre



Painting by Tony Kerins

To find out more about the Project, or get involved, visit Durlston.co.uk, email durlston@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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