



Over the next few months we will be carrying out tree work in the 'Dell' (see right – area circled in orange) as part of the Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project.

Work will restore views of the Castle and bridge and create a small area for ornamental plantings, reflecting the area's Victorian heritage and George Burt's grand plans for the estate.

In this area, contractors will reduce number of trees and the density of the canopy, allowing in light to the sheltered hollow above the bridge.

Staff and volunteers, guided by a Landscape Architect will restore dry-stone terraces, and ornamental plants grown by volunteers will help tell the story of the estate and provide nectar for insects.

The rest of the woodland will retain much of its present character, with selective thinning and crown lifting of Holm Oak and Sycamore to reveal historic trees and improve its habitat value.

Wood generated from the work will be used around the park; for fencing, lining paths, and in craft projects. Any logs sold will help fund the project.

To find out more about the 'Pleasure Grounds' project or get involved, please speak to a ranger, see the displays in the castle, or find more information online at www.durlston.co.uk/ParksforPeople.aspx

