

‘Durlston Pleasure Grounds’ Project Update: October

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 Durlston Bus.

Latest News:

- Our new ‘Pleasure Grounds’ volunteer work party have been really busy! With preparatory work for ‘Everyone Needs a Shed!’ complete, they have been carrying out landscape work on Caravan Terrace – do pop down and have a look, or come and join in, meeting at the Learning Centre every Tuesday at 10am – all welcome!
- The derelict shed at the Aviaries has now been demolished and the replacement ordered!
- Our Community Ranger, Ben Tolley starts work this month. Ben will help the team deliver some of the community elements of the project.
- Our Project Officer will start in November, who will support planning and development during the first year of the Project.
- Landscape Architect Aileen Shackell has been appointed to the Project. Aileen is an expert on historic landscapes, nature reserves and wild play and will help us make our plans reality! She will be joined by evaluation expert Claire Moyes.
- We are appointing tree contractors who will carry out work on some of the bigger and more complex trees



The bridge to
Caravan Terrace

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

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