
NEWSLETTER

Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community



After a great end to 2021 for the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community, we thought we would take this opportunity, at the beginning of 2022, to tell you more about our amazing Ambassadors.



DSPOC AMBASSADORS

Our Ambassadors (scroll down to view them) are individuals, businesses or groups that don't serve / use / sell food products, but want to show their support to the campaign to make Dorset the world's first sustainable palm oil county. They have spread the news of our campaign through a wide range of methods including:

- Social media (Lizzie at ethical PR Warrior Agency),
- Blogs (Dorchester BID),
- articles (Louise Stevens of Stevens.Earth),
- Setting up meetings (Gwyn Jones of Association of Sustainability Practitioners; and
- Lots and lots of introductions (all of the above plus Tammy from Wimborne BID).

In addition, Sustainable Dorset has helped spread news of the project by publishing our November newsletter on their website, DorsetCAN (Climate

Action Network) has welcomed us as a member of their network, and Planet Wimborne has offered their support to the campaign. Thank you to you all – we really appreciate all that you do. Please contact me if you or your group would like to become an Ambassador.



MONTHLY UPDATE



We are delighted to announce our 7th school - Piddle Valley First School - has signed up to the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community and are in the process of checking their supply chain. We have provided the email template, and they are using it to ask their lunch provider if there is palm oil in any of their food, and if so, is it sustainable.

The Grosvenor Arms in Shaftesbury and The King's Arms in Dorchester have written about their involvement in the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community on their website - check out the Grosvenor Arms' website here (scroll down - you can't miss it!)

Thanks to Mrs Fearn of St Mary's Catholic First School in Dorchester, I was invited to speak to all of the DASP (Dorchester Area Schools Partnership) first school headteachers. It was a great opportunity to tell them all about the project, and why it is so important to switch from conventional to sustainable palm oil in the children's hot lunches. I also told them about the great educational resources that are available:

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- On the [Chester Zoo](#) website, in particular looking at conservation and sustainable palm oil, covering all Key Stages, across the National Curriculum including English, maths, science, art and music. Includes videos, activities, at home, at school, and a teachers' pack
- On the [Edsentials website](#) with a wider remit around climate change, including protecting natural habitats, weather and climate, as well as plastics. This was part of the COP26 School Resource Pack

We are still trying to get some champions in Poole, Sherborne, Swanage, Wool, Wareham and Lyme Regis so please pass this newsletter onto anyone who might be interested in those areas (or anywhere else in Dorset!)



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

Number of the month: 1,693. This is the number of students our 7 schools that have pledged to be champions have between them. Five of the seven schools are within the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership.

If you have any questions about joining our campaign and [becoming a Champion](#) or an Ambassador, please email me.

