
NEWSLETTER

Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community



So schools are back, the summer season is over and progress on DSPOC continues to march forwards. Huge thanks to DSPOC Ambassador Warrior Agency - particularly Emily and Lizzie - who wrote an article about the ongoing impact of DSPOC. It has received lots of take-up, led to a radio interview and will hopefully continue to spread the word about the communities initiatives (there are now 8 communities across the UK and growing!)

Oh and if any workplaces (with or without a canteen), hospitality businesses, sports clubs, tourist attractions, schools etc want to pledge, please sign up - we need you all to help us make this campaign a success!



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MONTHLY UPDATE

Our news regarding **Dr Jane Goodall becoming a Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community Ambassador** went (practically) viral with lots of articles in local and national press including the **Environment Times**, the **Dorset Biz News**, the **Dorset Echo**, and the **Bridport News** to name just a few... I also had a scary 5 minutes this morning being interviewed LIVE on air by Steve Harris from the **BBC Radio Dorset Breakfast show**. My first radio interview ever, but it went well and I hope has helped raise awareness of the campaign. If you want to listen, I am on about 1 hour and 47 minutes in!

Ian (Mayor of Bridport), Sue, Keith and I had a great meeting at the very lovely Bull Hotel to discuss **Bridport's involvement** within the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community and how between us, we could spread the word about DSPOC far and wide to garner as much support as possible from the local businesses. Watch this space!

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We are delighted that **Maycottage Goatsmilk Soaps**, a Dorset based business, has signed up and pledged to only use SPO. The business sounds idyllic - a country cottage industry, natural and handmade at her home using the traditional cold press method, with fresh milk from her own herd of registered British Guernseys and British Toggenburgs who “free range” in the paddock alongside the chickens, and sleep at night in the stables at the bottom of the garden. Welcome Kirsty and your herd of goats (Peapod, Miri, Pascha, Honeybee, Lark, Linnet and Kiki, I believe).



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The **Olive Tree Restaurant in Bridport** has also joined the DSPOC community. The Olive Tree pride themselves on using local merchants & traders, buying direct from small growers, vineyards, brewers & fisherman to deliver fresh, high quality food & drink from around Bridport. Simon and the team - thank you for taking the step and signing up to DSPOC.

Both **Arbor Restaurant** and the **Green House Hotel** have become fully-fledged champions, meaning they have checked their food supply chain for palm oil, and then ensured that if there is palm oil in their products, that it is certified sustainable! Check out our logos on their websites!



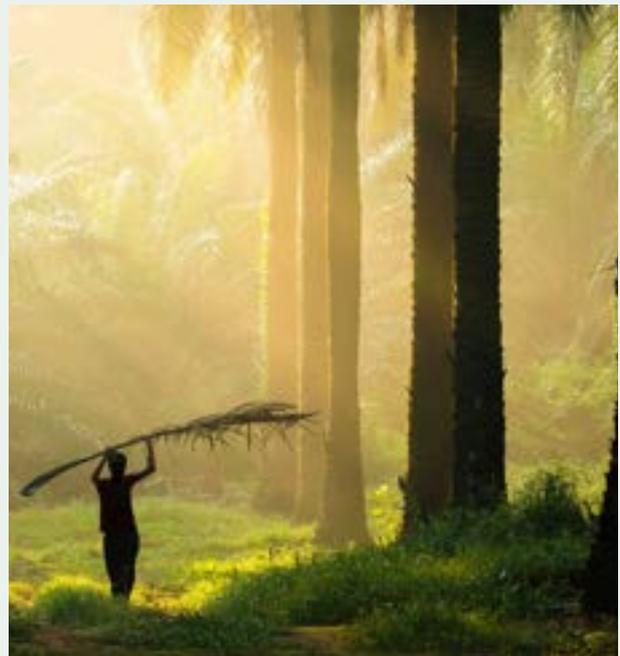
Calling all Dorset schools - this is for you (I am repeating this as you were all off in August when I sent it out). DSPOC has also connected with **Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots**, Dr Goodall's global humanitarian and environmental programme empowering young people of all ages to become involved in hands on projects for their community, animals and the environment. They already have groups in the Bournemouth area, but they really want more Dorset schools to join in and help create a sustainable future.

They provide amazing resources free to schools and an opportunity to meet Dr Jane Goodall at their annual awards ceremony. If any local primary or secondary schools are interested, perhaps as part of their global citizenship curriculum, or as an Eco-School, go to <https://www.rootsnshoots.org.uk/> or email **Jasmina** at jasmina@rootsnshoots.org.uk for more information.

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As I write, it is **Great Big Green Week** (the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature) and I went to Bridport last Saturday to celebrate it with lots of other community groups. With school children singing, two local bands providing amazing musical entertainment, and such good rock cakes I had two of them, it was one of those days that made me very happy. It was great for DSPOC to be there with **West Dorset Friends of the Earth**, the **Bridport Food Matters** and **Local Food Group**, Bridport Co-housing, Bridport Local Energy/Dorset Community energy, Bridport Town Council, Bridport Community Shed & St Mary's Eco group, Bridport Fashion Revolution, Dorset Climate Action Network & Transition Town Bridport, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Bridport Area Community Housing and Raise the Roof and Guardians of Nature. Thank you Sarah from West Dorset Friends of the Earth for inviting me.

And lastly, we went to **The Big Sustainability Awards 2022** in Southampton last week. Sadly, DSPOC was not the winner of the Communicating Sustainability category (that accolade went to Wight Link Ferries), but to even be shortlisted as a finalist was not something we dreamt would happen!



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

Number of the month: Over 1.3 million. This is the number of school meals that our two school food providers between them provide to over 75 schools and nurseries in the county. As both Forerunner and Local Food Links have completed the steps to become fully-fledged champions, all of those meals only contain sustainable palm oil as opposed to conventional. That is amazing!

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

