

An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. On the left, the blue sea meets a rugged cliffside. A large, multi-story building complex is situated on a grassy hillside overlooking the coast. The surrounding area is lush with green fields and trees. In the background, more rolling green hills are visible under a clear sky.

**EGOSC
DCC's Green
Asset**

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Trails



Countryside Sites

DCC's Green asset



Highway verge

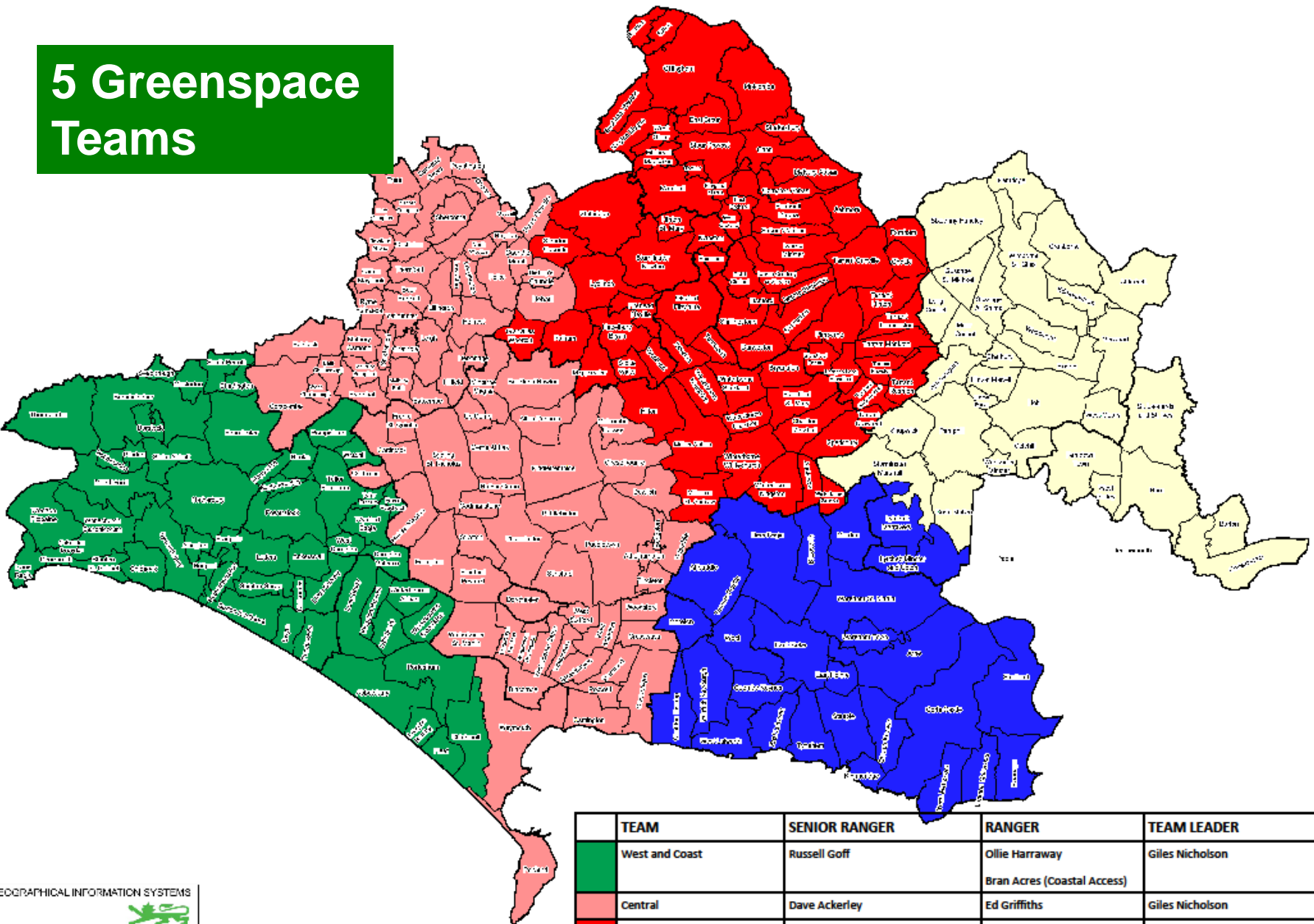







G and T



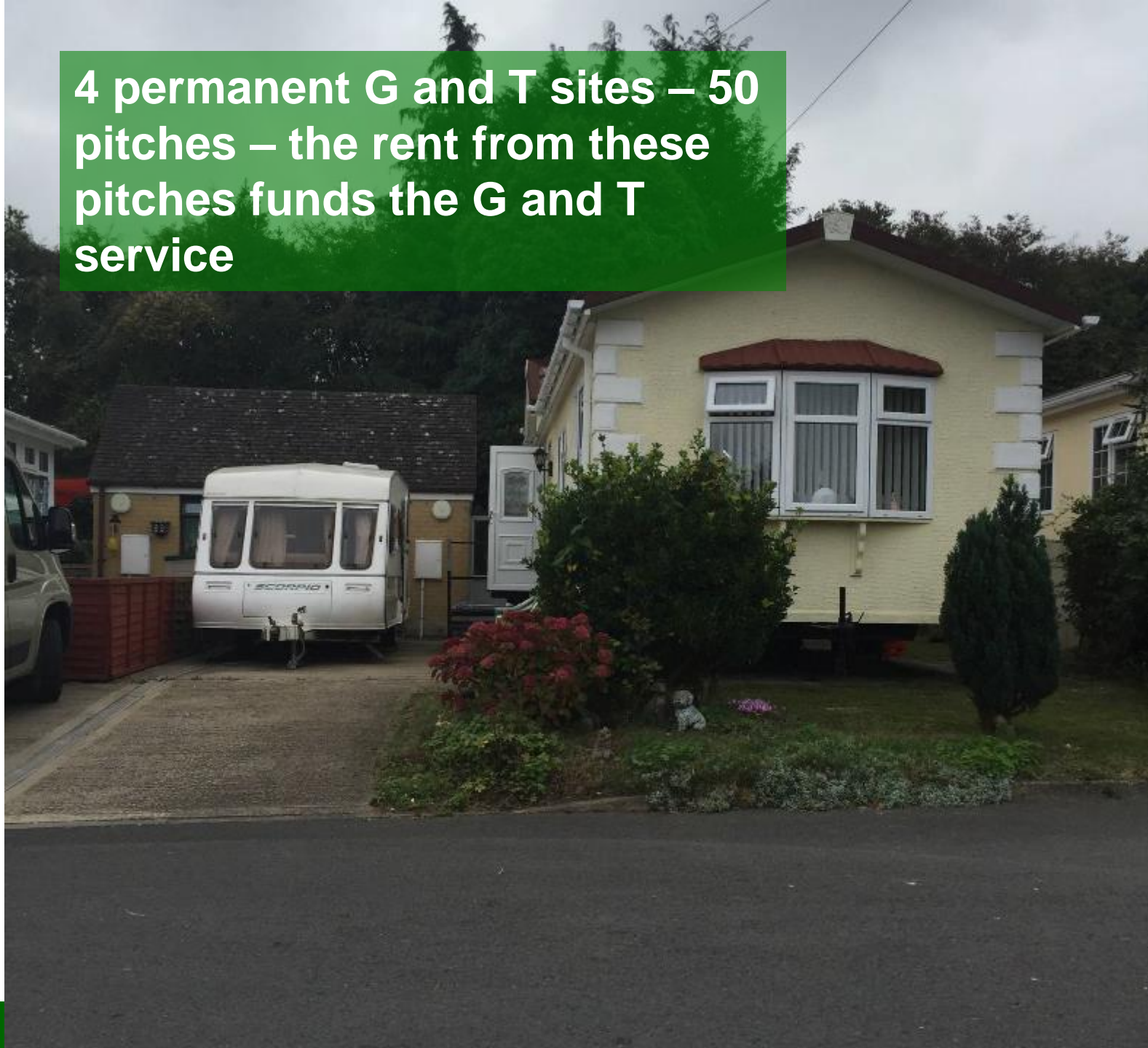
RoWay

5 Greenspace Teams



	TEAM	SENIOR RANGER	RANGER	TEAM LEADER
	West and Coast	Russell Goff	Ollie Harraway Bran Acres (Coastal Access)	Giles Nicholson
	Central	Dave Ackerley	Ed Griffiths	Giles Nicholson
	North	Graham Stanley	Stuart Caldwell	Giles Nicholson
	Purbeck	Katie Black	Sam Jackson	Giles Nicholson
	East	Ben Wallbridge	Will Holland	Giles Nicholson

4 permanent G and T sites – 50 pitches – the rent from these pitches funds the G and T service





Verges can be Green assets

- Biodiversity
- Landscape quality
- Pollinators action plan
- Cheaper to manage

**“Cut and Collect”
to reduce growth
rates
and improve
biodiversity**



Low fertility highway verge





Over 40 Countryside sites and Nature Reserves

- Over 630 ha in total
- Over 1.5 million visits per year
- Over £730 k income p.a. – covering their costs
- Plus £ Millions of external capital investment e.g. HLF

A group of ponies of various colors (brown, white, black) are gathered on a dirt path in a lush, green natural setting. The background is filled with dense trees and foliage. A green text box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

**Nature conservation
and
habitat improvement**

A single pony with black and white patches is grazing on a large patch of green ferns in the foreground. The background shows a dirt path and more greenery. A green text box is overlaid on the lower left portion of the image.

**SSSI's, NNR, SNCI's,
LNR's**

Forestry



**3 visitor Centres/ 2 Country parks
Attracting 820,000 visits plus hosting 100's of
events each year**



100's of events each year



High Summer Flower Walk							22	23	24	25	26	27	28
'4 in Focus': Exhibition							Fairy and Elf Trail						
							Glow-Worm Walk		Meet a Moth			Cave Art with John House	
							Mindfulness Walk						
29							30	31	1	2	3	4	
Fairy and Elf Trail													
Wildlife and Photography Walk - Purbeck Footprints		Bushcraft Bootcamp		Musical Madness		Contemporary Engraved Glass Exhibition							
Drawing and Pen Workshop						Wild Wednesday		Pramble		Gentle Stroll		Nordic Walking Taster Session	
												Meet a Moth	
												Seed Bombs and Bird Feeders	
5		6	7	8	9	10	11						
Fairy and Elf Trail													
Contemporary Engraved Glass Exhibition													
Poetry Day			Castle Tour		Wild Wednesday			Spy Day!		Meet a Moth			
			Dinosaur Dig and Discover!										



**Making all
our green
spaces
more
accessible
everywhere**



**Making sure our Green Spaces
are well managed... and winning
regular awards !**



Helping to deliver the “Stepping into Nature” Programme to improve health outcomes for people with dementia.



“Mum really benefitted from your skills, kindness and interest both in her and the beautiful Countryside. One of the highlights of the year.”

8 Long distance Trails in Dorset



73 miles of South West Coast Path

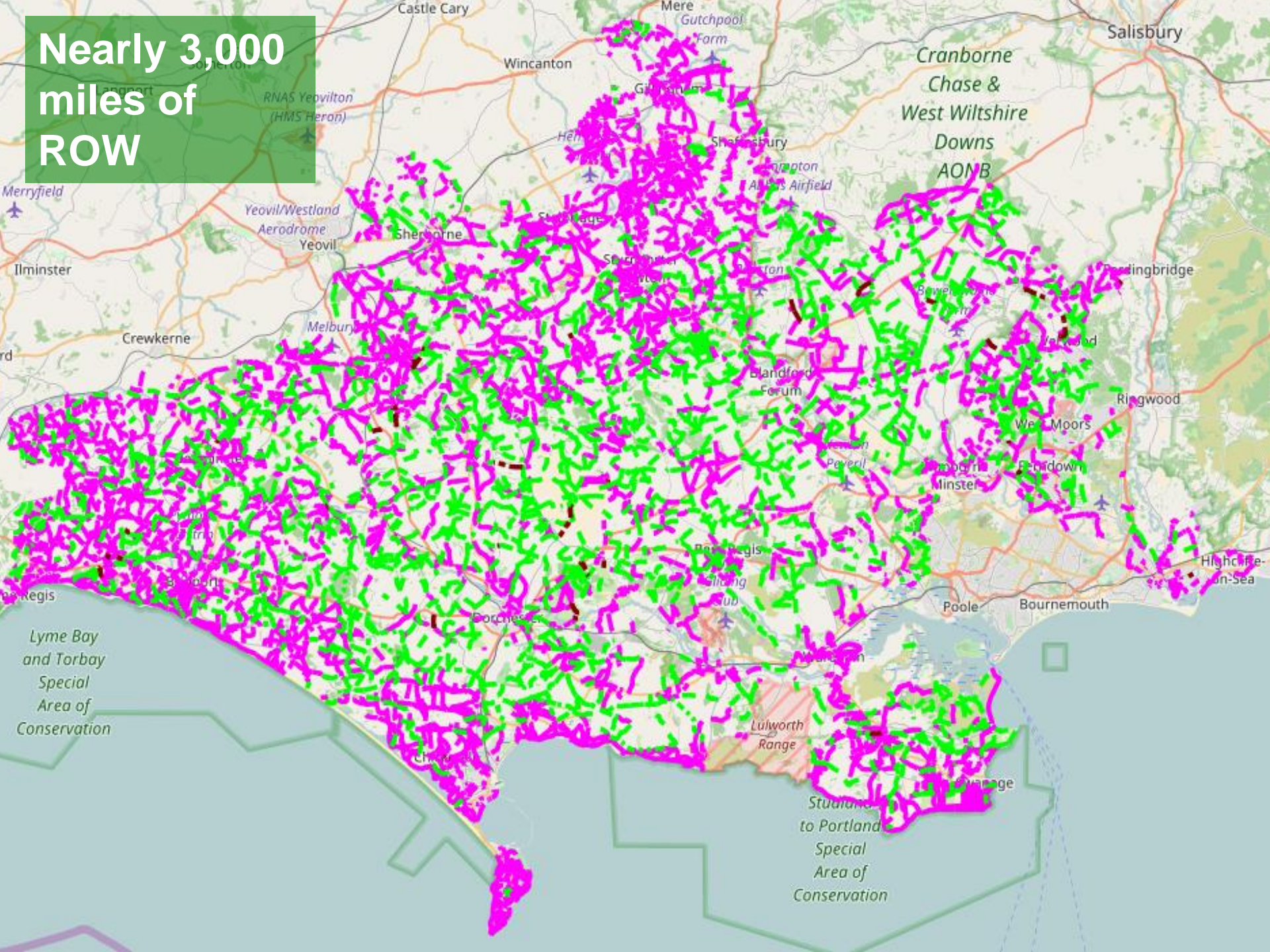
£439 million which sustains 9,771 full-time equivalent jobs over the whole 630 miles (2012)



Developing new trails
as sustainable
transport links and
externally funded



Nearly 3,000
miles of
ROW



Improving accessibility – stiles to gates



Improving signage



POINTS OF INTEREST

Area around **Gotts** was occupied by Jewish refugees, who established the textile industry here, having been driven from their homeland through religious persecution.



At the top of the field, when turning to cross Honey Road, there is a **stunning panoramic view** of the valley.



There is such a variety of **wildlife and insect life** here, occasionally you may see a Buzzard or Heron flying overhead.



Butts Pond Meadows were given to the Town in 1964 and are now managed as a Nature Reserve and amenity area.



The low-lying area is home to **three species of Great Crested Newt** – including the protected Great Crested Newt.



The path from the Meadows to the car park, which is the site of the **Old Millery**, is the 'Jubilee route', created as a traffic-free route for walkers and cyclists.



Credits: Helen Baggott, John Lewis, Sturminster Newton Museum, Sturminster Newton, Dell, Wildstock

STURMINSTER NEWTON WALKABOUTS

**WALKABOUT 1
Gotts Corner / Honeymead Lane / Butts Pond Meadows**

A varied walk with features of interest in Sturminster Newton, both past and present (approx. 1.5 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Sturminster Newton which take in the surrounding area of the Blackmore Vale. They are mainly on Public Rights of Way, with some on paths with access permitted by the landowners.

These walks are intended to encourage exploration and appreciation of the variety and beauty of the countryside in this locality, on foot. Cyclists are not permitted to ride on public footpaths and by law must give way to walkers and horseriders on bridleways.

When walking, please remember the Countryside Code, particularly:

- respect the local community, farmland and others enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control
- keep to the marked paths and cause no damage to crops, livestock or wildlife

Appropriate footwear is recommended, since wet or muddy conditions can be encountered at any time.

The Sturminster Newton Walkabouts have been developed by the Sturminster Newton Town Council in association with Dorset County Council and are available from Sturquest Community Office, Sturminster Library, the Museum and Sturminster Mill or can be downloaded from www.dorsetforyou.com/walkabouts

Further information can be obtained from the Town Council on 01258 475136.



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Gotts Corner / Honeymead Lane / Butts Pond Meadows



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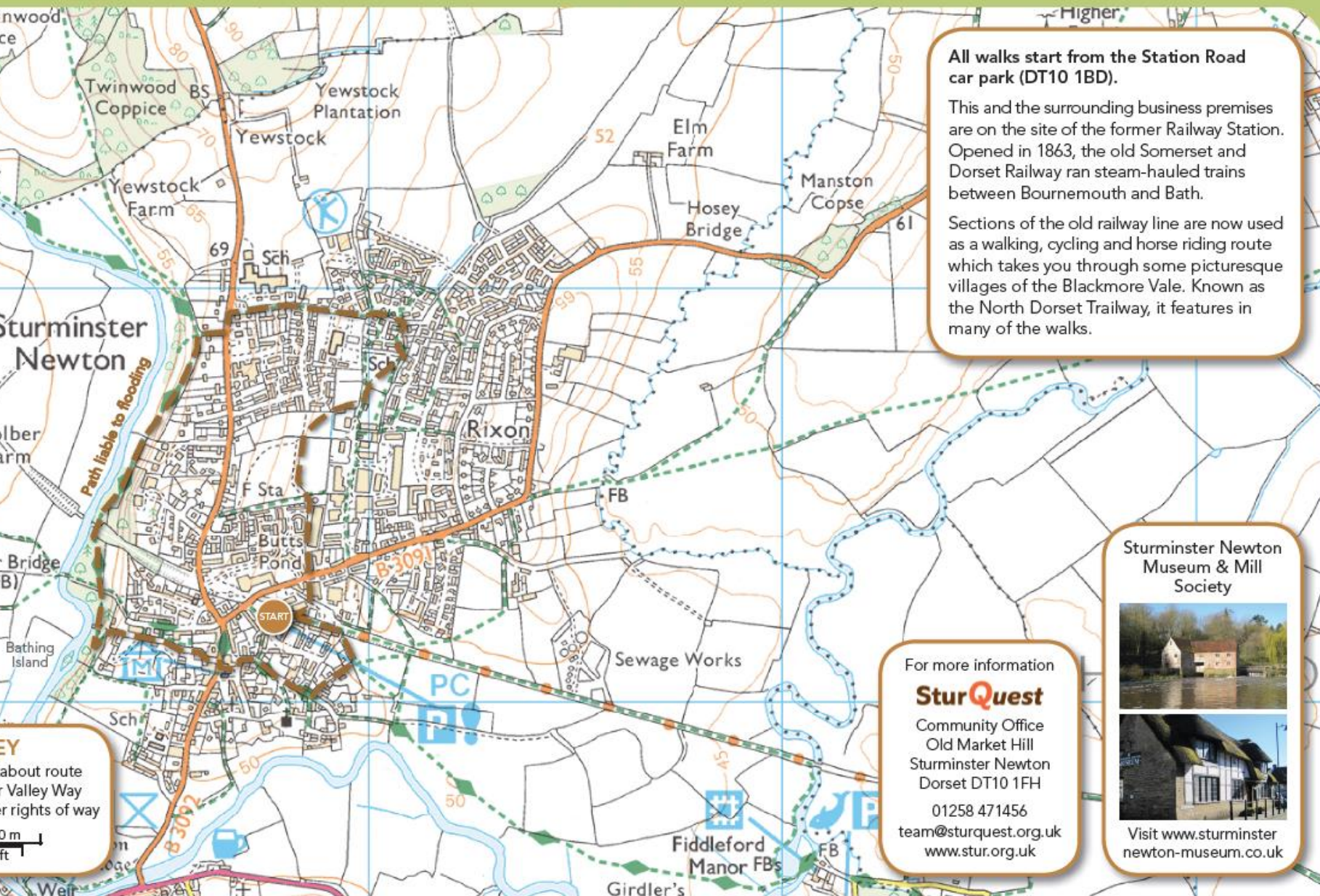
rief walk with features of interest in Sturminster Newton, both past and present.

STARTING POINT

Station Road car park,
Sturminster Newton

DISTANCE

approximately
1.5 miles



All walks start from the Station Road car park (DT10 1BD).

This and the surrounding business premises are on the site of the former Railway Station. Opened in 1863, the old Somerset and Dorset Railway ran steam-hauled trains between Bournemouth and Bath.

Sections of the old railway line are now used as a walking, cycling and horse riding route which takes you through some picturesque villages of the Blackmore Vale. Known as the North Dorset Trailway, it features in many of the walks.

Sturminster Newton Museum & Mill Society



Visit www.sturminster-newton-museum.co.uk

For more information

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**Countryside Access - Better quality
easier to use, community supported and
externally funded**

**External funding in
2016-17, over £700 k
secured for ROW /
Access improvements**



National Award for improving BW's in UK



**16 Apprentices
building careers in
the Countryside
sector**

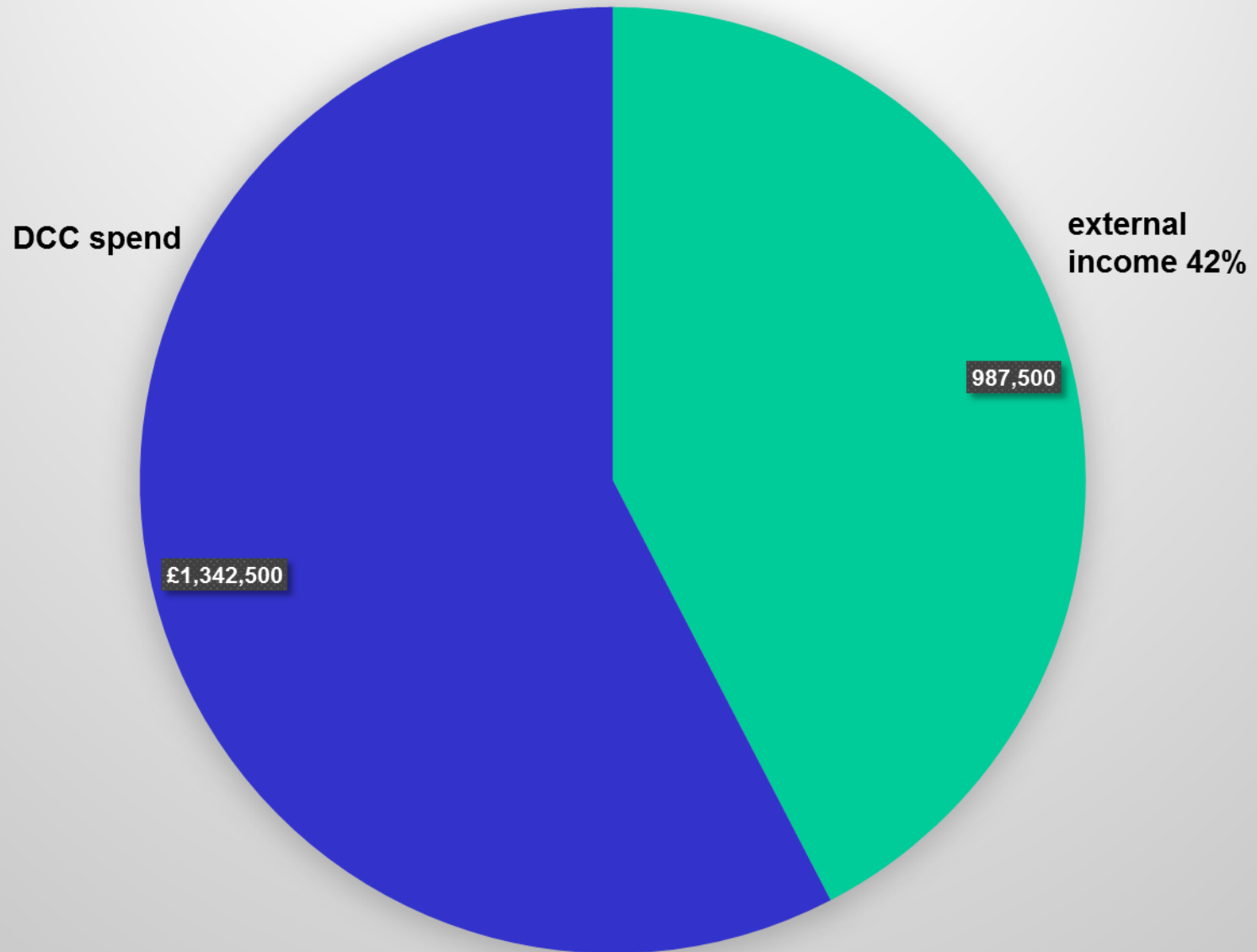


Volunteering with the Rangers



Equivalent to 15
F.T. staff – worth
£300 k per year

Countryside revenue expenditure £2,330,000



There is always more to do.....



We aim to continue to improve our Green Asset to maximise the benefit to Dorset. The potential is huge!