
NEWSLETTER

Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community



I am almost beyond excited to tell you that Dr Jane Goodall DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace has agreed to become one of our Ambassadors! As a world-renowned ethologist, conservationist and author, Bournemouth resident Dr Goodall is one of my heroes so to have her support for the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community initiative is just incredible! If you want a feel-good book to read, her latest book, *The Book of Hope*, is simply inspiring (I gave it to my brother last Christmas).

A photograph of a misty forest landscape with sunlight filtering through the trees. The text "Getting over the line" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Getting over the line

If any of our “potentials” – businesses who have said yes, but haven’t quite got around to signing the pledge yet – want to become pledged champions, please [sign up here](#). We would love to have more hospitality businesses and workplaces of over 20 people join us. The workplaces don’t have to have a canteen, as if you just get biscuits for the office, you could join! Contact me for more information.



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CHAMPION UPDATE

Actual Champions



Pledged Champions



DSPOC THIS MONTH



DSPOC has also connected with **Roots & Shoots campaign**, 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 on Jasmina@rootsnshoots.org.uk for more information.



DSPOC THIS MONTH

I am really delighted to announce that a Southbourne hospitality business – James Fowler’s **The Larder House** – has signed up to the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community and helps takes us nearer to our aim to become the world’s first sustainable palm oil county. It takes inspiration from the greatest foods from around the UK & Europe, and in its unique venue, heralds traditions of bygone eras winning the hearts of the country’s foodie elite and local residents alike. Welcome The Larder House!



Gillingham’s **Red Panda Trading** became our fifth zero waste shop to join DSPOC, and makes Gillingham our 13th town in DSPOC. Red Panda Trading is an online eco shop full of colourful and beautiful luxurious things for greener living. They sell products that are not only sustainably sourced and made by British businesses, but they are sent in reused cardboard, packed with repurposed and recycled paper and only using paper tape. #proud to be plastic-free!

DSPOC THIS MONTH

A big thank you to Caz of **Dorset Food and Drink** for inviting DSPOC to have a stall at the **Dorset Food and Arts Festival in Poundbury** this month. It was such a beautiful sunny day (luckily not too hot), and once again, I spoke to hundreds of people about how much more yield palm oil produces compared to all other vegetable oils in the same land area, the strict criteria for certified sustainable palm oil that growers must adhere to, and what products have palm oil in them and more! I had a gruff voice by the end of the day! Two of the people I met are hoping to help with the Bridport Sustainable Palm Oil Community, and one Year 12 student is going to do an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ, which is ½ A Level) on sustainable palm oil – just brilliant!



Arts University Bournemouth has become our latest pledged champion to complete all the steps required to become a champion – congratulations and thank you to AUB and in particular James who has been enthusiastic about DSPOC and our goal of saying no to conventional palm oil since day 1. They have put their policy on their [Sustainability page](#) of their website – check it out by scrolling to the bottom.



DSPOC THIS MONTH

When you go shopping, how can you tell if there is palm oil in a product, and if it is sustainable or conventional palm oil? Many companies don't use the RSPO logo or don't even say it is certified sustainable palm oil when it is. A new app, PalmOil Scan, produced by Chester Zoo, Auckland Zoo and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo of Colorado in collaboration with the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), checks if the product you are about to purchase is from a company committed to sourcing sustainable palm oil. The database contains products from 1000s of brands and 100s of consumer product manufacturers to reveal how committed they are to certified sustainable palm oil globally. You can also connect with those individual brands and manufacturers via a "contact them button" on the app. Now you can shop with the confidence that you are helping save tropical species and their homes from deforestation. Download it from the App store or Google Play Store.



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

Number of the month: 200+. There are actually over 200 different names for palm oil – check out the full list [here](#). The four main names for palm oil that you may find on the back of a label are Palm; Stear; Laur and Glyc. These names make up about 60% of global palm oil use. However, although these names are frequently used on the back of labels, and are the firm foundations that make up the fatty acids that palm oil can be made into, to make life even trickier, they might not always refer to palm oil. If we all demand sustainable palm oil in everything, we can help make deforestation-free palm oil the norm...

We also still need more hospitality businesses and workplaces with more than 20 people before we can call ourselves the world's first sustainable palm oil county, so please get in touch if you are interested in finding out more. If you have any questions about joining our campaign and [becoming a Champion](#) or an Ambassador, please email me. Alternatively, if you know of anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the campaign to become the world's first sustainable palm oil county, please pass on this newsletter to them, or suggest that they contact us.

