

---

## NEWSLETTER

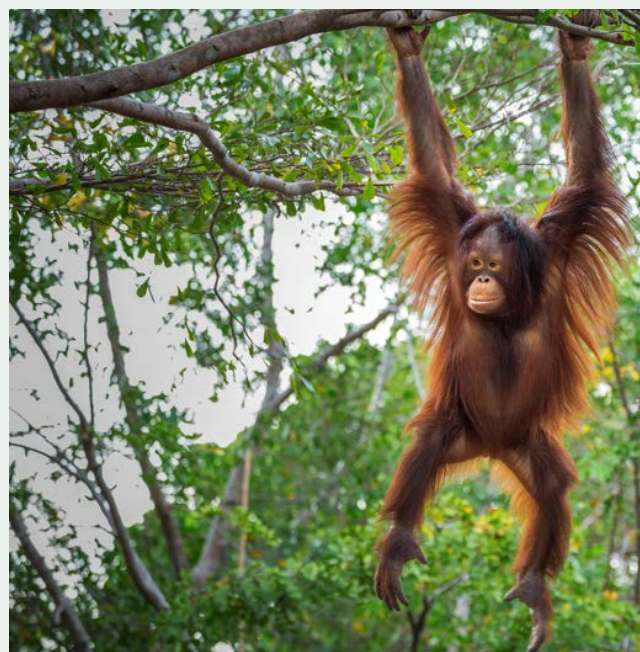
---

# Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community

---



We have welcomed lots of new champions including our first hotel group, Stay Original and the South's largest charity, YMCA Bournemouth.



---

# MONTHLY UPDATE

---

Stay Original have two hotels in Dorset (and 3 beyond our borders that are all switching to sustainable palm oil) - The Kings Arms in Dorchester and The Grosvenor Arms in Shaftesbury.

Four more schools signed up as champions - St Marys Catholic First School in Dorchester, St John's CE Primary School in Weymouth, Milldown Academy in Blandford Forum and Milborne St Andrew First School in Milborne St Andrew.

Just yesterday, YMCA Bournemouth became a champion. YMCA has a broad network through which they could spread the message of our ambition to make Dorset the first Sustainable Palm Oil County, including the Chatterboxes, a gym, a housing association with a café and 4 Surestart hubs. They also work with 6 - 8,000 children with their families, have 6 contact centres, 6 open access youth clubs, the list goes on and on.





---

# MONTHLY UPDATE

---

I thought YMCA Bournemouth would be the final champion I told you about for this month, but we had another hotel and restaurant sign up yesterday too! Green House Hotel and Arbor Restaurant in Bournemouth have pledged to switch to sustainable palm oil across their food supply chain.



Additionally, the news of our campaign continues to spread as we have spoken to LOTS of people this month about it, including having a Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community stall at the Eco-Christmas Fair at one of our champions, St Osmunds Middle School in Dorchester. I must have spoken to about 175 people about the project in 2 hours, so thank you to Ossies for inviting us. [Sustainable Dorset](#) published our November update newsletter on their website (thank you!), we held a brown bag lunch with the Dorset members of the Association of Sustainability Practitioners, and it was picked up by a US news agency (Daily Advent) who published an article about it.



---

# NUMBER OF THE MONTH

---



**Number of the month: 21,290.**  
**Between them, the 2 universities in Bournemouth, Bournemouth University and Arts University Bournemouth have over 20,000 students, plus almost 1,300 staff. Both universities have joined our campaign and are making sure that any palm oil in their food supply chain is sustainable. We hope all 21,290 people at the universities get involved in the Dorset campaign and even encourage other communities / universities to join with Chester Zoo's Sustainable Palm Oil Communities campaign.**

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

