



Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

Have you enjoyed your visit to the Centre?

Would you like to support this unique educational and interpretative Centre on Dorset's Jurassic Coast?

Would you like to be informed of developments by a regular newsletter and events programme?

Would you like to share in our success and enjoy an active Friends social network of events?

Would you like to be a Friend?



The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

For the past 25 years the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre has developed as an educational visitor centre on the Dorset coast, a site now designated as a World Heritage Site. The Jurassic rocks at this location make it a very important focal point for the study of the geology, palaeontology and marine life of 185 million years ago.

In May 2005, after a 6 month closure and a £400,000 extension and modernisation, we reopened in conjunction with the Fine Foundation Education Centre.

Improved facilities include;

- an audio loop, heating system and extra classroom space, which has meant that the Centre can offer students an educational facility throughout the year.
- Fossil touch table, interactive computer displays and regular shows in the Jurassic Theatre that make a visit to the Centre an interesting and exciting experience for all ages.
- provision for wheelchair access and development of activities for those with special needs.

There are now three full-time Wardens who are very well qualified with a range of interests to cover the local geology, marine biology and the rural environment.

During the busy summer season they are assisted by a Seasonal Warden and throughout the year members of the Friends organisation give their time and expertise to support the Centre.

What does being a Friend involve?

You could;

- give a little time to work behind the desk selling souvenirs and talking to the visitors
- use your skills to maintain and improve our facilities
- assist the Wardens on guided walks and events
- join the Friends committee to support this enthusiastic band of volunteers
- assist the Wardens with school and group visits
- become an Associate member by donating anything from £5 to £500 a year or more
- participate in an active social programme, including speaker lectures and BBQ's or....
- you could do all these and learn in the process!

How much time would I need to give?

This depends on you. Sessions behind the desk are three hours either in the morning or in the afternoon—you choose a time or times to suit you. The out of season maintenance work is organised to suit the volunteers who can help at this time. Guided walks last about two hours. Committee work takes a few hours a year. Any other special skills you have you could offer in your own time.

Whatever time you offer would be making a major contribution to the future success of the Centre.

Will I be on my own?

No. You can work behind the desk with another Friend and the Wardens are also there for guidance. There is always a Warden on duty you will have all the help and support you need in any activity at the Centre.

Do I need to be an expert?

No—the only qualification is enthusiasm. You do not need to answer difficult questions or identify geological samples if you are behind the desk, there is always a warden available who can do that. On guided walks you simply provide assistance to the Warden in charge.

What special skills would be of use to the centre?

The list is long! Basic DIY skills are invaluable; help with publicity in the form of journalism, design, printing, distribution; PR and fundraising experience; computer related expertise of any kind; marine, geology, flora and fauna knowledge; social group organisation; accountancy and administration You tell us what you can do!

If you have an interest or skill, enthusiasm and a little spare time then you have the makings of a true Friend.

What if I live too far away or have insufficient spare time to help on a regular basis?

You can become an Associate member of the Centre demonstrating your support by paying a minimum of £5 a year. This sum will cover the administration costs only so we would welcome any level of donation above that to add to our funds.

How do I start?

Fill in the application form on this leaflet and we will contact you. If you wish to discuss any points please contact; Chairman of the Friends on 01297 560134

Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre Application for Membership

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Address:.....

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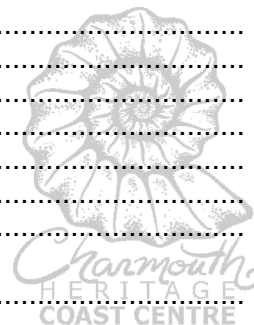
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Telephone no:.....

E-mail address:.....



I wish to apply for membership of the Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and support the work at the Centre as **either:**

- a) **Working Member** prepared to commit time and/or skills to the Centre. Please indicate how you would like to help.....

Or

- b) **Associate Member**

I enclose my annual subscription of

£ (minimum £5)

Signature:

Date:

Please make cheques payable to Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

If you are a U. K. taxpayer it is a good idea to make your donation by Gift Aid. This will enable the Centre to reclaim the Income Tax paid on your donation, increasing its value to us at no extra cost to yourself. Please use the form on the next page to do this.

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre
Registered charity no: 1105386

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no: 5149333**

I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre to treat all donations that I make to the Charity after 6th April 2005 as Gift Aid donations. I am currently paying UK income tax or capital gains tax that is equal to or more than the tax reclaimed by the charity on my donations.

Please print your FULL name in BLOCK CAPITALS as we require this to claim back tax from the Inland Revenue.

FULL name:

Address:.....

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Post code:

Signed:.....

Date:

Please return the form to:
Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre
Registered office:
Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre
Lower Sea Lane
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