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Flaghead Chine Benches & Rock Garden – Suttle Purbeck Stone

Client: BCP Council

Date: Summer 2021

Material: Cap, Button & Laper

Project Detail:

Offering glorious views of the Purbeck coastline in the distance, the Seaside Garden at Flaghead Chine, near Sandbanks, was officially opened in July.
Designer Barbara Uphoff and project officer Reuben Hawkwood from Poole Borough Council were tasked with designing a space to connect the wooded chine with the beach and provide a meeting point and place for quiet play for families at the site of four large new beach huts.

Suttle Purbeck Stone provided several types of Purbeck beds for use in the project, including Cap for the large sawn benches, which have a smooth, almost marble finish (one features a handwritten logo for Flaghead Chine etched into the side), and Button and Laper for the landscaping and edging stone.

Artist Phil Bews and wife Diane Gorvin initially created maquettes – scale models in plaster – before setting about producing the full-sized carved stone sculptures present in the garden, which include elegant sea shells and a sea urchin design which can be used as seating Local plants were used throughout including thistle, sea kale, agapanthus, rosemary, and marram grasses.

Nikki Parker-Goadsby, of Dorset Coastal Connections, praised the new garden, saying: "It provides a real sense of welcome and arrival to the Dorset seafront."

Sawyer Matt Suttle said: "[Quarry manager] Nick Crocker has a good working relationship with Borough of Poole who were tasked with redesigning this area, and they know Nick has the expertise, experience and knowledge to

deliver what they want to create.

"They sent us the plan and artists' impression and Nick provided them with suggestions for the appropriate materials.

"The finished project is brilliant, so aesthetically pleasing. It will be a great asset to the promenade. It was a well-executed project by the Council, one that we are proud to have been involved with from beginning to the end."

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