

PURBECK LANDSCAPES

John Chaffey

In a relatively small area of south-east Dorset, the Isle of Purbeck displays an amazing variety of landscapes. Purbeck's stunning coast lays bare the geology underlying the different parts of the peninsula, and it rewards us with some of the most attractive scenery in the whole of Britain. Inland, Purbeck's landscapes unveil themselves in a journey southwards from its gateway town of Wareham: the heathlands, the Purbeck Hills, the intimate countryside of the Vale of Purbeck, and the much-quarried limestone lands stretching to the Channel coast. Purbeck's villages scattered across the different landscapes contribute their own distinctive character to the lands that have nurtured them, whilst Wareham and Swanage add urban charm to their rural setting.

This book, profusely illustrated in colour and with an expert text by leading Dorset geologist John Chaffey, shows that Purbeck, with its infinite variety, is in so many ways a microcosm of Britain and is one of our most cherishable assets.

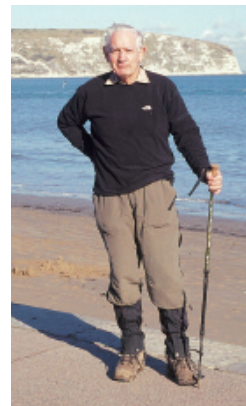
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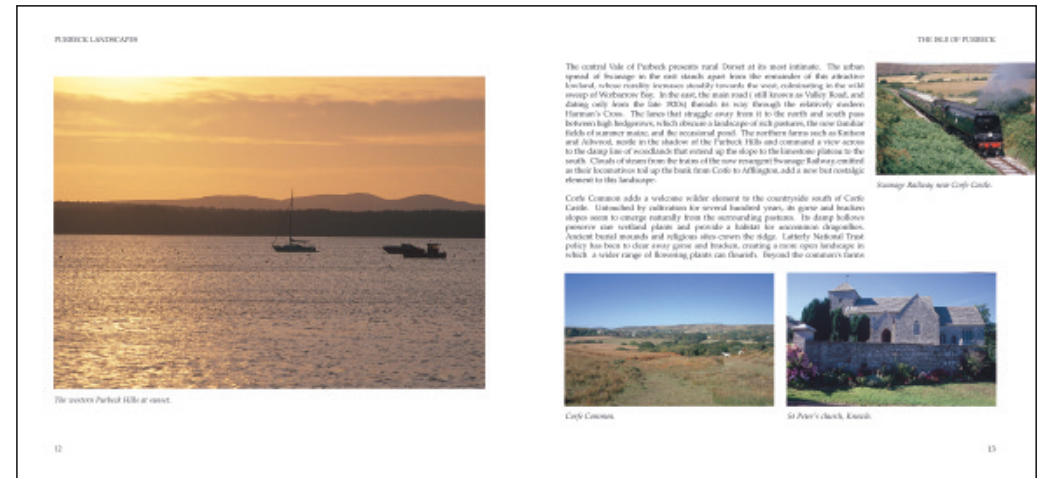
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The south coast of Purbeck near Dancing Ledge.



Corfe Castle, East Hill and Challow Hill.



Arish Mell and Worbarrow Bay.



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