



Case Study:

Osprey Quay

Location: Portland, Dorset

Site Type: Service charge

Size size: 9ha/60+ properties

Site Take on: 2014

About Osprey Quay

Osprey Quay is a nine hectare coastal site on the south-western shore of Portland Harbour, Dorset, and includes flood defences, open greenspace and a waterfront promenade between Portland Castle and Portland Marina. There are splendid sea views from Castle Court Memorial Garden overlooking the marina and harbour. The site is close to the tourist hotspot of Chesil Beach, part of the Jurassic Coast and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

History

The Homes and Communities Agency (now Homes England) transferred ownership of land at Osprey Quay to the Osprey Quay Management Services Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Land Trust in 2014.

During the Olympics, Osprey Quay was host to the main sailing events and athlete village and a focus for thousands of people who gathered along the Weymouth and Portland coastline to watch the sailing events, which included sailor Ben Ainslie winning his fourth Olympic gold.

DELIVERING CHARITABLE OUTCOMES

ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

The promenade is a great place to spot seabirds and other marine life. The landscaped bays around the snugs provide a refuge for coastal shrubs, wildflowers, grasses and insects.



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

We currently hold annual meetings with the service charge customers at Osprey Quay to discuss our management of the site and answer any questions they may have. We plan to run a lot more events for our customers in the future, including Bird Walks and Heritage Walks.

An annual fairground will be held at Osprey Quay, which will help fund further activities for the community.



EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Osprey Quay is a site rich with heritage, providing a myriad of education opportunities, with a number of interesting landmarks located around the site including the MS Osprey Lynx Display Helicopter, HMS Illustrious Memorial, Portland Coastguard SAR stone, WWII Mulberry Harbour caissons and sculptures, Millennium Pillars, Portland Branch Railway stone and more.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The site is managed in partnership with Wessex Grounds Services and they have plans to run regular lunchtime health walks once Covid-19 restrictions ease. The Portland Coastal Marathon also takes in the site, attracting thousands of runners to the area.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

We have recently signed an agreement to have a funfair on site twice a year. Not only will this provide a significant boost to the local economy in the area but it will also provide the Trust with significant income which we plan to use to boost the level of charitable outcomes we can deliver on site.

The work we do on the land we manage also provides flood protection for local businesses.



If you would like any further information about the work we do at Osprey Quay please contact Land Trust Estates Manager Steve Crosby at stevecrosbyl@thelandtrust.org.uk

