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***Cheers (AM – 10/3/25)***

**Strap: parks flying visit**

**Headline: The perfect location!**

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**Intro: Sue Hollingshead finds out more about the popular scenic park, Cauldron Barn Farm, which boasts a Dorset location along the Jurassic coastline...**

If you are looking for a village-like residential park with stunning countryside views, you will be interested to read more about Cauldron Barn Farm Park. Its location in Dorset offers both rural and coastal settings, with both the beach and Swanage town centre being within walking distance.

Nestled within the Purbeck Hills, Cauldron Barn Farm Park occupies 14 acres of grounds and will have 100 homes once completed. At present, there are around 30 available plots of varying sizes.

Berkeleyparks purchased the park in 2008 as an established development dating to the 1950s. It boasts mature landscaping with glorious trees and hedgerows, not forgetting some marvellous residents’ gardens which they have nurtured over their years at Cauldron.

The overall site is certainly well-maintained and tidy as David Boucher, a resident of four years, was keen to tell me. He commented: “The staff are so friendly and helpful, in fact, they simply can’t do enough for you.”

**“It’s lovely here”**

Caroline and David Boucher had been living in a flat in Swanage, but they didn’t feel it was large enough. After David suffered a stroke, they really wanted somewhere with a bit more space and a garden, for both them and their dog.

As it happens, Caroline started working in the Berkeleyparks office at Cauldron Barn Farm, which was their inspiration for moving to the park and into a Tingdene Barnwell show home.

While talking to David about their experience, he was standing by his patio doors looking out over the beautiful countryside, and somewhat gloating that he had such a marvellous outlook.

They are thrilled with their move to the park, for both the lifestyle and its location, which offers the beach within a 30-minute walk and plenty of countryside walking routes.

**Community social club**

The friendly community is something else David mentioned. There is a social club on-site where many clubs are held, for example, darts and keep fit sessions, along with many social events that are organised by the residents' association. Locally, there are many further clubs and activities to get involved with.

**Moving to Cauldron**

The park is suitable for the 50-plus age group and is pet-friendly with either one dog or one cat welcome.

When it comes to choosing your home, you have a variety of plot sizes to choose from, ranging from 38ft x 20 up to 51ft x 20. You can also choose a home from your preferred manufacturer, with Berkeleyparks currently working with Manor, Harbur and Omar for new homes.

Your move-in ready home is supplied with a garden, shed and driveway.

**Show homes**

There are currently four show homes available, each offering a superb layout and specification. Further details can be obtained from Berkeleyparks head office or by visiting their website.

Whichever home you choose, you can be assured that it will be of excellent quality and fitted out to suit today's needs. The spacious living area will either have a separate lounge, or a lounge/diner. Its kitchen will have a superb contemporary style and be equipped with integrated appliances, and ample storage.

You will have two double bedrooms and a separate bathroom. Depending on the model chosen, you could potentially have a walk-in wardrobe and en-suite shower room.

The four show homes are all 40ft x 20 with the Hawthorne Sofia priced at £320,000, the Pathfinder Silkwood at £335,000, the Pathfinder Lighthouse at £335,000, and the Manor Brampton at £335,000.

Berkeleyparks offers a dedicated part-exchange scheme when selling your existing property with up to 100 per cent of the property value. For more information, please speak to a Berkeleyparks representative.

**Everything you need**

Cauldron Barn Farm is in an excellent location, with Swanage town centre only a 15-minute walk. Here you will find all the amenities you might need.

Swanage is a seaside town, with all the normal seaside attractions, including a Victorian pier and sandy beach.

The Jurassic coastline, and its beautiful countryside, has inspired a popular pastime for walking. You can walk to Corfe over Nine Barrow Down and to Corfe Castle. Alternatively, you could head in the opposite direction, over Ballard Down to Old Harry Rocks and Studland.

Durlston Country Park has lovely coastal walks including a lighthouse, castle and a giant stone globe.

Further towns include Poole, just 40 minutes by car, and Bournemouth around 50 minutes.

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