

# The Fleet Study Group

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## **The Fleet Study group collates and disseminates information, and encourages research, on the Fleet Lagoon, Chesil Beach and Hamm Beach**

### **The Group**

The Fleet Study Group was established in 1975 with the inaugural meeting held at the then Dorset Institute of Higher Education (DIHE), now Weymouth College. It is a voluntary organisation that brings together those with a wide range of scientific and local interests. It meets three times a year, usually in March, July and November. The Fleet Study Group has the full support of the Ilchester Estates which owns the principal part of Chesil Beach and the Fleet Lagoon. The group has also been supported by a number of other organisations over the years.

### **Objectives of the Group**

- The collection, collation and dissemination of scientific, historical and other relevant information about the Fleet, Chesil Beach and adjacent areas
- To assemble and maintain an archive of relevant information
- The identification of gaps in our knowledge and the identification of possible future research topics
- The consideration of environmental effects of natural and anthropogenic changes

### **Composition of the Group**

The Fleet Study Group comprises representatives from Natural England, CEFAS, Portland Port and the Ilchester Estates, and scientists with a wide range of interests including geology, geomorphology, archaeology, ecology and biology. The current chairman is Ed Harland.

Membership is by invitation to those expressing an interest in appropriate topics and wishing to further the Group's objectives. The present membership consists of both amateurs and professionals who have worked in the study area and on relevant topics.

### **The Fleet Study Group Archive**

A collection of nearly 350 papers and items relevant to the study area. The items are currently held by members pending a decision on its future. A copy of the catalogue is also available to download as an EXCEL spreadsheet from the Fleet Study Group website [www.fsg.org.uk](http://www.fsg.org.uk).

### **Symposia**

From time to time the Fleet Study Group holds symposia to discuss results of recent studies. The Proceedings of the first three (1981, 1985 and 1993) have been published. The 1981 and 1985 proceedings can be downloaded from the FSG web pages. Also available are the posters and presentations from our 100<sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2010.



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