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Meet the Monsters of the Jurassic Coast at Weymouth Library!

Families with primary school age children are invited along to Weymouth Library on Wednesday 2 June to meet some of the 'monsters' that roamed this part of the world millions of years ago.

The library will be hosting the launch of a new children's sticker book, 'Monsters', produced by illustrator Darrell Wakelam and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site team¹ and funded by the Jurassic Coast Trust².

Aimed at the primary school age group, the book is packed with colourful dinosaur stickers to place on maps of the Jurassic seas, deserts, swamps and tropical lagoons where the creatures once lived.

The book represents the 'walk through time' spanning the three geological periods – Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous – that can be found along the Dorset and East Devon World Heritage Site.

As well as being great fun, the book helps children learn about different types of prehistoric creatures, the fossilisation process, rock features and landforms, as well as how to collect fossils safely.

The Jurassic Coast Trust works to help educate everyone about the wonders of this World Heritage Site. Chairman of the Trust, James Weld, said:

"We are delighted to add a children's book to our range of publications, and all profits from sales will be used to fund the next educational project."

Children who come along to Weymouth Library between 10am-12pm can meet one of these 'monsters' for themselves with a life-size model of the famous Pliosaurus head discovered in Weymouth Bay.

The giant papier mache head was created by children with help from artist Darrell Wakelam at this year's Lyme Regis Fossil Festival. Bring your camera to get a snapshot with the smiling, sharp-tooth sea monster.

Kids can also:

- Take part in the fantastic drawing competition to win an original drawing of a Jurassic Coast monster
- Paint replica fossils – in all the colours of the rainbow if you want – and take them home
- Have a look at the collection of real fossils and discover the secret of how they were formed
- And buy a copy of the brand new Jurassic Coast 'Monsters' sticker book, priced £2.99.

'Monsters' is a must-have for the summer holidays and will be available from visitor centres along the Jurassic Coast, as well as local Tourist Information Centres and selected bookstores and online from amazon.co.uk

To find out more about the sticker book launch, contact Weymouth Library on (01305) 762403.

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Notes for editors:

Note 1: 185 million years of geological history forms England's first natural UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Jurassic Coast of Dorset and East Devon, which covers 95 miles of stunning coastline from Old Harry Rocks at Studland in the East to Ocombe Point in Exmouth in the West, was given this

prestigious status in 2001. For further information about the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site visit www.jurassiccoast.com

Note 2: The Jurassic Coast Trust (formerly The World Heritage Coast Trust) was established in 2002, Registered Charity Number 1101134. The Trust provides support for a diverse range of education, conservation, science and arts projects, which help local people and visitors to enjoy and understand the geological history and beauty of the site. Funds are raised through different levels of support from large and small businesses, Project Sponsors, Individual Friend, Family and the sale of publications. For more information about the Trust visit www.jurassiccoasttrust.org. For information about the Jurassic Coast Trust, contact the Executive Officer, Nikki Greenleaf on 01460 242780 or nikki.greenleaf@jurassiccoasttrust.org. www.jurassiccoasttrust.org

Note 3: Photograph of the Pliosaur head and how it was made is attached.

Note 4: The media is invited to the launch event to take photographs and find out about the sticker book. Please check that parents have given their permission for children to be photographed.