

## Ice dreams

The Isle of Purbeck on Dorset's south coast is renowned for its natural beauty. It attracts visitors from all over the world during the summer months to its glorious beaches and to explore the ancient ruins of picturesque Corfe Castle.

Hazel and Peter Hartle have been making award-winning Purbeck Ice Cream here for 23 years. It is made using fresh local milk and cream with no artificial additives, added colours or GMOs – it's all gluten-free, too. Their refreshing Purbeck sorbets are made with fresh, local spring water and natural fruit juices. "We were adamant from the start that our ice cream should be utterly natural, with no artificial additives and most certainly not coloured. Who needs washing up liquid green colour in their mint ice cream?"

Towards the end of 2001, the Hartles were approached by Springbourne Fire Station in Bournemouth to make a chilli-flavoured ice cream for a Mexican-themed evening. "It was a challenge, but but we set to work blending various concoctions to come up with a product that would satisfy the hottest of firemen," remembers Hazel. The result was a huge success – an ice cream that was cool on the tongue, but gave a kick to the throat, and chefs were soon clamouring to get hold of the new flavour to serve with steaks, seafood and soups.

The rest is history. The Hartles went on to develop a range of unusual flavours. The Purbeck Spice Rack range now includes delights like Beetroot & Horseradish, which Hazel says is just as delicious served with melon balls, Dorset smoked air-dried beef or alongside a warmed, sticky chocolate pud.

Purbeck Ice Cream still make their traditional Home Range ice creams. They include classically delicious award-winning varieties like Clotted Cream, Vanilla Bean, Serious Chocolate, Champagne & Strawberry, Stem Ginger and Honeycombe Hash. Or there are more adventurous flavours such as Cracked Black Pepper, Mixed Spice and Liquorice. Plus wonderfully thirst-quenching sorbets including Bucks Fizz and Joe's Cider Sorbet – just the thing for a balmy summer's evening. Purbeck Ice Cream is available from regional branches of Tesco, Asda and the Co-Op as well as from the National Trust.

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*Celebrate the summer with these amazing ice cream flavours*



The Hartles (below, left) have been making award-winning Purbeck Ice Cream for 23 years including Joe's Cider Sorbet (above)

