



WHITELEY WOODS

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE

GOODWIN COTTAGE NEWS



Welcome to this special edition of our newsletter all about Goodwin cottage!

We were so lucky to receive an award from the Youth Investment Fund which has funded a complete renovation of Goodwin, providing small group accommodation for our users.

It's been exciting and challenging in equal measure to get us to this point and we are nearly ready to show our new space off to you.

There are many people who have worked very hard to get us to where we are today. However, we'd like to make special mention of Gillian Nottingham. We are so grateful to Gillian for all her hard work and attention to detail and we really could not have done this without her.

Bookings are now open for Goodwin Cottage, we can't wait for you to bring your group and come and enjoy the amazing space that we've created.

See you soon!

Helen and Jill
Joint Chairs of Trustees

Goodwin - The Story So Far

The cottage hadn't been used for a number of years so when we first opened it up for the builders there was some interesting vintage decor waiting to be discovered inside!



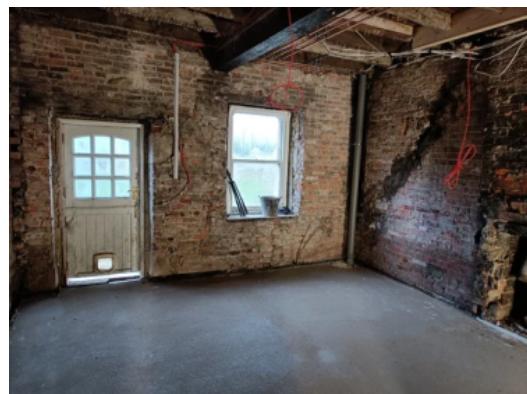
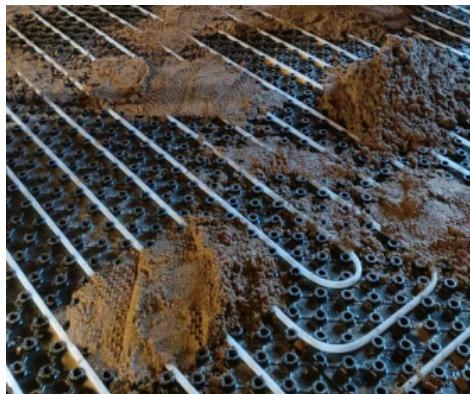
Amazing isn't it?! But sadly (or not, depending on your taste) the wallpaper had to go, as well as walls, floors and lots of other things.

Over the winter the team from RLX have completely remodelled the inside of the cottage so we can accommodate 12 people in 4 en-suite rooms with bunk beds.



Downstairs there'll be a kitchen, toilet and activity area. It will be comfy and cosy even in the winter as it'll have underfloor heating and breathable flooring. We're working on making the centre more eco-friendly so Goodwin will be heated by an air source heat pump.





The cottage has been undergoing a massive transformation, and with the floors going down and new walls now in place, it's beginning to take shape!

Despite a few unexpected challenges (as you'd expect with a 300 year old Grade II listed building) we're on course to finish the work on time. Then it's over to you to come and have a nosy and get your group booked in! [Keep reading for more info.](#)

Open Day

We're opening the doors of Goodwin for you to come and have a look around on **Saturday May 11th**. We'll be updating our social media with the details soon so make sure you follow us (you can do this via the links at the bottom of the newsletter), and there'll be more information in the Spring newsletter.

Booking

Goodwin will be available for you to stay in from **Friday May 17th**. Prices are just as competitive as our other accommodation. Details are now on our website ([WWOAC bookings](#)), and as usual just get in touch if you have any questions (oac@girlguidingsheffield.org.uk).

Fundraising

The Youth Investment Fund grant has paid for the building work but doesn't cover everything, so we've been busy raising funds for all the bits and bobs we need to fully furnish Goodwin. Thanks to the JG Graves Charitable Trust we're part of the way there and we're waiting for news on other grants and donations we've applied for.

Get involved

It's a really exciting time at Whiteley Woods and we're working hard to keep offering brilliant adventures for young people. We're always looking for people to get involved in making the centre a success so if you would be interested in becoming part of our volunteer team we'd love to hear from you.

Why not come along to one of our working days to have a chat (follow our social media for dates and details) or get in touch with Jill and Helen by emailing [**oacchair@girlguidingsheffield.org.uk**](mailto:oacchair@girlguidingsheffield.org.uk).

**We hope to see you soon,
The Whiteley Woods OAC Team**

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