

Welcome to our Autumn 2024 newsletter!



Autumn is very much with us and as we watch the leaves fall (and are thankful for leaf blowers!) thoughts turn to all the exciting times ahead. There's always something to do at Whiteley Woods whatever the season and there is nothing better than hearing the squeals of joy as young people explore the site in the dark with torches in hand. Why not try something different and book an Autumn or Winter evening session with us?

We've been busy sorting our activities locker out and have a refreshed offer for you - see below for more details. Beat the Bin sounds awesome! Get your group booked in and let us know how you've beaten the bin!

Come and join us for our volunteering weekend as we attack the pond surroundings, and get creative at our Wreath Making event. Whatever brings you to Whiteley Woods, we're so pleased to see you enjoying our beautiful site. Enjoy your adventures!

Helen and Jill

Joint Chairs of Trustees

Activities for everyone!

Did you know we have loads of equipment and ideas for self-led activities?

We now have a brand new [brochure](#) with lots of information about what's available to hire, and suggestions for how to get your young people involved in planning activities. We also have plenty of sports, games and play equipment that you can use for free!



If your group comes up with a great idea for an activity then we'd love you to tell us about it so we can pass it on. The more fun we can share, the better!

Make a Christmas Wreath with us

We still have some spaces for our wreath making sessions, 10-12.30 and 13.30-4 on Sunday 17th November. It's £30 per person and that includes expert guidance, a hot drink and mince pie, fresh foliage and seasonal trimmings. Please wear warm clothes and sturdy shoes and bring strong scissors/secateurs and gardening gloves.

[Book here!](#)



Planning your next Whiteley Woods Adventure

Weekends are very busy up until Christmas and we're already getting lots of bookings for our residential accommodation for next Spring/Summer, so if you are planning to bring your group then we recommend getting in touch as soon as you can to check availability.

It may be getting a bit colder but Whiteley Woods is a great place to experience the seasonal changes in nature, so why not bring your group for an Autumn or Winter evening visit? What's not to like about conkers and hot chocolate!?



If you're coming for the day/evening please complete a visitor slip while you're here. You can pick one up from the box on the office door and then either hand it in to a member of staff or post through the office letterbox.

Our [Risk Assessments](#) are now available on our website. Please make sure you have looked at the relevant ones before your visit.

Weather drama!



Some typical British summer weather (ie very heavy downpours) caused us some unexpected issues on site a few months ago. The shower block between Plimsoll and Coles Corner flooded and was badly damaged.

Work has been done over the summer to dry the building out and we're now making plans to get it renovated and back into use as soon as possible.

Protect our Pond!

Things have got a bit wild at the pond over the summer so we're planning a work weekend to clear some of the overgrown areas before they start causing damage. It's on November 2nd-3rd and we'd love it if you came to help us!

See our [facebook event](#) for more details.

If you can't make the work day there are lots of other opportunities for people to join our team of volunteers. We're looking for more people to help run our shop which we open for groups on Saturday afternoons. To find out how you can help by lending us your skills, time or enthusiasm, email oacchair@girlguidingsheffield.org.uk.

Thank you Henry Boot!

Big thanks to local construction company Henry Boot who gave us a donation recently. We've used the money to buy some new carabiners and other kit for our climbing activities.

Thanks for your continued support, we hope to see you soon!

The Whiteley Woods OAC Team



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