



## Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter



Autumn is definitely upon us. The beautiful seasonal colours are everywhere to be seen. We hope you are booking in your visits and getting ready to enjoy all the centre has to offer over the next few months. Don't forget to make use of our nature resources -there are loads of fun things to do including some dark night activities.

It's a privilege to be a Trustee of Whiteley Woods OAC and to work with such a great team. Thank you to everyone who is part of that, however large or small your contribution, you are all valued.

Enjoy your Autumn fun! See you at Whiteley Woods soon.

Helen and Jill  
Joint Chairs of Trustees

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**We are now VAT registered**

As the Centre is growing and becoming busier, we have had to register with HMRC for VAT. Unfortunately we have no control over this legal requirement. This means we have had to review our pricing. Our new prices are available on our [website](#) so please have a look before you make your next booking. Please note that for residential accommodation there is now a building hire charge rather than a per person cost.

We have tried to make any changes as fair as possible so we can secure the future of the centre for the benefit of young people. We have contacted all customers whose bookings are affected by these changes but if you have any questions please [get in touch](#).

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## Wide Games Project

We've been working with researchers from the University of Sheffield's School of Education on a knowledge exchange project about wide games. You may have heard us talking about it with Paulette Edwards on BBC Radio Sheffield!



The project ties in with our Outdoor Learning Adventures which will be available soon to primary schools, and all the youth groups who use our site.

We've had some brilliant contributions from local leaders who have shared their ideas and experience. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far!

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## Welcome to our new committee members!

We are so pleased that Emma Ede, Jane Bell-Cole and Simon Hollis have joined our management committee. All three bring a wealth of experience to our centre and will be part of the decision making that keeps Whiteley Woods in safe hands.

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## Friends of Whiteley Woods OAC

Our friends were with us for lunch recently, and it's been great to see some new members joining the group. The support they give us is amazing and we are grateful for their ongoing commitment to making the centre a special place for young people. If you're interested in joining you can find out more [here](#)!

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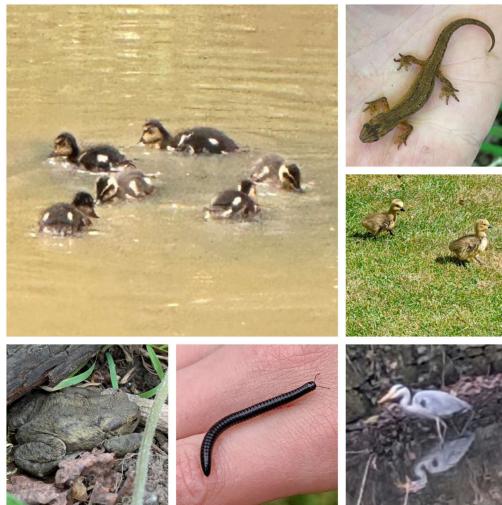
### We ❤️ our green space!



A big part of what makes Whiteley Woods OAC such a great place is the wildlife and nature on our site. We work hard to make sure it continues to be a well cared for and thriving green space. The Woodland Trust is donating some new hedging plants to us which will be arriving soon.

We've seen a huge array of things growing, blooming, buzzing, wriggling, waddling, and tweeting on site this year.

Find out about our Nature Activities [here](#), and don't forget to share and tag us in any pictures of the things you spot using #wwoacnaturespotters.



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

**The Whiteley Woods OAC Team**



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