



# Welcome to our Summer Newsletter



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Now that summer is well and truly here it is great to see so many young people , from schools, Guides and Scouts, and other youth groups, enjoying our site.

This was especially true of the Guides that recently attended Sheffield County Guide Camp. The weather was glorious, and it really made everything we do here at Whiteley Woods worthwhile seeing so many taking part in our activities and just generally having a great time. What a wonderful group of Guides they were!

There has also been so much happening behind the scenes too, with Plimsoll toilets now reopened, and the truss in Dale finally getting the repair it needs.

You will also see that we have new resources to offer, in terms of our nature activities and our Outdoor Learning Adventures . Read below for more information.

As always thank you for supporting Whiteley Woods . We look forward to seeing you on site soon.

Helen & Jill

Chairs of Whiteley Woods Outdoor Activity Centre

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## Outdoor Learning Adventures - Coming Soon!

We want as many children as possible to have brilliant experiences at Whiteley Woods OAC, so we'll be offering Outdoor Learning Adventures to primary schools from the Autumn. They're also suitable for any other groups working with children aged 5-11. Big thanks to Sheffield Church Burgesses Educational Foundation and the University of Sheffield for their support with this project.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES



**Children become Space Explorers or Time Travellers and take part in fun activities designed to encourage curiosity, creativity, and connection with nature.**



**Activities support classroom learning for each year group (1-6) in National Curriculum KS 1 & 2 core and foundation subjects.**



**Resources to support teacher-led delivery include workbooks, session plans and knowledge organisers.**



**Developed in collaboration with Curriculum Development and Outdoor practitioners, and with researchers from the University of Sheffield's School of Education.**



**Affordable costs, and accessible by public transport from most areas of the city.**



As part of the project we're working with the University of Sheffield on some research about Wide Games. If you have any stories, memories or ideas to share

please get in touch by [email](#).

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## New accommodation (for bugs!)

Will and Tom joined us on work experience recently and did a great job helping out around the site. They built this luxury new bug accommodation while they were here;



"This was made by stacking pallets upon one another before filling it with carefully chosen material, such as wood, moss, and bricks. This created a place of variety and comfort, allowing for all kinds of insects and creatures to coexist. These habitats are important for the natural environment and help create biodiversity, because they replace lost habitats and provide shelter for many species of insect. This helps the area remain wealthy in diverse nature. We were greatly pleased to be able to contribute to this amazing site, and we hope that other people will find as much joy here as we did."

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## Bookings

We only have a few weekends available in our residential accommodation for the rest of this year, and we are already getting lots of booking enquiries for next Spring/Summer, so if you are planning to visit us please get in touch asap to avoid disappointment.

We still have availability for camping and evening visits in the Autumn and there are loads of fun things you can do on site as the evenings get darker and cooler. Don't

forget to pack the hot chocolate!

Get in touch if you have any questions or see our website for our latest [prices](#) and [terms and conditions](#).

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## Nature Activities

It's been fantastic to see groups using our new Nature Activities and exploring the wildlife on site. They are great value and suitable for evening visits and as part of your camp or pack holiday programme.



There's activities for rain and snow too so something new to try whatever the season!

See what's available for Autumn [here](#).



We have mindful, practical and creative activities for all age groups. They can be done on site, or for a bigger adventure you can follow one of our suggested walking

routes.



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**Thanks for your continued support, we hope to see you soon!**  
**The Whiteley Woods OAC Team**



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