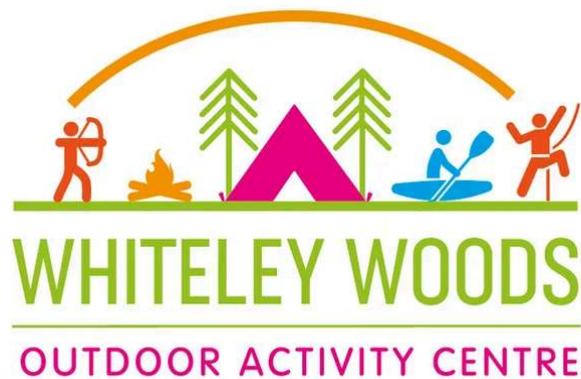


# Winter Newsletter



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Welcome to 2026! As we wave goodbye to January, it's so good to see the daffodils breaking through, heralding longer days and maybe even some sunshine eventually?! This time of year provides an opportunity for checking round the site and planning for the year ahead.



We are so pleased that our new outdoor education experiences for primary schools are ready to go and there are more details below. Please share with any teachers that you know and ask them to think about visiting Whiteley Woods as part of their commitment to getting their pupils outdoors.

A new year often leads us all to think about how we want to spend our time and how we might want to give back to our community. Here at Whiteley Woods we are

governed by a group of volunteers who are trustees or management committee members. It's vital that we expand the number of volunteers we have in these roles to ensure that good succession planning is in place. Perhaps you know someone who has a background in education and/or the outdoors who would bring experience and knowledge to our team?

Alongside new trustees, we are looking for a volunteer co-ordinator and some administrative support. If you or someone you know would like to become part of our volunteer team and contribute to keeping our centre well governed and led, please [get in touch](#). A warm welcome awaits!

Thank you as ever for all your support for the centre. We can't wait to see you again soon.

Helen and Jill  
Joint Chairs of Trustees

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## Outdoor Learning Adventures

We're very excited to be launching our brand new Outdoor Learning Adventures. Aimed at primary schools and groups working with children aged 5-11, they are designed to inspire creativity, curiosity, imagination and teamwork.

Children can become Space Explorers who visit the planet Wellywoop, or Time Travellers who discover some of the interesting people who've been at Whiteley Woods over a period of 300 years.

The adventures have been created in collaboration with outdoor and curriculum practitioners, as well as researchers from the University of Sheffield's School of Education. They support classroom learning in National Curriculum core and foundation subjects for Key Stage 1 and 2.



We hope the adventures will get children and educators excited about learning, exploring and playing outdoors!

For more information please [contact us!](#)

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## Goodwin Cottage Garden



We were lucky to get a grant from the Youth Investment Fund to refurbish the interior of Goodwin Cottage but the space outside still needs some work. We've begun clearing the garden so we can put in some outdoor seating. We've also planted lots of wildflowers which we're looking forward to seeing bloom in the summer!

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## Bookings and Availability

We have limited weekend availability for residential accommodation from mid-April through to the autumn, so please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested in booking. We still have camping availability and lots of great activities for evening visits so we hope to see lots of you enjoying the site in the coming months!

For booking enquiries please [contact the office](#) or [complete a form](#) on the website.

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

**The Whiteley Woods OAC Team**



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