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NEWSLETTER 2026

NEW ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

We are constantly planning new additions to our long list of available activities, whilst continuing to improve our existing facilities. A recent addition is our new bouldering wall, with its colour-coded hand and foot holds enabling thoughtful and dextrous travel along its length. It is an activity loved by all, especially our younger visitors.



In the residential block we have a new washing and drying machine in the upgraded Drying Room, very kindly funded by the Albright Grimley Charity, The Lord Austin Trust, and The W.E.D. Charitable Trust and really appreciated by those who have been out in the rain and the mud! And speaking of mud, improved drainage and paving has been installed around the caving system making access to and from the exciting multi-layered tunnels a much cleaner affair!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Come rain or shine, there will always be a warm welcome for you here at Woodlands. As we all know, the weather over the past year has been very changeable - from heavy storms to exceptional heatwaves - but we are proud to say that it was only on one day that we had to postpone a group, due to the extraordinary high winds which would have posed safety concerns for the climbing tower, the high ropes course and activities on the lake and in the woods. However, we were able to re-book the group concerned, and a good time was enjoyed by all a few days later. So, there is no need to worry about the weather – we will cope with whatever it throws at us - except high winds! Just make sure you are wearing the appropriate clothing!



GCSE IN P.E.

We are always very pleased to host those secondary schools which attend to undertake their practical assessments as part of their GCSE course in PE. Whichever the examination board, be it AQA, Edexcel or OCR, pupils can use our climbing and abseiling wall and highropes course (below) to complete their individual activity. Our highly experienced and qualified staff will instruct and assist as necessary.



££- DEALING WITH THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS - ££

We are very aware that the Cost-of-Living Crisis is impacting so many of the families, schools and clubs which make bookings with us. As a Charity which ploughs any profits back into the Centre, we keep our prices as low as possible, and we have many special offers such as early 2027 bookings at 2026 prices and bookings at low - season prices. In addition, we offer a drop-off & pick-up facility whereby parents/carers can bring and collect their children rather than using coaches which are now so expensive. We also have our own extensive self-catering facility, making a residential stay much cheaper and fun too!



Arrangements can also be made for deliveries of ready-to-eat food from local businesses such as fish & chip shops, pizza and curry houses. We have a well-tried list for your perusal. For information, prices and special offers, please email lynne@woodlandsadventure.co.uk who will be very happy to assist you.

SAFEGUARDING

The importance of Safeguarding is on all our minds all the time and we have recently updated our Policy to ensure that it complies with the latest regulations and guidelines. A training session for all staff was held recently when best practice was covered, and annual updates and training seminars have been organised. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you would like a copy of our Policy.

YOUR FEEDBACK

….is so important to us. Here is a flavour of just some of the wonderful comments we have received over the last couple of months. They mean a great deal to us.

- Another amazing week for the children. Can't wait to come again next year
- The children had a great time and enjoyed all the activities. Staff were helpful and encouraging
- Really good, giving kids the opportunities they would not normally get to do
- A really good way to start the year
- Amazing week, activities and staff
- Great day! Activities good quality
- We love coming here. I recommend the place to all the organization's I know of. Everything here is excellent
- A really fab day had by all. We've loved our day out
- Another super visit to Woodlands. Excellent site with fantastic staff. Nothing was too much trouble
- Staff really helpful and kind and kept the kids engaged. They have really enjoyed it, and it gave them a break from their caring role

WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND INDIVIDUALS

Much of our work would not be possible without the amazing continuing support we receive from so many local Charitable Trusts and individuals. Many give donations for specific items of equipment, such as helmets and ropes, whist others make unrestricted donations to help with the running costs of the Centre. Thank you so much – your very generous contributions mean a great deal to us and all of our young visitors.

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The Lord Austin Trust
Blakemore Foundation
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