Whistlewood Common

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering Programme

Get involved, learn new skills and make a difference for nature at Whistlewood!

Selected Saturdays
January to June 2027

1pm - 4pm

Up to 30 hours of volunteering
(10 sessions × 3 hours)

About the DofE Volunteering Programme at Whistlewood

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) helps young people build skills, confidence and a sense of purpose.
For your volunteering, join Whistlewood's friendly team on outdoor projects caring for our woodland, orchard and wildlife.
You'll meet like-minded people while helping nature and the local community.



Scan to register interest:

Or click this link:
https://forms.gle/Dr3DsWDM8MfqJ64E8

Programme of activities

Sat 9 Jan	**Induction (2-3.30pm)**	Meet the team, learn how we work and choose from 10 activities to book.
Sat 23 Jan	**Caring for our ponds**	Cut back plants and pile the cuttings into wildlife shelters.
Sat 6 Feb	**Wildlife homes**	Assemble shelters and place them in suitable spots around the site.
Sat 27 Feb	**Tree mulching**	Spread mulch around trees to keep weeds down and help them grow.
Sat 6 Mar	**Restoring our dragon**	Trim overgrown shoots and weave stems back into shape.
Sat 20 Mar	**Creating a dead hedge**	Stack branches to form a natural boundary beside the car park.
Sat 10 Apr	**Removing tree guards**	Take off old protective guards and sort materials for reuse.
Sat 17 Apr	**Tea across generations**	Share a cuppa with older neighbours and enjoy time together.
Sat 24 Apr	**Reviving our signage**	Make site information and directions clearer for visitors.
Sat 15 May	**Woodland clearings**	Create small open spaces among the trees for people to contemplate nature.
Sat 22 May	**Planting teasels**	Add plants whose seeds feed our goldfinches in winter.
Sat 12 Jun	**Let's celebrate!**	Enjoy food and games, and receive your certificate. Parents welcome!

1 How to enrol

Complete our short registration form using the QR code or visit. www.whistlewoodcommon.org

2 Who can join?

Under 18 throughout the programme, working towards Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE.
No experience needed, just enthusiasm!

3 Questions?

Get in touch at gaelle@whistlewoodcommon.org
We're happy to help!