

**Somerset DofE Gold Residential –  
Bath & West Show 2025  
Information and kit list**



## **Introduction**

Thank you for signing up/ enquiring about for our Gold Residential at the Bath & West Show.

This is the seventh time we have run a residential at the show and we are looking forward to it. The Bath & West Society is very pleased to have young people volunteering at the event and the link with DofE is especially welcome. A lot of people are interested in what we're doing so please expect to be noticed while we're there. The DofE Teamwork behind the scenes in a number of areas helping to support the show from setup to clearing down.

## **Royal Bath and West Show**

The Royal Bath and West Residential is a 5-day residential held from 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 at the Bath and West Showground near Shepton Mallet. (The show itself runs from 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

## **Arrival**

Arrival time is between 11am and 12pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We need to set up the camping area and DofE stand and get straight on with tasks for the show, so please don't be late. Please enter using the **Green Gate**

There's a separate 'how to find us' sheet and lots more travel information on the Bath & West website – [www.bathandwest.com](http://www.bathandwest.com)

## **Departure**

Departure time is 2pm on 1<sup>st</sup> June, at the Green Gate for pickups / taxis etc

## **Cost**

The residential costs £240 per person

## **Payment**

Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure a place on the residential. 20 Places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Payment is made by card through a link that will be sent to you from SSE Outdoors. [Home - SSE Outdoors](#)

## **Accommodation**

Single / Multi-person tents will be provided, and we'll spend part of Wednesday pitching camp and setting up the area. You should bring the sleeping items in the kit list section below. Own tents are fine also.

The area we'll camp in is behind a row of trade stands and will not necessarily be secure. You will need to store all your kit in your tent, so we recommend you pack in a rucksack or soft bag that can be squished into a corner and bring a day bag to carry valuables with you.

We will have shelter to provide cover from the weather, which will no doubt be memorable. We can also lock valuables in the minibus to help, please talk to the two Kilve staff regarding this.

We will have a single electric supply which will have to support a mini fridge the kettle, everyone's mobile phone and any other equipment we need. Please don't bring big electric items unless you can afford lots of batteries.

Shower and toilet blocks are located close to our base.

There is onsite security patrolling day and night, but the show is open to the public, so safer to avoid taking valuables

## **Food**

We will provide breakfast that you can make yourself, then a packed lunch will be provided on show days, with vouchers for the evening meal each day which can be used at the on-site restaurant.

Water will be available (please bring a refillable bottle) and we'll have facilities to make drinks (tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, etc) in our area. We'll also keep a stock of fruit, chocolate, biscuits, and assorted munch in case you get peckish.

You don't need to bring additional food with you, although if you're a budding Star Baker and want to dazzle us with your brilliance, we won't say no!

We'll need to keep the area clean and tidy so please come prepared to do your share of the washing up and clearing up.

## **Footwear**

The showground is fairly flat and level, but it is mainly grass so will be affected by the weather; please think about this when deciding what to bring.

You will be stood up for long periods, will probably walk quite a distance and may be lifting and shifting equipment. Sturdy, comfortable shoes or trainers will therefore be required during the day (walking boots are ideal if you have them). There will probably be opportunities to get involved with sports activity, so if you have sports kit, please bring it.

Flip flops/slippers are good for 'down time' and in tents and the toilet/shower blocks.

## **Clothing**

We will provide you with DofE/B&W branded t-shirts x2 per person to be worn during the public workdays.

During the residential you will be ambassadors for your school or college, the DofE, Somerset Council and yourselves. Clothing should therefore be practical and appropriate.

We will be working outside all day, whatever the weather, so clothing should be lightweight and covering if its sunny, waterproof if it's wet and warm if it's cold. Keep an eye on the weather forecast!

The Bath & West Show is a family event so please don't bring items of clothing that are see-through or have offensive slogans.

## **Money**

There will be plenty to spend money on at the show. If you know you're a big consumer of cheese, plants, garden furniture, hot tubs, household gifts, outdoor clothing, equestrian equipment or agricultural machinery, please plan accordingly.

Many stall holders accept cards and there's a cash machine on site (although it will charge for withdrawals) so we don't recommend carrying large amounts of cash.

## **Other items**

We will provide various entertainment items (football, Frisbee, playing cards, etc).

## **Activities**

We will ensure that you get involved in any fun activities – like the fairground and train when onsite.

## **Supervision**

There will be SSE Outdoors staff onsite to support you 24/7. You will be given their contact details on arrival

The DofE stand will be manned by volunteers at the show – these volunteers will also work with you when you are helping on the stand. We will also be promoting SSE Outdoors on the same stand.

## **What you will be doing**

In 2025 the DofE team are likely to help at the Great British Kitchen. So, you will be working with the bands to set up equipment and ensure a smooth transition between acts. We will also support the Flower Art Marquee and Banner set up and taking down, before and after the show – as well as Steward Cover, Cow Watch and other ad hoc jobs when needed, as plans come together for the show, a final job list for DofE will be produced and shared with the group before arrival, so they know what lies with us.

We also have a DofE stand to manage and discuss the award with the public and run a fun competition. It is not hard work, but DofE are asked to help in all sorts of situations over the duration of the show, from queue management, to moving stands.

We may be asked to help in other areas also – as the DofE Team are valued at the show and they know we can turn our hands to any task as needed

## **Kit list – please bring with you**

### **Accommodation**

Pillow  
Sleeping bag or duvet  
Roll mat

### **Utensils**

Non-breakable mug (a travel mug/insulated cup is ideal)  
Re-fillable water bottle  
Plate, Bowl, Knife, Fork, Spoon, - essential for breakfast!

### **Footwear**

Sturdy shoes or trainers  
Flip flops or slippers  
Trainers or casual shoes

### **Clothing**

Waterproof coat  
Waterproof trousers (if you have them and the forecast is for wet weather)  
Fleece or hoodie (more than one if forecast is cold)  
3 or 4 t-shirts/tops  
2 or 3 pairs of shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms (depending on weather forecast)  
Sleepwear  
Underwear  
Socks  
It gets chilly camping at night, so bring layers to keep warm

### **Other items**

Suntan lotion  
Sunglasses  
Hat  
Toiletries, wipes etc  
Sanitary products  
Towel (microfibre or easy dry preferred)  
Phone charger  
DofE number for assessor portal  
Spending money  
Day bag (small rucksack) for carrying valuable items, extra clothing etc  
Torch and batteries  
Camping Chair  
Tent – if you want to bring your own, not an issue or we can provide