



Somerset DofE Information and kit list



Open Gold 2026 – Practice or Qualifier Only

Thank you for signing-up for our Gold Expeditions Package. We are delighted to give you the opportunity of completing this key section of the Award.

Payment / Terms and Conditions

The cost will be £220 per person and payable through the SSE Outdoors website [Home \(sseooutdoors.co.uk\)](https://sseooutdoors.co.uk)

Dates – we will run one expedition that can be used as a qualifier expedition or a practice – so you need to have done training at your DofE centre if just doing a practice on these dates.

If doing the qualifier, you need to have done a practice expedition, before coming to Kilve and we will need to know where.

We will also need your eDofE number for assessor reports

Qualifier Expedition –22nd – 26th July 2026

Please arrive at 2pm on 22nd July at Kilve TA5 1EA – to sort kit as needed and do route cards

Please collect at 5pm TBC on 26th July from Kilve TA5 1EA

Note - We will transport you to/from Dartmoor for your expedition. All Young people will do the same dates, regardless of Gold Practice or Gold Qualifier

Food and Drink - each student must

Provide own breakfast for **each full** day

Provide snacks and packed lunches for **each** day

Provide own evening meal for **each night**, This should be simple boil in the bag / pasta / rice type meals.

Water – each person must carry **1 ½ litres of water** – please bring own water bottles. These can be re filled at the campsite

School Staff / SSE Staff Levels

SSE Outdoors will provide supervisors for the duration of the expedition

SSE Outdoors will provide an assessor for the qualifying expedition who will do all assessor reports for the group

Transport

Participants to make their own way to Kilve and be collected from Kilve.

SSE Outdoors will take the young people to Dartmoor for their qualifier and be responsible for transport to and from Kilve for this.

Young people to confirm pick up time with parents on the last day.

Kit

Please see kit list for more information on what to bring / wear / carry for the expeditions. If you have any questions, please ask.

Any personal equipment in yellow needed – can be organised on arrival

All group kit in green – will be provided by SSE Outdoors

Additional points

SSE Outdoors reserve the right to cancel the expedition due to low numbers – less than one group! We will do this 48 hours before the event. We will then look to re book at a time that suits the group in the future.

SSE Outdoors will ask you to put mobile phones in bags through the day, to ensure that they aren't used for navigation. So if you wish to take pictures bring a standard camera. Mobile phones will be available for emergency contact only.

Night one will be at Kilve – the rest on Dartmoor - SSE Outdoors will transport you to Dartmoor and back to Kilve for pick up

Presentation

Please submit a ppt / video to DofE@somerset.gov.uk – within two weeks of the qualifier expedition – or deliver a group presentation on the day to your assessor. This element can then be added to eDofE. This is crucial for Gold and needed before you are signed off

We aren't planning a wild camp this year on the gold expedition P or Q – as this is no longer a requirement at Gold [FAQs for the Expedition Section - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/FAQs-for-the-Expedition-Section-The-Duke-of-Edinburghs-Award), therefore water purification tablets and a spade aren't needed. Having seen a wildfire one year in the height of summer, we have chosen to stick to campsites, to ensure that all participants are kept safe, but our staff will be camping away from the group – so they get the independence required.

Questions

We are here to help and support before, during and after the practice and expedition weekends. If you have any questions, please contact us as below

Tel 01278 741270 DofE@somerset.gov.uk

Kit List for All Expeditions

Please wear / bring the following in your Rucksack

1 pair of hiking boots (broken in!)	Sleeping bag
2 pairs of hiking socks	Sleeping bag liner (optional)
Jacket – waterproof and windproof	Whistle
Waterproof over trousers	Torch and spare batteries
2 fleece tops or similar	Personal first aid kit
2-3 t shirts –(thermal optional)	Expedition food including emergency ration
2 walking trousers (not jeans)	Water bottle
1 pair shorts – if appropriate	Cutlery
Underwear	Plate / bowl
Nightwear	Mug
Hat – warm or sunhat as appropriate	Box matches in waterproof container
Gloves if appropriate	Wash kit/ personal hygiene items
Gaiters – optional	Sunscreen
Rucksack	Towel
Roll Mat	Emergency money (optional)
	Notebook and pencil
	Watch
Gold only – water purification tablets for wild camping night – per group TBC	T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid
	Individual hand sanitiser
	Small packet of anti bacterial wipes

Group Kit

Tent - one per student	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Trangia for cooking & Gas – two per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Compass – 2 per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Map – 2 per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors

Group Kit in green will be provided by SSE Outdoors

Personal Kit in yellow – can be provided by SSE Outdoors on arrival

[Expedition-Aim-and-Requirements-1.pdf \(dofe.org\)](#)

To successfully 'pass' your expedition requirements are as per the link. SSE Outdoor staff will ensure that you understand these on the practice expedition, so that you understand what the assessor will be assessing on the qualifier weekend.