

Open Bronze 2027 - August

Thank you for signing-up for our Open Bronze 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 £200 per person and booked and payable through the SSE Outdoors website [Home \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://sseoutdoors.co.uk)

Dates – we will run the Training Day and Qualifying Expedition back-to-back.

18-20th August 2027

Please arrive at 10am on 18th August at Kilve TA5 1EA – to meet everyone and sort kit as needed

Please collect at 4pm TBC on 20th August from Kilve TA5 1EA – participants will confirm timings on the day.

subject to all borrowed equipment being returned in a clean and tidy condition

Day 1 training – days 2&3 will be the assessed qualifying expedition.

Food and Drink - each student must

Provide own breakfast for **each full** day

Provide snacks and packed lunches for **each** days.

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

Water – each person must carry **2 litres of water** – please bring own water bottles. These can be re filled at the campsite

[Expedition food - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(DofE\) Shopping](#) – please do not bring fresh meat products or food that will go off during the expedition!

SSE Staff Levels

SSE Outdoors will provide supervisors for the duration

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.

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 needed – can be requested by emailing DofE@somerset.gov.uk – two weeks prior to the expedition

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

Assessor

There will be an assessor to do your DofE report and ensure DofE expeditions aims and requirements are being met. This will either be an external assessor or someone in the SSE Outdoors team

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 sealed bags for the duration of the expedition, 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. Please do not carry additional battery packs or portable speakers

These routes are around 14km per day, over the Quantocks. So please think about this and personal fitness levels, before you

Please ensure you have space in your rucksack for group kit on arrival (parts of) as tents and Trangias will be split between you

Presentation

Whilst there is no requirement from DofE to do a presentation at Bronze, we will encourage each group to have an aim and something to work towards together. So that you can do a group presentation to the assessor at the end of the qualifier section. This element can then be added to your assessor report.

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 inc blister care packs
2-3 t shirts –(thermal optional)	Expedition food including emergency ration
2 walking trousers (not jeans)	Water bottles 2 litres minimum
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 <u>or method of recording purpose (digital camera or similar + spare batteries)</u>
	Watch
Tick remover	T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid
Personal medication inc paracetamol etc	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, please let us know what you need, so we can prepare beforehand – email DofE@somerset.gov.uk if you need kit

[Expedition Aim and Requirements - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://dofe.org) The conditions that you will need to meet in order to successfully 'pass' your expedition 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.