

Open Gold 2027- **Practice or Qualifier, July**

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

We will group the participants by award type and level on arrival

Payment / Terms and Conditions

The cost will be £260 per person and payable through the SSE Outdoors website [Home \(sseooutdoors.co.uk\)](https://sseooutdoors.co.uk)

Dates – we will run one expedition as a practice or a qualifier – you will hopefully have done training at your DofE centre before coming to Kilve, but we will recap what is needed on day one also

Expedition – 21-25th July 2027

Please arrive at 10am on 21st July at Kilve TA5 1EA – to sort kit, do route cards, refresher training

Please collect at 4pm TBC on 25th July from Kilve TA5 1EA

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

Note - We will transport you to/from Dartmoor for your expedition

Food and Drink - each participant 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 **2 litres of water** – please bring own water bottles. These can be re filled at the campsite and check points

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!

School Staff / SSE Staff Levels

SSE Outdoors will provide supervisors for the duration of the expedition

Transport

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

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

SSE Outdoors will transport the group to and from Dartmoor as part of the package

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

Assessor

If you are using this expedition for your qualifier, 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

Day one will be at Kilve and Night one – nights 2-4 will be on Dartmoor – SSE Outdoors will do the transport to Dartmoor and get you back to Kilve for pick up

These routes are around 15km per day, over challenging terrain. So please think about this and personal fitness levels, before you arrive.

If you haven't done a previous level – please let us know

Please ensure your rucksack has space for tent and Trangia (parts of) on arrival – as group kit will be shared between you

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

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Kit List for All Expeditions

Please wear / bring the following in your Rucksack

1 pair of hiking boots (broken in!)	Sleeping bag
4 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 pack
2-4 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>and method of recording purpose (digital camera or similar + spare batteries)</u>
	Watch
Water purification tablets	T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid
Tick remover	Individual hand sanitiser
Personal medication inc paracetamol etc	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 before the expedition.