

Somerset DofE Gold residential – Kilve Residential **Easter 2027 Information and kit list**



Introduction

Thank you for signing up/ enquiring about for our Gold Residential at Kilve Court, Somerset

Kilve Court

Kilve Court is a beautiful grade 2 listed building in Kilve Somerset, TA5 1EA. We are part of Somerset County Council – Support Services for Education and run residentials for all age groups over the year. Alongside various day events. The residential will be held onsite at Kilve and use the fantastic facilities and location during the week.

Arrival

Arrival time is 12pm on **Tuesday 30th March 2027**. We will provide a packed lunch on arrival and have a series of introduction and getting-to-know-you sessions planned, to ensure that the group gels from day one.

Departure

Departure time is 3pm on **Saturday 3rd April 2027**,

Cost

The residential costs **£300** per person

Payment

Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure a place on the residential. Places are booked and paid for through the SSE Outdoors website [Holiday Camps \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk)

Transport

Anyone wishing to come by train – we will provide pick up at Bridgwater Station at 11.30am on 30th March. And a return to Bridgwater station for 3.30pm on 3rd April

Accommodation

You will stay indoors in our internal accommodation or cabins, sharing with others on the residential (age and genders will be split for safeguarding). We will have multiple people per room but will still spread out where possible.

Shower and toilets are onsite

There is the opportunity to charge mobile phones and other devices on site – but you'll be too busy to worry about this!

Please bring sleeping bag or duvet, with a single bottom sheet and pillowcase. We will provide a pillow.

Food

We will provide all meals, snacks and drinks through the week. There is a choice every day and you are guaranteed to be well fed. We can cater for all food intolerances – you just need to let us know. We are a nut free site.

Footwear

Kilve Court 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 without realising it! Sturdy, comfortable shoes or trainers will therefore be required during the day (walking boots are ideal if you have them).

You will definitely be doing sports / adventurous activities, so casual / sports kit is ideal with trainers

Flip flops/slippers are good for 'down time' and to wear indoors at the centre as outdoor shoes will get muddy!

What to consider bringing

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

Kilve Court is a family venue so please don't bring items of clothing that are see-through or have offensive slogans.

Please avoid jeans, especially if wet weather is forecast. Hopefully the sun will be shining but clothes for all eventualities are better – so layers are perfect

You will be working be volunteering in the local area on one day – so please wear clothes that can get dirty etc. As we'd hate you to ruin a decent item of clothing! Hiking boots are ideal footwear for the volunteering activity and trainers around site.

We also have a lake onsite – so could do some water-based activities like paddle boarding – please bring appropriate clothing for this, as you may get wet!!! If you have a wetsuit, feel free to bring it. Also, old shoes that can get wet for use on the lake.

Money

We don't recommend carrying large amounts of cash and as you are going to be well fed onsite- you shouldn't need any additional money. There is no shop nearby!

Activities

You will be involved in volunteering activities and also a number of different adventurous activities from caving and climbing to archery, Raft Building and abseiling to paddle boarding and kayaking. So, it will be an active and busy week for all involved – including our fantastic SSE Outdoors staff

You will be split into 3 groups of 12 during the day – anyone from the same centre will be split for activities – to ensure fair on all. Hence us only accepting 3 from the same school / college. This is to meet DofE aims and objectives of the section.

Supervision

There will be SSE Outdoors staff onsite to support you 24/7. They are used to working with all age groups of visitors and are guaranteed to ensure that you have fun whilst onsite

What you will be doing

You will be doing fun activities on and off site through the week – please see the draft plan for an idea as to how the day will look. It is very flexible, and we can amend as per the group's requirement. You will also visit somewhere like Dunster Castle, Quantocks or Exmoor or Steart Marshes on one day (final venues TBC), where we will volunteer with their staff for the morning and then get to walk around the sites / area

Kit list – please bring with you

Utensils

Re-fillable water bottle

Footwear

Sturdy shoes or trainers

Old pair of trainers / wet shoes to get wet during water-based activities

Flip flops or slippers – for indoor use

Trainers or casual shoes

Walking boots/shoes a must for the Volunteering Day

Clothing

Waterproof coat

Waterproof trousers

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

Items to wear in the lake for paddle boarding / canoeing etc

Layers are good and clothes you don't mind getting wet / muddy!

Swimming stuff to wear under wetsuits

Shoes to get wet on water sport activities

Other items

Sun Hat

Toiletries, wipes etc

Sanitary products

Towel (microfibre or easy dry preferred) X2 – one for showering and other in case of outdoor water activities!

Phone charger

Day bag (small rucksack) for carrying valuable items, extra clothing etc

Torch

Suntan lotion

Wetsuit if you have one and shoes to get wet on Watersports activities

Sleeping bag or duvet, with a single bottom sheet and pillowcase



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Tuesday	
AM	DofE team / SSE Outdoors on site setting up
12 pm	Participants arrive – sandwiches on arrival
1.30 to 2.30pm	Initial briefing re H&S/ C19 / and room allocation.
2.30 to 3pm	Week plan outline. Activity Discussion
3.00 to 5.00	Group Activity – Team Building, getting to know one another
Evening	Free time, food Organised activity – Orienteering
Wednesday	
8.30 am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Adventurous Activities
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Adventurous activities – Water Sports
Evening	Food and free time

	Organised activity – Evening walk to Kilve Beach
Thursday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 16.00	Fyne Court / Steart Marshes / Quantocks etc – volunteering and visit - transport minibuses from Kilve
	Lunch – Packed Lunch
Evening	Food and free time Organised activity – Archery
Friday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Adventurous Activities - High Ropes
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Adventurous activities – Climbing Wall and Leap of Faith
Evening	Food and free time Campfire at ODC Firepit – campcraft
Saturday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.00 – 10.00	Clear Bedrooms
10 – 13.00	Adventurous Activities
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00- 15:00	Group get together – week de brief, feedback forms
15:00	Leave / Pick up by parent, carer, guardian, taxi

Volunteering

We will be visiting a venue like Dunster Castle or Fyne Court (National Trust) or the local areas National Landscapes – like Quantocks or Exmoor – to do some onsite volunteering and then have some free time, to see the estate / house / area. Venues TBC on arrival – but we always do some volunteering in the local area and have some great partners we work with. We will split the group and run this on different days, depending on numbers and final venues. Everyone will do 1/2 day volunteering

Activities such as Archery, Raft Building, High Ropes, Climbing, Abseiling, Paddle boarding, Caving will be offered to the group, please take a look at the SSE website for more information about what is on offer at Kilve. <http://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk/our-centres/kilve-court/>

Example Plan – We split into 3 groups, and each will do one volunteering day. The other days are activity days. This is subject to change, and the volunteering sites could be different

A Fun and active week for all involved – instructors and Young People alike. Open to ideas and very flexible to accommodate requests, there is a lot to offer onsite, and we will do our best to accommodate all activities and requests whilst working with the group through the week.