

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



Introduction

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

The Kilve Centre

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 **Monday 25th October 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 **Friday 29th October 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://sseoutdoors.co.uk)

Transport

Anyone wishing to come by train – we will provide pick up at Bridgwater Station at 11.30am on 25th October. And a return to Bridgwater station by 3.30pm on 29th October.

Accommodation

You will stay indoors in our internal accommodation, sharing with others on the residential (age and genders will be split for safeguarding). The accommodation will be just used for the residential, and there are areas to chill and relax, anyone needing to study of an evening, will have time and space for this whilst onsite

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 / duvet, single 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 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, walking boots and wellies for caving!

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 is a family venue so please don't bring items of clothing that are see-through or have offensive slogans, just in case they have visitors.

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

We will do some water-based activities– please bring appropriate clothing for this, as you may get wet!!! If you have a wetsuit, feel free to bring it, but don't worry if not. Also, old shoes that can get wet are also ideal.

You will be working be volunteering with the Dunster Castle, Steart Marshes, Fynne Court or the National landscape Ranger team 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 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 mountain biking, archery, mountain boarding 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 adventurous 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 due to weather conditions. There will also be evening activities each night from campfire to night walk and games nights. 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 to get wet during water-based activities

Flip flops or slippers – for indoor use

Trainers or casual shoes

Walking boots/shoes a must for many activities

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 for water sports (wetsuit if you have one and want to bring)
 Layers are good and clothes you don't mind getting wet / muddy!
 Swimming stuff to wear under wetsuits

Other items

Sun Hat / woolly 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
 eDofE number ready for the assessor
 Day bag (small rucksack) for carrying valuable items, extra clothing etc
 Torch and batteries
 Wetsuit if you have one
Sleeping bag/duvet, single sheet and pillowcase – essential!



DRAFT – subject to change

Monday	
AM	DofE team / SSE Outdoors on site setting up
12 pm	Participants arrive
12pm to 2.30pm	Initial briefing re H&S/ and room allocation. Sandwich lunch provided. Week plan outline and discussion
2.30 to 5.00	Group Challenges – Team Building, getting to know one another
Evening	Free time, food Organised activity – Night Orienteering
Tuesday	
8.30 am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Adventurous Activities - Archery
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

14.00 – 17.00	Adventurous Activities - Abseiling
Evening	Food and free time Organised activity - TBC
Wednesday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 16.00	Volunteering day out – transport to and from Kilve
	Lunch – Packed Lunch
Evening	Food and free time Organised activity – TBC
Thursday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.30 – 13.00	Adventurous Activities - Caving
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Adventurous activities – Climbing
Evening	Food and free time Campfire at Firepit – campcraft
Friday	
8.30am	Breakfast
9.00 – 10.00	Clear Bedrooms
10 – 13.00	Activities – Leap of Faith
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, drop to station

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

Initials	Activity
A	Archery
AT	Abseil Tower
BEACH	Beach Walk Study
BB	Buggy Building
BUSH	Bushcraft
CAMPFIRE	Campfire
CC	Compass Course
CW	Climbing Wall
DISCO	Disco
E Art	Environmental Art
EOH	Walk

Initials	Activity
FT	Fantasy Trail
GS	Grass Sledding
HRC	High Ropes
JUMBLES	Map Activities
KAYAK	Kayaking
LRC	Low Ropes
Maze	Maze
MB	Mountain Biking
NW	Night Walk
POND	Pond/Stream Study
CLUEDO	Cluedo

Initials	Activity
QW	Quantock Walk
RAFT	Raft Building
RS	Rifle Shooting
SAIL	Sailing (offsite)
SB	Shelterbuilding
STR	Stream Walk
SUP	Stand up Paddle Boats
TEAM	Team Building
WG	Widgames

Session	9:30am-10:45am
Session	11:15am-12:30pm
Session	1:45pm-3pm
Session	3:15pm-4:30pm
Evening	7:30pm-9pm
Breaks	10:45am-11:15am 4:30pm-5pm
Meals	
Breakfast	8:30am
Lunch	12:45pm
Meal	6pm

Please note;
Times may vary slightly.
Please speak with us if you require any adjustments to
allow for an early departure

