The Hampshire County Council Award for Contribution to the New Forest Community

Woodlander Hoburne Bashley

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Woodlander Coppice is an area of woodland within Hoburne Holiday Park in Bashley. They work to preserve the natural woodland and wildlife of the holiday parks to keep it for future generations to enjoy. All of the income generated goes back into preserving the woodlands.

They work closely with local primary, infant, junior and secondary schools to encourage children to reconnect with nature in educational workshops. They run activities during and outside of term time and are keen to pass on their knowledge to the next generation. Woodlander Coppice is able to buy educational equipment to help children and young people when they are involved in workshops. As well as children's workshops Woodlander Coppice also run adult courses. They encourage work experience placements but would like to be able to branch out and offer apprenticeships too.

There is a 100% success rate with secondary school students going onto further education into the land based industry and this year has seen an increase in schools and children and young people groups requiring Woodlander to deliver nature based learning. The Princes Trust group have been involved in the development, building the new outdoor woodland classroom, using traditional woodland skills methods and successfully completing their John Muir Award.

Woodlander Hoburne Bashley has won 2 awards, the Campaign to Protect Rural England Award in Sept 2016 for the work they do with children and young people in the local community and the CLA/New Forest National Park award (a membership organisation for owners of land) for Rural Diversification at this year's New Forest Show. The business has grown significantly and they have recently taken on a new assistant.

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