

Woodlander Hoburne

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Set up to manage the woodlands and offer educational and fun activities to the local community and visitors, Woodlander is run from Hoburne Bashley holiday park. Woodlander work with schools and run training courses, woodcraft and bushcraft sessions.

Woodlander work with a full age range of school pupils. Children with special needs from Tiptoe Primary School are currently enjoying a series of activities based on the seasons. They have also worked closely with the school to develop a bespoke programme that the children can access fully. At the other end of the age scale, Woodlander have been working with 11-16 years olds from Arnewood School for the past 4 years.



A six-week John Muir Pioneers programme is operated from which Woodlander identify which students could go on to study a two-year woodland management course with them. The second student on this course has now been accepted at Sparsholt College to train as a game keeper.



Woodlander have also run sessions for Girl Guides from across the world and for Brownies doing their story telling badge. In addition they have run courses on horse logging and wood carving and set up a conservation group with local people.

The conservation group provides an opportunity for local people with an interest in the woodlands to learn new skills, enjoy the exercise and meet like-minded people. The benefit to the woodlands is enormous. For guests on the holiday park, the activities teach them a little about the area and are part of what makes the park special and why families return, all helping the local economy.

