

As we are getting ready for the new season coming towards us, we thought we would share some of what we have been up to over the last 12 months. Lots of adventures have been had last year and we would like to thank everyone who has helped us across the year or has visited us for a day, weekend or longer, or one of the many events we have held. We hope you to see you again soon as the weather starts to become more welcoming.

If you would like to come for a stay with us or even hold an event, please contact us to start the adventure and journey.



## Bushcraft Shelter

To act as a lasting legacy of the late Pam Young who did so much for Girlguiding as well as the centre, the team constructed a permanent shelter by our small campfire shelter. Designed to be used by our visitors along with aiding as a base for our bushcraft activities, we created a large sheltered space with accessible flooring and solar lighting. This new shelter allows us to deliver bushcraft activities even in unfavourable weather conditions all year round as well as making a nice base for day or evening groups.

We would like to thank everyone who donated towards the project and helped us to create such a wonderful space.

## 2026 Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Spring work days
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April - Activity days
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - Chigwalk
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - Activity day
- 31<sup>st</sup> May - Teddy Bear Adventures
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June - Come 2 Camp
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - Guide & Ranger Activity Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July - Brownie Campout
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Rainbow & Brownie Day

## Chigwell's 2025 Statistics:

- Over 1250 activity hours delivered
- Top 5 activities of the year: 1, Climbing 2, Water Zorbing 3, Crate Challenge 4, Joint Archery/ Zip Wire/ Grass Sledges 5, Bushcraft
- Over 3,600 shop transactions
- Over 7,900 guest nights stayed

## Uniform & Resources

Our uniform and resources shop has taken off over the last year, with a wide range of uniforms, badges and other supplies available. Orders can be placed online by the order form or via email to be collected, or can be purchased in person at Chigwell Row Campsite at the shops opening times.

**Shop Opening times:** Term time- Monday 4 - 7pm, Saturday 2 - 4pm. (Shop times may be subject to change due to being volunteer run.) Other times available by arrangement.

For more information, please email the shop or visit the website.

[shop@chigwellrow.org.uk](mailto:shop@chigwellrow.org.uk)

### Making our activities more accessible!

At the start of 2025, we were awarded a grant allowing us to buy some specialist harnesses and equipment to assist guests with disability or mobility issues to take part in some of our roped activities along with some dedicated archery bows. Not long after the equipment arrived, we were able to facilitate a guest with mobility and medical issues who was wheel chair based to take part and enjoy our zip wire along with his fellow Explorer Scouts. This was something which the young person had never been able to participate in, but with the help of the new specialist equipment, new skills of our instructor team and assistance from his fellow group members, working together we were able to help facilitate new opportunities which we previously were unable to do!

Not long after increasing our zip wire accessibility for one of our visitors, our new skills and equipment were utilised again to help allow a rainbow take part in a climbing session with the rest of her friends. Working with our team, we helped aid another wheelchair user with mobility issues take part in climbing, enabling her to use the climbing holds to navigate their way up the wall and make memories in the process.

The equipment may not be used often, but when used effectively it can truly remove barriers and help make our activities more accessible!



### Corporate work day

To help us get ready for our main season, we facilitated a corporate work day for a local business who wanted to make a difference in the local area. Joining us for one day, over 30 volunteers worked along side our staff team to get the site ready and help complete some jobs needing a bit more man power. Tasks ranged from building a permanent fence around the new multi bounce activity, lots of fence treating, jet washing and painting the pedal kart track, spring cleaning of the buildings as well as hundreds of meters of hedge trimming. It was also a great opportunity for our staff team to showcase and share what we offer our visitors.

It was great day had by all, with lots completed in the April sun and we hope to welcome them back in 2026 again.

There are plenty more tasks to complete so if your business is able to offer volunteer days please get in touch!

### Contact us

For any information about our upcoming events, or to speak to us about planning your units next trip to us, please contact us on the details below.

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