

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

### Information for those doing the Volunteering section on Inkberrow Millennium Green

**See below for changes in arrangements and extra requirements due to the Corona virus pandemic.**

You will attend work parties to help with the maintenance of the IMG thus contributing to the community of Inkberrow. You will also gain experience in using some hand tools safely and learn why conservation work is necessary. You may do anything from pulling nettles and cutting back brambles to repairing fences or steps and cleaning notice boards.

You can see the plans for some work parties under the volunteering section on the IMG web site at <http://www.inkberrowmilgreen.co.uk/> where you can find out more about the wildlife and management. The site risk assessment for visiting schools and children can be seen in the documents section and a new safeguarding policy is being written.

**Work parties take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 10am to about mid-day.** We finish with coffee and biscuits provided for all volunteers.

We usually expect you to attend the number of work parties set out below which corresponds to the length of time you volunteer for the different levels:

Level	Time in months	hours	Work part sessions
Bronze	3	13	7
Silver	6	26	13
Gold	12	52	26

If you miss a work party you can make it up later or possibly do something with some of our regular volunteers in a holiday.

### **Clothing and equipment.**

Please bring your own strong/thick gardening type gloves and wear good foot protection even in the summer – wellies or walking boots are most suitable in the winter. Wear warm and waterproof clothing when needed - you can always take a layer off. We provide a first aid box for emergencies (let us know if you have any allergies eg to sticking plaster or antihistamine cream for stings) but you should bring your own sun protection and drink for hot days; also a mobile phone so you can contact parents if necessary (but make sure you have somewhere safe to keep it – they have ended up in the moat!!)

### **Tools**

These are usually provided from our stock of equipment but we may ask you to bring certain garden tools if possible for a particular task.

Wendy Johnson (IMG trustee and work party organiser)

### **Changes in arrangements and extra requirements due to Corona virus**

As far as possible we ask all volunteers to bring their own tools - an e-mail is sent before each work party to say what tasks will be undertaken and suggest suitable tools. Wear gloves and bring hand sanitiser or wipes.

Social distancing of at least 2 meters should be observed and mostly people will work further apart. A face mask should be worn on arrival while the work party organiser explains the tasks and if working close to another volunteer.

New D of E volunteers should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult from their own household or bubble. This will mainly apply to those younger volunteers doing Bronze.

Coffee and biscuits is no longer provided so bring your own refreshment if wanted.

If you are 'self isolating' please do not attend the work party

