Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Information for those doing the 'Volunteering section' on Inkberrow Millennium Green (IMG)

You will attend work parties together with our own volunteers to help with the maintenance of the IMG. This directly helps to contribute to the Inkberrow community. It is therefore a valuable use of volunteering time – especially as the IMG is a Registered Charity.

The work parties are on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 10am to mid-day.

At the work party, you may do anything from pulling nettles and cutting back brambles to repairing fences or steps or managing hedges.

You will also gain experience in using hand tools safely, working with others, and learn why conservation work is necessary. We finish at midday with coffee and biscuits provided for all volunteers (or bring your own refreshment if wanted).

The work party plans for the half year ahead are under the Volunteering section on the IMG website at http://www.inkberrowmilgreen.co.uk/ and on the notice board at the entrance to the Green

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

The site risk assessment for visiting schools and children can be seen in the Documents section of the website, and the Safeguarding policy is also available.

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.

With Bronze, you also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections – so we hope that you will choose Volunteering with the IMG!

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 e.g. 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. Safety glasses are provided.

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.

DofE volunteers should register with their School or Scout Group, be aware of their Participant's ID number and who their DofE Leader is at School or Scout Group, keep their Volunteering Section Activity Log up to date, and may also register on eDofE for our eventual electronic Assessment.

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