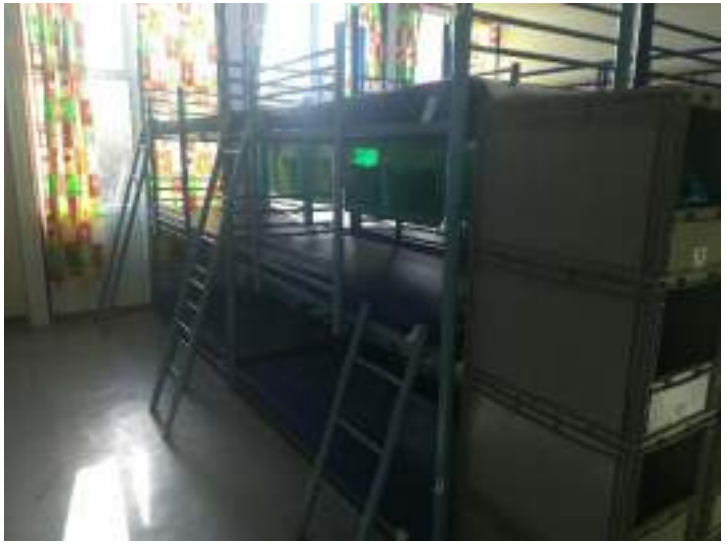
The Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre

About the Centre

- Opened in 1976
- Gordon Brown – Science Advisor who worked for Brent council
- Site description–25 acre site with various wooded areas, animal enclosures, seating areas, campfire circles, wildlife habitats, activity areas plus the buildings with dormitories, reception and kitchen

The Main Building



Cleaned and maintained everyday
Secure, private grounds

The Shrubbery

Camping Area

- Up to 6 children per tent
- Toilets in the camping village
- Large toilet and shower block close by
- Teachers accommodation by the tents

The Site Tour

Learning the boundaries

A typical day

• 8.00-9am	Breakfast
• 9.00-12.00pm	Morning Activity
• 12.30-1.30pm	Hot Lunch
• 2-5pm	Afternoon Activity
• 5.30pm	Dinner
• 7-8pm	Evening Activities
• 8.30pm	Hot Chocolate

The Low Ropes

The Trim Trail

Shelter Building

Fires and Cooking

Archery

The High Ropes

River Studies and Pond Dipping

Other Activities

- Orienteering
- Habitat Studies / Mini Beast Hunting
- Environmental Art
- Problem Solving
- Blind Fold Agility Course
- History Walks

The Animals

Help feed and spend time with the animals, and learn how to look after them.

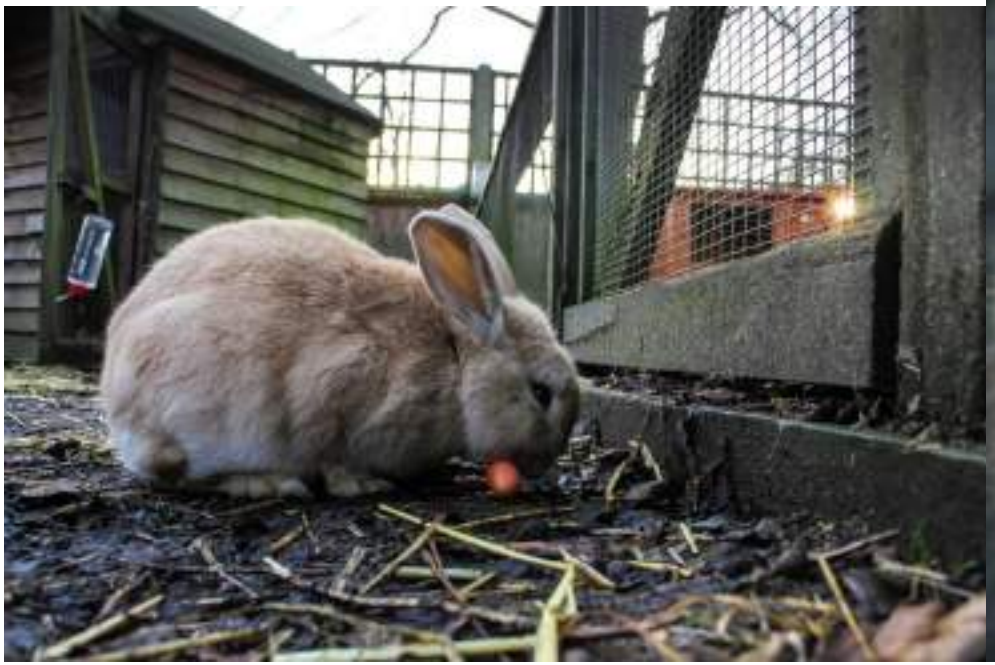
We get very excited when children come visit us bringing snacks such as leaves and long grass.

We also love scratching our heads against welly boots!

The Donkeys

Rocky and Bertie the donkeys are 15 and 12 years old. They love being stroked and fed fresh juicy grass.

This is one of the most popular places at the GBC. Please come visit us and brighten up our day. We love visitors, especially those who may bring a carrot or two.



The Night Walk

Campfire Night

Food and Health & Safety at The GBC

Food

All food prepared on site by a qualified experienced chef [halal]

Follow Healthy Eating Guidelines

Can cater for children with allergies.

Food cooked separately to avoid cross contamination

Two hot meals a day

Health & Safety

All staff are DBS checked

First Aid Qualified

Carry a First Aid Kit with us on all activities

Local doctors and hospital close by

COVID risk assessments and cleaning schedules in place

Important message to Parents

Children only have a 60cm deep by 40cm height and wide lockers to store their belongings, so please ensure they stay within the suggested list blow. Any additional belongings will not be able to be stored in the room.

GBC ADVENTURE IN EDUCATION

KIT LIST – WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure that all items are named.

CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and / or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities

Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities

- ☐ **TOPS & JACKETS**
  - ☐ x7 Long sleeved shirt / T-shirts
  - ☐ x1 Waterproof jacket
  - ☐ x2 Fleeces / jumpers
- ☐ **TROUSERS & LEGGINGS** but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet
- ☐ **UNDERWEAR & SOCKS**

Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities

- ☐ **CLOTHES FOR THE EVENING** ☐ x1 set
- ☐ Suitable **NIGHTWEAR** ☐ x1

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ x1 pair of **TRAINERS** for activities
- ☐ x1 pair of **WELLIES** for water sports
  and
- ☐ x1 for indoor

OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ x2 **TOWELS** (x1 for showering)
- ☐ Plastic **DRINKS BOTTLE**
- ☐ Labelled **BIN BAG** for wet and dirty clothing
- ☐ **SLEEPING BAG** or **DUVET** and
- ☐ x1 **PILLOW** & **BED SHEET** (unless otherwise advised)
- ☐ **WASHBAG** including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste

TRAVELLING IN THE ...

... SUMMER?

- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Baseball hat / sun hat
- ☐ Sunscreen

... WINTER?

- ☐ Warm anorak or similar
- ☐ Hat and gloves

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Electronic devices
- Computer games
- Jewellery / valuables

LOST PROPERTY

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact GBC. Postage will be charged for returning lost items, which will be held for one month.

Things to remember:

- Keep up with payments [initial deposit of around £50]
- No mobile phones
- No tablets or other devices
- Small amount of spending money [£5]
- Appropriate clothing
- Equipment list – when visit is confirmed

We look forward to welcoming your child to the GBC and hope they have a great visit!
Any Questions?