CELEBRATING OUR 6th YEAR OF SUMMER CAMPS!

Now also partnering with Surrey County Council under various schemes for farm diversification and the support of disadvantaged children (please ask Ben for more information)

RURAL ACTIVITIES WITH OVERNIGHT CAMPS AT HASLEMERE

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8+

Selected weeks in July and August 2026

SURREY HILLS AND RIVERS

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Our camps bring physical endeavour, countryside education and fun together. The end result is happy children with fond memories and a wonderful appreciation of the countryside.



"She was buzzing for days afterwards and has been talking about it all summer - it really was the highlight of her year!"

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"I remember 2025 especially for the popularity of the wood-fired pizza oven, the barbecues, the simple bike rides to the horse's field, endless straw bale den configurations, and Mafia games that made about as much sense to me as Roblox does. Of course the children kept us entertained, and possibly busy, at all times too. Our staff team enjoyed several amazing and energetic additions too - namely Lara, Keira and Johnny, who really helped to make it a special year.

For 2026 we've continued our work to develop more partnerships with Surrey landowners and enterprises, with a view especially to expanding and/or enriching our activity options on-site and off-site. Simultaneously we're developing a year-round calendar for our work, that enables regular visits by young people locally, especially for those with additional needs. The effect of both of these endeavours is to enhance our value for the local community, but it is the visitors to our round-the-clock residential camps that have the opportunity to enjoy the full range of what we do, whilst the community spirit will not be lost on them.

Please do join us!"

Ben Webb
Director
Surrey Hills and Rivers



"K and I wanted to write to say a huge thank you!!! K had THE BEST TIME EVER at your camp!...Thank you for being so kind and for providing the children with such a lovely space to play, chat, have fun, explore and enjoy being outdoors. K's highlights were [fishing], meal times, endless games of Mafia, hiking and games around the campfire. She adored being outdoors and in the tents, and she had a lot of fun with all of you and with her friends. She also loved meeting new people. What a wonderful camp you provided. Thank you. She would love to come back next year! We also really appreciated seeing the photos each day."

OUR ACTIVITIES

Bell tent camping and campfires

…all the fun and warmth of the camping environment that the children will help to build – marshmallows, hot chocolate, popcorn etc provided. The adventure of camping with friends old or new…

Mountain biking on and around the farm estate

…use our bikes on our carefully designed routes through fields, woodland, bridleways and minor roads in a small group. Absorb the farm and countryside setting as we wind our way through it and picnic in it…

Woodland play

…build dens, enjoy the swings, discover what's in the stream, in our private woodland. The woods bring a unique joy and tranquility and are also an amazing option for refuge when the weather is particularly hot or wet…



Farm walks and farm workshops

…flake home-grown grains to create your own rich muesli mix, night bat walks, meet the resident sheep, owls and other wildlife…

Paddlesport journeys on local canals

…a short minibus trip away, explore the countryside and discover aquatic and amphibious wildlife and resident birds from kayaks and canoes on placid winding canals, or even build a raft for your journey…

Circular hikes from the farm

…discover again the simple joy of walking. Cover a surprising and rewarding distance in a morning or evening wildlife adventure - with lots of friends through fantastic countryside – on any one of our tried and tested routes…



Off-site hiking and outdoor swimming trips at local beauty spots

…enjoy the 'beach' at Frensham Ponds, paddle in the river at Tilford or hike around the National Trust's 'Devil's Punch Bowl'…

Traditional English country fete and garden games for the whole group

…after a day of activities, simple fun in the early evening sun before dinner. The ever-popular rounders, volleyball, sack races, tug-of-war, tandem bikes (if your legs are long enough!), table tennis and wet sponge stocks etc – whenever some of the children might feel like it, we will facilitate it…

In the shade

…after a physical morning in the cooler part of the day, for the afternoon relax with crafts inspired by your surroundings. Mosaic-making, drawing, painting, clay modelling, whittling or story writing to share round the camp fire later. Or just enjoy playing some card or board games…



Nature studies

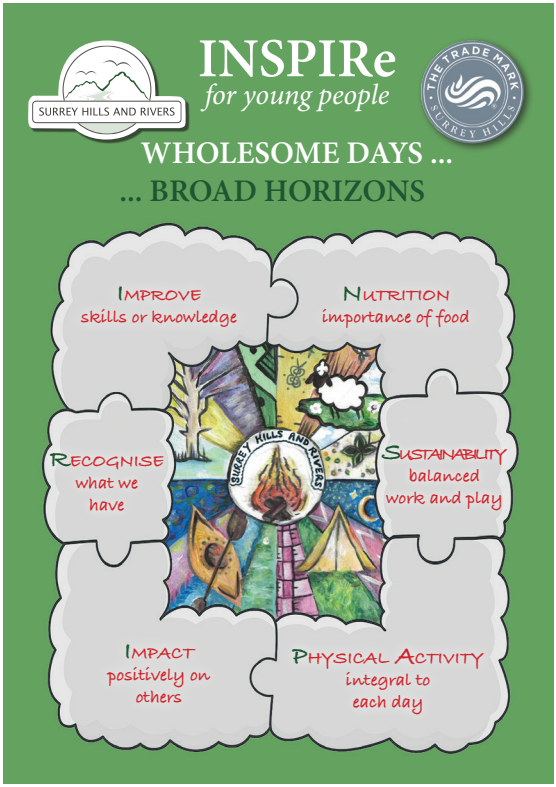
…Fox and Duck Tuition have led our bat walks since 2021 and in 2024 extended their support to nature-based sessions. In 2026 we continue to collaborate on lots of nature-based activities for the residential summer camps specifically…



MAKING EVERY DAY A WHOLESOME ONE

Not every day will be without challenges to navigate or overcome, and accordingly we consider every young person's visit an achievement. It can be a step up for children and we now go further and reward the overnight stays with our bronze, silver and gold mementos based simply on the length of stay.

But then a wholesome or fulfilling day is exactly that – something that has to be strived for. To this end, and based on our experience, we ensure that children are always working towards a day that includes 6 essential components as shown in our pictorial below. We encourage the children through it and the rewards are both instant (having fun) and permanent (linking natural environment and effort to a sense of wellbeing).



"All the teachers have commented on how lovely it was and how you have a very special formula." (School residential trip, 2024)

A CALIBRATED LENGTH OF STAY

Our graduated stay options according to age or experience

Our summer camps are wildly fun and free, but they require a bit of resilience for us to build upon especially as children get tired. Decide/discuss with us your child's current level and extend next time (it is usually possible to extend during their stay, if they wish):

Taster days and/or nights – For those of any age (8+) not necessarily ready for an overnight or extended overnight stay in an unfamiliar place/in camping conditions. Any overnight stay is recognised with the Surrey Hills and Rivers bronze memento.

Three nights (bronze) – Resilient or experienced campers, typically age 8-13. The achievement is recognised with the Surrey Hills and Rivers bronze memento.

Four nights (silver) – Independent young people, typically age 9-15. The achievement is recognised with the Surrey Hills and Rivers silver memento.

Five nights (gold) – Independent young people, typically age 9-15. The achievement is recognised with the Surrey Hills and Rivers gold memento.

All overnight stays must start at 17:00 on Sunday evening.

The longest stays finish at 10:00 on Friday mornings.

Regardless of their length of stay, in general young people in Years 8 to 10 follow a slightly differentiated day programme together, that is centred around a specific and fun physical challenge each day (all abilities are accommodated) and they will be encouraged in responsibilities to support younger participants at the camp. Young people in Year 11 upwards should enquire about work experience and employment at the camp.

"We really notice the difference when our [17 year old] daughter returns from working on your camps. We should be paying you."

WE ARE WHAT WE DO

Surrey Hills and Rivers was founded in 2020 by Ben, whose own childhood was steeped in the English countryside. A former green beret in the Royal Marines and a father of three, the purpose of his team is to provide the magic of time in the countryside in some respite from the suburban and the indoors, from technology and from sedentary lifestyles.

On our summer camps, every day will be filled with the fun, challenges and minor chores of an outdoor camping environment. The children will be physically active, increasing their appreciation of the countryside, and most importantly experiencing fulfilment and creating special memories with friends new and old.

We are a specially selected team of experienced adults and parents who share the Surrey Hills and Rivers ethos, but we also pride ourselves on recruiting some of the wonderful young people that we know, or that we have come to know on our camps, to help us make sure every child is happy and involved at all times.

Our summer camps are our focus for selected weeks of the year but form part of our wider mission for families, communities and Surrey County Council:

1. We encourage people into the countryside. We host uniquely wholesome visits to the outdoors. We want to make a difference.
2. We support the wellbeing of all, and a bright future for young people and their planet.
3. We create opportunities for communities to gather and for individuals to connect in the countryside.
4. We establish partnerships with community organisations and businesses in order to access idyllic settings and to enrich the experience for our visitors.
5. We deliver government funded initiatives for nature connection, nature recovery, children's wellbeing, and the broadening of access to nature.

WHERE AND WHO?

Our camp is located at Furnace Place Estate near Haslemere (GU27 2EX). The camp is set in a beautiful field bordered by woodland and sheep-grazed fields, set in tranquility away from any private residences and roads.



Lambs are due around 10 April in 2026 and Furnace Place Estate are delivering their intriguing lambing and sheep workshops for us

The children will at all times be in the near vicinity of an adult with first aid training. Overnight our staff will be camped in close proximity to the group, where they can be available at any time for any reason.

Where the activities involve paddlesports or similar, our staff team are not just experienced instructors, adults and parents, but they also have suitable national governing body qualifications and experience.

"I wanted to write and thank you for the day C spent with you. He had a great time. It's not always easy to get a lot of detailed feedback but he spoke a lot about the day, the people he met and friends he made on the day. It gave him an opportunity to spend time away from his younger siblings. SEN kids don't always get invited to play dates with their peers so this is vital. We would love to come back and I would thoroughly recommend the day to any kids in the area."

ACCOMMODATION

Children will stay in very spacious bell tents of at least a 5m diameter. Typically we will have about 4 children per bell tent of the same gender and similar age, however the bell tents have a much larger capacity than that, therefore there is plenty of room and we can adjust numbers slightly to accommodate any children that know each other.

Along with those normal assumptions, we will ensure that every child has a sleeping arrangement that they are happy with, taking particular care of the many children who do not come to the camp with other children that they already know. Existing friendship groups will be able to thoroughly enjoy the experience together, but everyone will be integrated from the very outset, in fact this is the first and most important accomplishment for the group.

The children will be provided with a roll mat which will sit on an integral groundsheet in the bell tent. They will provide their own sleeping bags or duvets, and pillows (although we will have some spares).

Children will be expected to be considerate of fellow campers – we will ensure that everyone is getting the sleep that they need so that every day is magic, not just the first one!

"Thank you so much to you and your team for such a memorable week for S! He absolutely loved every moment of it and has woken up to continue telling us stories and sharing his experiences with us! Already talking about next year!"

"We can't thank you enough for the brilliant camp. The boys had a wonderful time and are just about recovered!"

"I am very grateful to you for the time spent with my children. My children are absolutely happy and satisfied. They said that it was the best camp in England that they had already visited. And they keep asking if there will be another such camp."

MIGHT PREFER TO START WITH A DAY CAMP?

We know that adjusting to a new location, new adults in loco parentis and new children, is a big ask of children on its own, never mind if staying away from home or camping might also be something a child hasn't experienced much or at all before. Of course, this is all part of what makes it an invaluable experience and we will work with you to join in a day camp if you think that's the right starting point for you and your child/children.

We've included some testimonials for our day camps below. Please just speak to Ben for more information.

"Every attendance has been a positive one and [T] cannot wait for the next. The camp is a safe space for T and keeps his anxiety at bay. Ben and his team are kind, patient and they all go out of their way to support and understand children who might struggle. They manage any conflict well and are able to redirect children's behaviour positively. T was very keen to join the residential camp over the summer confidently because he has attended the [day] camp previously. The [day] camp was an important stepping stone in his confidence (and mine!). T and Mum had no concerns about T accessing and enjoying the summer camp experience as a result of the day camp experience."

"S was amazing overcoming his anxiety of going to a camp alone and he did it! S learnt so much and had the best time, so much so he asked me to rebook him in the following week and can't wait to go back next year! It [did] S the world of good being on his own and [he] is happy next year to go alone, he still talks about the staff and all the amazing things they did on this camp."

"N had a fantastic time at your 2-day camp and is hoping to come again next summer. He came home enthusiastic and talking about his activities, which is something we rarely get from him. He enjoyed the food even though he is an incredibly fussy eater, raving about the Ukrainian soup! N also came home having made a new friend! These are all things that do not come naturally to N. Thank you again for a very enjoyable, screen free (thank goodness!) 2 days."

"I was so glad that my daughter got to return to the great outdoors and enjoy … camp again, these chances that she gets to have are so special and valued to her and her core memories. This is something she will never forget, not just the place but the people who make it so much more special."

"What an amazing holiday club for children. We have used this holiday club for about a year and half now. My daughter loves going and will ask each school holiday if she is going…. We find it hard to find holiday clubs that she feels happy and confident at but [this] is 100% one that she does. She learns so much at the club and is able to try activities that she wouldn't normally do. They also have lovely lunch that the children are involved in helping to make."

"We were a bit concerned that M would find being dropped in the middle of nowhere a bit scary!!! She was a little apprehensive but we should never have worried. When we collected her she could not stop talking about her day, she happily recounted helping to do the dinner "my bit was pigs in blankets" and how she made her star with the lights. She laughed when we said "you smell like a bonfire" and she animatedly told us how she loves using sticks to poke the bonfire!! She proudly announced "I have not watched a screen all day, I've been outside!!!"

She told us all about a friend she made and told me "you must book me in for the next one, don't even wait to ask me, and they do camps and I want to do them all" she said all the grown ups were really nice and she really, really enjoyed it "best day ever mum"."



"Thank you for another great day out for S and K. As anticipated they loved the amazing food, had loads of fun and particularly commented about how friendly and kind the staff always are on these farm days.

PS. Two weeks later and the girls are STILL talking about the incredible food at Winter Camp!!!! "

"First of all, let me, please, thank you for your idea! We have never been to a place like this before. A didn't want to go to any sports camp (most of the camps are about sports). She doesn't like sports at all, and it was difficult to find a different option for us. My child was impressed by how everything was organised! She did get to know so many new things about nature. A told me about a [fish] in the river, which she caught! And about how she was looking for mushrooms and one of your colleagues explained to her what kind of mushrooms they are and what they are like. And roasted marshmallows! She liked the food a lot! My child couldn't stop talking all the time about the camp! What a beautiful work was done by you! A was exhausted after in a good way! Even a long trip to the camp did not scare us. It was worth it! It was a great time to spend and we will book the next sessions as soon as it is available."

"Thank you for the amazing summer camp experience. J had a fantastic time! He was originally very anxious about going as he has had some issues making friends and he was really worried about making some and being away from home. On the first day I dropped off an anxious child and collected a happy one with lots of stories about his day. He found everyone really friendly and helpful and enjoyed the activities provided. He loves being in the outdoors and forest school is his favourite. He loves being creative, making and building things and exploring the outdoors. He was able to do all of this. He loves this club so much he came home and asked to go again the following week! This has inspired him to get out of his comfort zone more and try new things. I will be booking again in the future."

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible experience you provided for [Ukrainian children]. The impact of your efforts has been truly remarkable, and I'm genuinely appreciative. Your dedication to creating such memorable moments does not go unnoticed. Thank you once again for your continued commitment to making [the] experience extraordinary for Ukrainian people in UK."

"M has been to the camp for around 2 years now, both at Easter and the summer holidays. He asks to go back every time! He absolutely loves it! M struggles socially, but he's never gotten anxiety going to camp, and has never once come home with it! He gains so much from attending. He absolutely loves all the staff and all the activities they provide. The staff are all so kind and helpful, and they give him so much confidence to be himself without any judgment. It's an amazing safe place for children who struggle. The staff have so much patience and compassion. M always comes home with funny stories and says how much fun he's had. He also always comes home tired, which is always a massive bonus! For a child who hates going for walks at home, he seems to walk miles at camp and doesn't even notice he's doing it!

He said how much he's actually enjoyed the exercise and how it's helped his mind! The food the camp provides is always healthy with options for fussy kids, which is lucky for someone like M! He's made good friends at the camp that he now spends time with at school. He's learnt to be more social, how to speak to somebody first instead of waiting for them to approach him. His confidence has grown massively. We are so grateful the camp is available to him. We can't recommend it enough!"



DATES, BOOKING AND PRICES

The summer holiday camps will take place on the following weeks starting:

Sunday 12 July
Sunday 19 July
Sunday 26 July
Sunday 23 August

Please email surreyhillsandrivers@gmail.com, or call Ben on 07878 105016 with any enquiry.

Prices are per the below. **We also offer various discounts each for early booking, siblings, children returning from a previous year, and children referred by previous year visitors** - please contact us for details.

Taster stays and add-ons:

Day 09:00 to 17:00	£80
17:00 till 09:00	£87.50
Each 24 hours	£167.50
Additional hours	£12.50 ph

Longer stays:

Summer 2 nights 17:00 Sunday to 10:00 Tuesday	£267.50
Summer 3 nights 17:00 Sunday to 10:00 Wednesday	£435
Summer 4 nights 17:00 Sunday to 10:00 Thursday	£585
Summer 5 nights 17:00 Sunday to 10:00 Friday	£715



FOOD

The children will be well nourished with 3 healthy meals per day plus suitable snacks, with a range available to help accommodate any fervent dislikes – and of course with full attention to any special dietary requirements and any allergies that are notified to us. The key themes will be a healthy, balanced diet that takes into account the weather conditions and the activity levels and the use of fresh, local produce as far as possible.

DEVICES

The children won't have any electronic devices at the camp. If children bring them, then we'll look after them. We'll always make sure children can ring home if they need to or if parents would like them to. We'll keep parents updated on the camp every day too.









QUALITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL PROVENANCE

We are embedded in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In 2021 we were awarded the Trademark Surrey Hills, a mark of quality, sustainability and local provenance.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

…this is our foremost priority at all times. All appropriate insurance, DBS checks, ratios, risk assessments, policies and operating procedures are in place and continually reviewed…



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