

‘Development Opportunities’ for the Westbury Community.

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Welcome to the 6th Westbury ‘Development Opportunities Bulletin’.

Environment, Play, Nature and Gardening Learning Project



As noted in the September Bulletin, thanks to a donation from ‘**Dean Perry Landscaping**’ the very useful and fun ‘Learning Through Play Centre’ section for young children is already in use and just about completed.

Other aspects, one being gardening, are being discussed and invite your input. This part of the project will teach gardening skills and growing techniques, providing hands on learning for all ages and abilities. Participants will also produce food, plants, trees, and flowers to be sold at the proposed ‘Shop’ to be erected. The skills of those with gardening, agriculture and arboriculture knowledge and expertise will support this work. The shop will afford participants the opportunity to learn organisational, planning, inventory marketing and money skills.



In addition, environmental and nature learning will be offered, again supported by relevant teachers. It may be possible to run some offsite environmental and nature learning trips, tying in with Countryside Rangers and others. Trips might include farm visits, forest forays and zoo trips, among others.

Ideal might be to have this project led by an in house ‘Environmental and Nature Learning Projects Worker’.

A grass activities area has been prepared and looks to be ready by Spring 2024. This area may accommodate fun activities and sports play.





Country crafts might be included in this project including, canning/bottling, forest crafts such as fence making or rustic furniture. and more.



As always you are invited, via the 'Expression of Interest Form', to share your thoughts and ideas on any development feature.

Career and Apprenticeship as a Countryside Ranger

What a great career, working with all facets of the environment from plants to animals, and getting paid for it.

Job description (Aspects may vary)

Countryside Ranger apprenticeships - what you'll do and what it takes.

- Skills and knowledge -You'll need:
- customer service skills
- knowledge of biology
- the ability to work well with others.
- knowledge of geography
- excellent verbal communication skills



Working with volunteer Rangers.

- the ability to use your initiative to be flexible and open to change.
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

Countryside ranger apprenticeships - what you'll do.

Day-to-day tasks

- plan and create habitats to protect plants, animals, and birds.
- plant trees and manage ponds.
- lead guided walks, talks and educational visits.
- work with volunteers and encourage community involvement in projects.



Teaching junior Rangers

- balance the needs of conservation and visitor management.
- manage exhibitions and resource centres and talk to the public.
- maintain machinery like chainsaws and mowers order materials.
- keep records and write reports.



Working environment

You could work in woodland or in a park. Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers. You may need to wear protective clothing.

Power rangers

Info sites.

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/?TabID=1358&id=211&occupation=countryside-ranger#:~:text=Country%20ranger%20apprenticeships%20%2D%20what%20you%2711%20do&text=lead%20guided%20walks%2C%20talks%20and,and%20talk%20to%20the%20public>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/countryside-ranger>

Progress on Sports Activities project

The current proposed sports components are. (Your input is welcomed).

Indoor



Fencing



Table Tennis



Ribbon Dance



Martial arts



Carpet Bowls



Fitness training'

Outdoor



Handball



5 a side Football



Volleyball

Lottery - Did you Know!

You can buy a local lottery ticket from the Leigh Park Lottery, with 50% of each ticket sold going into the community coffers.

<https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/leigh-park-community-centre-westbury>

‘General Expression of Interest Form’

Name: _____ Age _____

I am interested in:

Ideas. (Activities, projects, support bulletin etc).

Skills and experience I would like to offer.

Signature: _____ Email: _____

*** A typed signature will suffice as this is not an official registration form.

Email to Debbie, Manager: office@lpccwestbury.org.uk

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