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This is the temporary home of Cambridgeshire's DofE website and current events and activities, as we fix some issues with the website.

# DofE in Cambridgeshire

## The DofE Award

Young people can start a DofE Award from:

Year 9 - Bronze level

Year 10- Silver level

Aged 16+ Gold level

Young people are accepted at any level provided they meet the age requirements, they do not have to work their way through all the Award levels.

The award itself is built by the young people depending on their interests and activities. It is split into four sections for Bronze and Silver Level and five sections at Gold Level. Each section has equal merit and the whole award cannot be gained without completing all the sections. Young people must take part in a volunteering activity, a physical activity, a skill activity and an expedition. At Gold a Residential experience is also a requirement. Many activities that young people already do can be used to help them to gain their DofE Award, eg music lessons (skill), football club (physical) or helping out at Cubs (volunteering).

Cambridgeshire County Council monitors and guides young people in their choices and supports them along the way until they have fully completed their award.

### Approved Activity Provider - Expeditions



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- Expeditions at Bronze take place in Cambridgeshire and neighbouring counties.
- Silver expeditions go slightly further away, choosing The Peak District, Shropshire Hills or The Pennines,
- Gold all expeditions must take place in "Wild Country".

In the past assessed expeditions have been completed in The Dales, The Lake District and in Wales.

Cambridgeshire County Council can also offer Cycling and canoeing expeditions on a bespoke basis, as well as the as well as the traditional walking expeditions.

## Residential Programmes

Cambridgeshire County Council holds an AAP licence for Gold Residential Programmes.

- Every summer there is a five day Bushcraft course.
- In Autumn term a five day volunteering course in conjunction with the Canal and River Trust(CRT) at Foxton Locks.

Cambridgeshire County Council also runs outdoor activity Gold residentials at Grafham Water Centre.

## Benefits of the DofE

Any DofE Award at any level is an important part of a young person's CV as it shows their commitment to a range of activities over a period of time. All DofE Awards are looked on very highly by UCAS, and employers, a recent survey showed that employers regard DofE second only to exam passes. The Gold Award is the culmination of the range of Awards and is particularly highly regarded because of the time and effort it requires to complete.

It really is worthwhile taking on the challenge and making yourself stand out from the crowd.

## Starting your DofE award

Recruitment takes place throughout the year with participants joining an expedition programme in the expedition season from end of March to end of October each year. If you would like to find out more send please email

[\[email protected\]](#).



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