

YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: Branstone Farm

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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The ‘Young Inspectors Scheme’ has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

Report Summary

| Inspected areas | Overall (star rating) out of 3 Stars | Did they meet Young Inspectors needs |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Staff |  | See 4.1 |
| Fun and Enjoyment |  | See 4.2 |
| Accessibility |  | See 4.3 |
| Safety and surroundings |  | See 4.4 |

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1.0 Details about the provision that was inspected

Branstone is a 23 acre site run by Island Futures which is part of the Isle of Wight Council situated on the A3056 between Sandown and Arreton. It was established in 1973 with the vision to provide young people the chance to learn about farming and the outdoors. Branstone today provides a range of outdoor and educational activities for primary school children and all ages beyond!

Attending day visits, along with special activities during the school holidays will provide excellent experiences and wonderful memories. Within our 6 acre outdoor classroom and indoor classroom area, children will have the opportunity to enjoy and explore the environment in ways that really do bring learning to life!

Overview of the organisation/service:

Brasntone Farm offered two session of a carousel of outdoor activities. One in februray and one in June to explore the area for signs of wild animamls that live at Branstone and make a woodland craft

What they provide:

Branstone Farm offer outdoor activities including looking out for wild animals and woodland craft.

When is it available: Various dates and time – 2 hour sessions

How much is the costs: £4 per person, per session, gateway card holders, siblings and non gateway card holders £5 each.

Who to contact to book: Holly Medland

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Branstone Farm?

We decided to inspect Branstone Farm as they are a new provider to short breaks activities; we aim to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Branstone Farm?

The inspection took place with 4 Young Inspectors.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

4.1 Staff

Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely by all the staff at Branstone Farm. They all left feedback to say they found the staff friendly, happy, fun and helpful.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment

All four of the Young Inspectors said they had lots of fun during the session. All of the Young Inspectors felt happy and would attend the session again.

4.3 Accessibility

Accessibility was discussed with each Young Inspectors; it was feedback that the session was held at a good time and was a good price. We did not have a wheelchair user with the Young Inspectors this day but only one of the Young Inspectors felt the ramp access was not available.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

Participating Young Inspectors felt that they were safe when attending and that the staff were friendly and happy to join in or help with the activity. All four of the Young Inspectors feedback that they were told about safety

4.5 Food and Dinning experience

There are no facilities available on site to purchase food or drinks.

5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the safety and surroundings, the staff, accessibility and the fun and enjoyment of the activity.

All Young Inspectors said they had enjoyed the session and all would like to attend again.

6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

There were no recommendations of how the activity could be improved.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was brilliant would attend again.

6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations

Branstone Farm was an excellent activity which the children enjoyed. Staff were great and encouraged participation from all, helping the children to hunt for and identify bugs. The location was ideal and there was a large woodland area for the children to explore. Wheelchair users would be able to access the classroom area, as there is a ramp and good access. I am unsure how accessible the bug hunting part of the activity would be as the woodland area was quite uneven and narrow in parts.

Overall, I believe that this is an excellent, inclusive activity, suited to a range of children with differing needs and abilities, promoting equal opportunities to all.

6.2 Parents Feedback

Not available as this session was unsupervised by parents

7.0 Overall award



3 stars awarded

8.0 Provider feedback

That's great news! I am so glad that the Young Inspectors enjoyed their time with us, we really enjoyed our day with them hunting for bugs.