

YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: Special Branch

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

Young Inspectors report on: Special Branch – Goodleaf Tree Climbing

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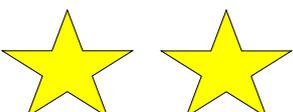
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The ‘Young Inspectors Scheme’ has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

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

Overview of the organisation/service:

Special Branch offer outdoor activities and tree climbing at East Dene, Isle of Wight. Special Branch encourages independence but with tailored support and we enable young people to take part in activities in locations which may have previously seemed inaccessible. We liaise with parents and support staff to ensure that as many young people as possible have the opportunity to experience outdoor adventures in the woods.

What they provide:

Special Branch with Goodleaf Tree Climbing, Family Woodland Day, offer brilliant fun in the outdoors! Activities can include tree climbing, bushcraft, shelter building, scramble course, nature hunts and archery (subject to need and ability).

When is it available: Selected Saturdays throughout the year. 10am to 4pm. (more information available in Short Breaks Activity Guide.

How much is the costs: £20 per Gateway card holder/sibling. Parents/carers free.

Who to contact to book: Abigail Fox

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Special Branch?

We decided to inspect Special Branch, Family Woodland Day on Saturday 22nd October to capture the views and opinions of young inspectors who attended the activity day.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Special Branch?

The inspection took with 3 Young Inspectors, none of whom had attended the session previously.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

4.1 Staff

Young Inspectors fed back that they were greeted nicely by all the staff at Special Branch. All three of the Young Inspectors expressed that the staff were friendly, helpful, and happy. They all commented to say they felt the staff were fun and “instructors were very good and explained well”.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment

Each Young Inspector left positive feedback regarding the fun they had had during the session, they all felt happy and enjoyed the Tree Climbing the most, leaving the following comments; “I enjoyed tree climbing and den building”, “The tree climbing was fun, I got to the top, this was long”, “I got to a branch in tree climbing, I only liked the tree climbing”. All of the Young Inspectors took part in the Tree Climbing, Den building and archery.

4.3 Accessibility

Each Young Inspector felt that accessibility was not suitable for wheelchair users as the grounds outside were uneven. All Young Inspectors agreed that £20.00 was a good price for the day. All of the Young Inspectors noted the lack of signage. Two of the Young Inspectors felt “the day was too long and too much waiting around” another comment left was “too much time for lunch”. (An hour was allocated for lunch).

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

All three Young Inspectors agreed that they felt safe and were told about safety throughout the session so understood what to do.

4.5 Food and Dinning experience

Lunch is provided in the Coach House included in the £20.00 fee. The Young Inspectors did bring along their own packed lunches. The lunch provided was of good selection, including meat sandwiches, salad and cheese, a large selection of crisps, biscuits, cake and fruit, and offered a large choice of hot and cold 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.

The Young Inspectors said they had enjoyed the session and said that they would possibly attend again.

6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

The Young Inspectors recommend less waiting around and shorter lunch could improve the activity and some signage around the activities.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was very good.

6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations

I feel that Special Branch offer a various selection of outdoor activities for children, young people and adults attending. The wheelchair access could cause some inclusion issues but I'm not sure how the session could overcome this due to its environment. I do agree with the Young Inspectors that all instructors/staff were excellent, very friendly and informative. I also agree that maybe an hour lunch break is a little long for the children/young people to eat and wait around, I understand that this may be an appropriate time when the session is busier ensuring everyone has the time to eat.

I feel £20.00 is an excellent price for all the activities included.

6.2 Parents Feedback

Not available from this session as children/young people attend unaccompanied.

7.0 Overall award



3 stars awarded

8.0 Provider feedback