



# YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Goodleaf

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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**Number of Young Inspectors present:** Three

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The 'Young Inspectors' programme is part of the Short Breaks service commitment to provide:

'The opportunity for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to contribute to the decision-making and development of services for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs on the Isle of Wight'.

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:

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## **1.0 Details about the provision and what was inspected**

The session was a family day which was for children with additional needs and their families, this was put on so that they could enjoy a fun day out together.

### **Overview of the organisation/service:**

The service provides the opportunity for children with additional needs to experience tree climbing and activities within a safe environment.

### **What they provide:**

Tree climbing, shelter building, fire making, cooking, archery and scramble hunts.

### **When is it available**

Selected dates throughout the year.

### **How much is costs:**

**Varies dependant on the day**

**Who to contact to book:** Abigail on 0333 800 1188

## 2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Goodleaf?

Goodleaf is a long term provider and Young Inspectors had not visited before, Young Inspectors wanted to attend a family day to see how this session could benefit families with additional needs.

## 3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Goodleaf?

Goodleaf was inspected by three Young Inspector's one girl and two boys. They were all of different ages and had different additional needs.

**4.0 Review Analysis-**We reviewed the provision overall by attending the East Dene Centre, we participated for the whole session to see what happened within the session and to see how other young people felt.

### 4.1 Staff

Young people said the staff were great, they really enjoyed talking to them and even got to ask them all different questions which they didn't mind answering. One Young Inspector stated he didn't want to do any other activities as he wanted to stay on the archery, so a member of staff offered and stayed with him so that he could continue. He said this very good and he stayed longer than he expected as he wasn't forced to do anything he didn't like.

## 4.2 Fun and enjoyment



All Young Inspectors stated they had a brilliant time and they all enjoyed different parts of the day. They enjoyed the day overall but picked out different activities individually with what they enjoyed.

## 4.3 Accessibility



The room that was being used as a base was accessible for all and was a good place to be able to come back to if any young people were tired or needed refreshments. However, the slope down to the archery was very steep and it would be difficult to get someone in a wheel chair down there. However, the tree climbing was very accessible and in a great location.

## 4.4 Safety and Surroundings



Young people were informed of safety at all times and staff made sure that children were listening and involved them within the safety talks. One Young Inspector said this was a good way of doing this as he was able to listen more by being involved.

## 4.5 Food and Dining experience

Young Inspectors thought it was great that lunch was provided as they were not aware of this. There was a great selection of healthy and good snacks. There were also allocated breaks and lunch time where people could have time to socialise. They thought this was a good idea as young people said they got to hear about all the other activities going on and they got excited with what was coming next.

## **5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found**

Young Inspectors thought the day was great for families and observed lots of children having fun and experiencing different activities that would be difficult without the funding of Short Breaks. They enjoyed the lunch time and thought the activities were really fun. One of the highlights was cooking bread on the camp fire and building dens.

## **6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?**

Young Inspectors were concerned about the accessibility for wheelchairs for the archery and suggested that there maybe would need to be a more accessible way for people to get down there. Although they thought it was good that the day was flexible some Young Inspectors suggested having visuals as they would find it useful and inform young people what was happening now and later.

### **6.2 Short Breaks recommendations**

Short Breaks agree with what Young Inspectors believe to be improvements and can work alongside Good leaf to be able to achieve this. However, Short breaks stated that it was a fantastic day and all families were really enjoying themselves. Comments from parents were that it was nice to have a day that all the family could do together.

## 7.0 Determining overall award

An overall award for Goodleaf is 

## 8.0 Provider feedback

Thanks for such comprehensive feedback. We understand the accessibility issue with the archery field – we are looking into ways of making this more accessible. Going forward we will make a visual plan of the day that we can put up in the meeting place so everyone can see what is happening.