



## **Mendip Hills National Landscape**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest the Mendip Hills National Landscape Team Young Ranger Scheme. Following our successful scheme now running for over 20 years, we are pleased to be able to offer the programme for a new intake. We are inviting young people starting years 7 or 8 in September 2026 to join the new scheme that starts in September 2026.

The scheme is offered as part of a European initiative to help young people learn about a Protected Landscape. You can expect them to experience a variety of activities and conservation techniques throughout the two year programme. Our most recent intake made a nature documentary, built dormouse boxes, learnt navigation skills and worked on dry stone walling alongside some of our volunteers.

The Young Rangers meet one Saturday per month (except August) and have an overnight camp in the final year. As part of the programme they will work towards the John Muir Conservation Award. This award requires a minimum number of hours so please ensure your Young Person is able to commit to the sessions. Please speak to Andy if you want more information about this.

The scheme is offered to a maximum of 15 young people, who usually come from local middle and secondary schools and communities close to the Mendip Hills National Landscape. We are keen to encourage pupils who stand to benefit most from the practical environmentally themed programme, but they would need a parent or guardian who would be able to provide transport to and from locations across the Mendip Hills for the duration of the scheme.

The cost of the scheme is subsidised by the Mendip Hills National Landscape Partnership which enables us to offer places on the scheme at a charge of £150 for the two years. This includes all activities, equipment, Young Ranger uniform and the camp.

### **Recruitment Timetable**

**There will be an Information Open evening: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 6:30pm at Charterhouse Centre, Charterhouse, Blagdon. BS40 7XR**

Once you have read this letter, please discuss with your child whether they would like to be considered for the programme. Your child must be motivated to maintain the commitment for the whole two years. If they would like to proceed, they need to complete the application form, which must be returned, along with the signed consent below (indicating that you are happy for them to be considered for the scheme),

### **Application Deadline: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

The successful applicants will be informed in the week of 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Mendip Hills National Landscape Team; in addition, you can also find further additional details about the scheme on the Young Rangers page of our website [www.mendiphills-nl.org.uk](http://www.mendiphills-nl.org.uk).



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## APPLICATION FORM

### Mendip Hills National Landscape Young Rangers' Programme 2026 – 28

Please sign and return **both parts** of the application form by no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** by post to Young Rangers, Mendip Hills National Landscape, Charterhouse Centre, Blagdon, BS40 7XR, or by email to **mendip@mendiphills-nl.org.uk**

#### PART 1 to be completed by the parent/guardian:

Young Ranger applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Female / Male

School Attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent / Guardian Consent:

I confirm that I have read the above details concerning the Mendip Hills National Landscape Young Rangers' programme and consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be put forward for the two-year programme.

I understand this means a regular commitment to participate in a monthly Saturday programme from September 2026 - July 2028 (the programme does not run in August).

I agree that if they are successful in gaining a place, there is a one-off £150 fee payable and that I am responsible for their transport to and from the monthly meetings.

I understand data collected as part of the recruitment process will be destroyed once the recruitment process is complete. Successful applicants will be required to provide further information as part of the registration process which will be kept in line with GDPR.

**Signed (Parent/Guardian)** .....

**Name** ..... **Date** .....

**Telephone no** .....

**Email** .....



## **Mendip Hills National Landscape**

**PART 2 to be completed by the potential Young Ranger.**

**So, you'd like to be a Mendip Hills Young Ranger? Great!**

We want to offer places to young people who are enthusiastic about the countryside and are up for a challenge! So, to apply to be on the programme, there's a small activity we want you to complete...

What we want you to do is think of 5 activities you'd include in the Young Ranger programme if you were organising the programme. What would you offer that would give young people like you the chance to learn more about the special qualities of the Mendip Hills in a fun 'hands-on' way? When you've got your ideas together, write them down in the space below.

Remember, we might not be able to offer a place to everyone, so make sure you come up with some really great ideas so you stand out from everyone else! **BE CREATIVE!** You could also include pictures, art, video, anything to show how much you love the Mendip Hills.

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If I were organising the Mendip Hills National Landscape Young Ranger programme, the activities I'd include would be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



## **Mendip Hills National Landscape**

In less than 50 words please tell us why you would like to become a Mendip Hills Young Ranger

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Please tell us how being a Young Ranger would help you? Do you want a job in conservation, do you want to build your confidence? Really think about how this scheme will help you in the future. Continue on another sheet if you need and use other media such as video or photos if you find this more manageable.

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Are you involved with any other groups, clubs or organisations? Yes / No (Please list any below)

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