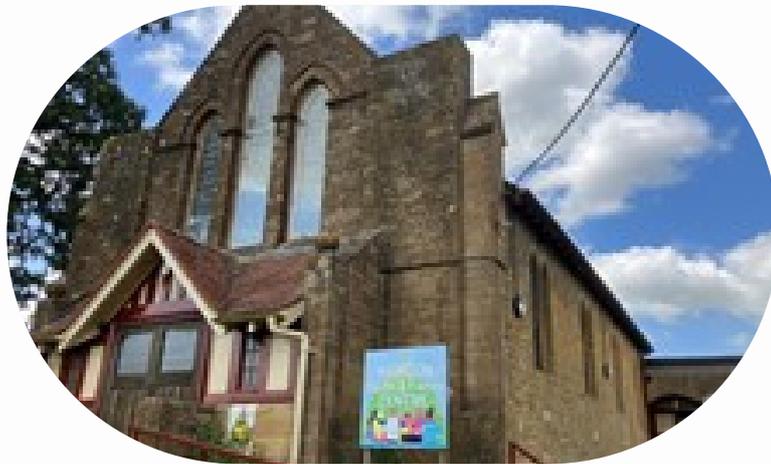


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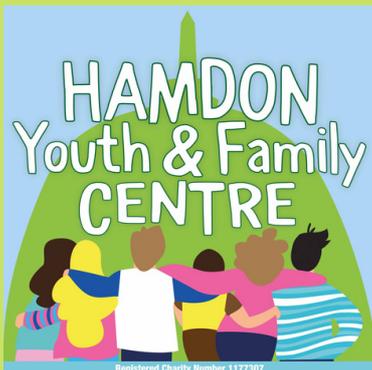
Hamdon Youth & Family Centre

Stoke sub Hamdon
Registered Charity No 1177307

GIRLGUIDING MOVEMENT SLEEPOVER INFORMATION



The Youth Centre is situated in the hamstone village of Stoke sub Hamdon in South Somerset with lots of beautiful countryside around to explore



GIRL GUIDING SLEEPOVERS

We have just been approved by a Somerset Girlguiding residential advisor that the HYFC can be used to sleep up to 30 people.

The Centre is owned by the Parish Council and run by a service-user led charitable trust, and is for the exclusive use of young people.



FACILITIES

The Centre has two halls, a kitchen, four toilets including disabled facilities. Each toilet has its own wash hand basin suitable for teeth cleaning and face washing, and a hand drier.

The hamstone walled grassed garden at the back overlooks an orchard, and there is little in the way of light pollution making it a great for star gazing. Raised fire pits can be placed for camp fires.

There is no car park at the venue but there are no on-street parking restrictions along the road.



MAIN HALL

This is a lovely large hall with a very high ceiling and great for games and generally having fun. This is where we suggest the girls could sleep (note there are no curtains! But the windows are very high up. The Hall is lit by LED spots which can be dimmed, and heated by wall infrared heaters.



REAR HALL

The stackable tables and chairs make the rear hall a great place for swapping it from dining to crafting to sleeping! There is a stable door to the kitchen too. The hall has Youth Club equipment that can be used e.g. table tennis, pool and table football.

The Centre has 10 melamine folding tables and 40 stackable chairs which can be used in either hall.

BROADBAND

The Centre has secure ultra fast fibre broadband provided by Gigaclear under their Community Hub scheme. This makes it ideal for streaming and watching films with ease.



KITCHEN

This has an oven, hob, microwave, kettle and fridge with small freezer, and is well stocked with crockery, cutlery, cups and plates, saucepans etc. Cooking facilities are all electric.

Newly installed, the kitchen is ideal for preparing home-cooked meals. It is not suitable for wheelchair users.



EATING OUT OR DELIVERIES

If you don't want to cook, then in the area there are various local restaurants even a baker too that will deliver. Local supermarkets in Yeovil and Crewkerne can also deliver to save time in your car.



HELP AND ASSISTANCE

The venue is home to the local Brownie unit and they are happy to lend their equipment such as their fire pit and four handbag stoves to the mix if needed. Their leader in charge is happy to be approached and assist with programme planning, risk assessments etc. Contact stokesubhamdonbrownies@gmail.com.

PRICING

Overnight stays are new to the venue and are currently being formalised and will depend on the time of year and whether heating is required to be on! The best thing is to go the booking form for the possible dates you are looking for and the Booking Secretary can then quote you for those nights.

THINGS TO DO IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

These vary so much and are suitable for every section of Girlguiding.



The Centre is opposite the Sports & Recreation Ground where you can find an adventure play park, BMX track and a skate park and lots of ground to run around on!

NATURE WALKS

There is an Ordnance survey yellow publication walking map that can be borrowed and available to hirers and lots of walks from 20 minutes to 2 hours and beyond. The Countryside is abundant with flora and fauna and a great place to use your Walking scheme 1 qualification.

<https://www.yellowpublications.co.uk/products/a-round-about/martock-tintinhull-montacute/>
£3.99



MONTACUTE HOUSE

National Trust Elizabethan House, garden and parklands, 1.5 miles from the Centre. Or a short bus ride on the No 81 public bus route. You might consider applying for education group membership to the National Trust. Contact their Supporter Services Centre - at £58.35 for under 50 pupils for a year it is definitely worth trying.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/somerset/montacute-house>

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

You could catch the No 81 bus into Yeovil and onto Yeovil Junction railway station to go to Sherborne, to visit the Abbey, the Castle or Almshouses. Or why not catch the train from Yeovil Pen Mill down to Weymouth for the day.



HAM HILL

Stoke sub Hamdon is set at the foot of Ham Hill, a country park and AONB, and can be reached easily using off road footpaths and only needing to cross two roads. The best thing is much of their facilities and resources are free!

On Ham Hill there are:-

- 1) Orienteering courses
- 2) Roman Treasure Trail app
- 3) Woodland play zone
- 4) Stone circle
- 5) Monument with views over the Somerset Levels.

A great place to watch the sun coming up or going down. There are many other resources including public toilets and wheelchair access routes.

If you are looking for a small community project idea then contacting The Friends of Ham Hill might be a good start. <https://friendsofhamhill.org/>

SECRET STORIES MOBILE APP TRAIL

Follow Ham Hill's Pits of Peril and Rampaging Romans' trail through the Secret Stories App, which takes you on an adventure learning about some of Ham Hill's fascinating history. From prehistoric to modern day wildlife and everything in between! The trail starts at the Rangers' Centre TA14 6RW and is roughly 1.5 hours long. Suitable for children 4 - 10 years old.

NINESPRINGS COUNTRY PARK, YEOVIL

Take the No 81 bus from the venue to Yeovil town centre and then walk down to the park. The link below takes you to 30 things to do in the park but there are many other activity sheets as well.

<https://www.visitsouthsomerset.com>

STOKE SUB HAMDON WALKS

<https://www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com/community/stoke-sub-hamdon-18583/walks/>

CINEWORLD - YEOVIL

<https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/yeovil>

TEN PIN BOWLING

<https://www.hollywoodbowl.co.uk/yeovil>

OCTAGON THEATRE & WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, YEOVIL

Maybe a trip to the theatre to see a pantomime matinee or many other genres available. <https://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/children>

SAILING

Sutton Bingham Sailing Club where the Girlguiding sailing yacht Somerspirit is based. A 20 minute driving journey from the Centre.

<https://www.girlguidingsomerset.org.uk/somerspirit>

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.visitsouthsomerset.com/SiteAssets/Downloads> for their Things to Do leaflet

www.dorsetdswa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/a-quick-guide-to-ham-hill-leaflet.pdf



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