

## Hathersage Helper Training Weekend



In March this year Catherine Pointon, Nathan Barry and I had the very great pleasure of welcoming a group of our young people to Hathersage Outdoor Pursuit Centre for a Helper Training Weekend. The group were all 16+ and were made up of potential Helpers (Helper age) and Pre-Helpers (Preelpers; those not Helper age yet, but keen to begin their Helper journey).

Our time together included an introduction to Safeguarding, a session on understanding the roles, responsibilities and expectations of Helpers, creating a Grace Jar and Helper Cheat Sheet, Video Chatting with Rhiannon Griffiths (Co-Chair for Kintbury '23) and Anna Mag O'Brien (Chief Helper for Kintbury '23) which subsequently led to planning potential sessions and brainstorming ideas based on the theme of the All Age Summer Week (Lord That I Might See), and a discussion on various ways in which they could all become actively involved in the running of CPW (we now have at least one future Trustee and a Social Media Tzar in the pipeline).

The young people worked in groups to prepare Evening and Morning Prayers, plan evening entertainment (this included a very successful Earth Hour with lots of hi-jinks in the dark) and to tidy and wash-up after various mealtimes.



Huge thanks to Chris and Liz Dingle for leading a beautiful walk (with rainbow included) on the Saturday afternoon, to Pablo Guidi for all his pre-weekend organisation and to Bobbo (no second name necessary) for the various pick-ups and drop-offs.



It was an absolute privilege to lead our young people on the weekend and I am confident in their ability not only to take care of our precious little ones but also to be a part of future-proofing the evolving organisation that is CPW.