

Uniformed & Public Services



Dave established Open Door Adventure in 1992 with the express intention of providing people (not least the young) with opportunities to enhance and improve the quality of their lives through delivering personally designed courses, where the classroom is the outdoors and learning is experiential.

Dave spent 22 years in the Armed Forces in the Signals as a Specialist Operator in Communications and 12 in the Royal Army Physical Training Corp as a PE and Outdoor Pursuits Specialist, training Officers and SNCO Soldiers to be Managers and fit to lead their teams.

Aside of the Forces, Dave has participated in 35 worldwide expeditions (often leading) including 10 trips to the Himalayas, reaching 8000 metres without oxygen on Mount Everest! He also spent 3 years as part of the Glen Coe Mountain Rescue Team in Loch Aber.



Our Location & What We Offer

All On Site:

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Our Uniformed & Public Services Courses:

Designed for Public Services, our courses aim to get the very best out of learners by developing and refining their teamwork, planning and leadership skills.

They provide the backdrop to the BTEC Level 2 and 3 Certificates & Diplomas units:

- Adventurous Activities and Teamwork for the Public Services
- Equipment and Facilities for Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Expedition Experience
- Expedition Skills
- Land Navigation by Map and Compass
- Leading Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
- Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions
- Skills for land-based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- Skills for Water-based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities

We offer fun and challenging Uniformed Public Services courses from our Centre which is 30 miles from Chester, in North Wales

We've worked with Colleges and Higher Education Providers to develop a packed and comprehensive package built around your establishment's needs.



Land-Based Activities' Learning Outcomes

Objectives and outcomes focus on a mix of technical skills and soft skills & can be tailored to suit specific curriculum

Learning Objective	Description	Archery	Caving	Climbing & Abseiling
Caving Safety	Navigate through a cave system safely with instructor supervision.		Yes	
Climbing Safety	Demonstrate various climbing techniques with confidence			Yes
Communication	Demonstrate clear briefing and listening skills without fear of asking for support when necessary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coordination	Demonstrate the ability to perform a sequence of locomotor skills with smooth transition.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Correct Draw, Aim and Release	Demonstrate the correct position, posture and technique to draw, aim and release. Student will also demonstrate a basic understanding of aiming techniques	Yes		
Correct Hold	Demonstrate confident and correct hold of the bow with little input from the instructor.	Yes		
Environmental Skills	Understand the environment around them and how to act appropriately. Understand basic environmental sustainability and applicable elements of the country code	Yes	Yes	Yes
History	Express an awareness and understanding of the history of archery as an activity	Yes		
Leadership Skills	Demonstrate an awareness of risk and safety. Identify strengths within the team, use a wide range of skills within the group to achieve the set objective. Encourage teammates to achieve and succeed.		Yes	Yes
Patience	Demonstrate perseverance during briefings and the activity.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Relationships and Emotional Intelligence	Build positive friendships and bonds with classmates/peers. Able to show understanding and respect for others'opinions, beliefs and boundaries. Learn to handle emotions and behavioural responses.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teamwork	Able to connect and work with others to achieve a set task.	Yes	Yes	Yes





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Learning Objective	Description	Bushcraft & Orienteering	Hiking
	Demonstrate clear briefing and listening skills without fear of asking for support when necessary	Yes	Yes
	Demonstrate the ability to perform a sequence of locomotor skills with smooth transition.	Yes	Yes
	Understand the environment around them and how to act appropriately. Understand basic environmental sustainability and applicable elements of the country code	Yes	Yes
_	Demonstrate awareness and understanding of the route walked. Able to highlight relevant landscape features with a basic understanding of map reading techniques.	Yes	Yes
·	Demonstrate an awareness of risk and safety. Identify strengths within the team, use a wide range of skills within the group to achieve the set objective. Encourage teammates to achieve and succeed.	Yes	Yes
	Able to recognise different types of maps, interpret common symbols used on maps. Basic understanding of scale and other navigational techniques.	Yes	
Patience	Demonstrate perseverance during briefings and the activity.	Yes	Yes
Emotional	Build positive friendships and bonds with classmates/peers. Able to show understanding and respect for others'opinions, beliefs and boundaries. Learn to handle emotions and behavioural responses.	Yes	Yes
Teamwork	Able to connect and work with others to achieve a set task.	Yes	Yes









Water-Based Activities' Learning Outcomes

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Specific curriculum						
Learning Objective	Description	Canoeing	Gorge Walking			
Communication	Demonstrate clear briefing and listening skills without fear of asking for support when necessary	Yes	Yes			
	Demonstrate the ability to perform a sequence of locomotor skills with smooth transition.		Yes			
	Understand the environment around them and how to act appropriately. Understand basic environmental sustainability and applicable elements of the country code	Yes	Yes			
Leadership Skills	Demonstrate an awareness of risk and safety. Identify strengths within the team, use a wide range of skills within the group to achieve the set objective. Encourage teammates to achieve and succeed.	Yes	Yes			
Paddling Skills	Demonstrate beginner and conventional paddling techniques	Yes				
Patience	Demonstrate perseverance during briefings and the activity.	Yes	Yes			
	Build positive friendships and bonds with classmates/peers. Able to show understanding and respect for others'opinions, beliefs and boundaries. Learn to handle emotions and behavioural responses.	Yes	Yes			
Resilience	Learn to continue when things don't go according to plan, cope with the unfamiliar, manage disappointment and deal with conflict	Yes	Yes			
Teamwork	Able to connect and work with others to achieve a set task.	Yes	Yes			
Water Safety	Navigate a water environment safely under supervision.	Yes	Yes			













Accommodation Options







If you would like to make your course into a residential, we have two options:

- Dolben Hall (all year)
- Bell Tent Village (April– Sept)



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