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Church Youth Groups 
at The Chellington Centre

Expand Horizons

‘A **unique** and **memorable**
residential experience’

 **the Chellington**
Centre

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

The Chellington Centre is a stunning 12th-century church, converted into an award-winning, eco-friendly youth centre. It is designed for young people to escape the chaos of life and find peace and spiritual comfort in this special retreat, giving them the space to connect with God, the world and each other.

Set in a spectacular location, with stunning views across the Great Ouse valley, Chellington is only 30 minutes from the M1 and A1 motorways, but a world apart.

This is a popular choice for church youth groups looking for a memorable residential experience, that stands out from other retreats. What better place to connect with God than in this beautiful church building that carries a history of worshipping Him?



Chellington is uniquely able to create a magical reality, a space unto itself, the world as it should be. Having experienced it, when they return home, the young people can remember what they built for themselves at Chellington, and what can be built in their own community too.”

Advocacy Academy



“I have been bringing my Youth Group to Chellington for 10 years now and I always look forward to coming back. the team are always so welcoming and the site is the best!”

St Lukes, West Hampstead



CREATE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE



Enjoy the freedom to design and deliver your own residential experience with sole-use of the entire site.

Connect with God



Worship

This beautiful space overlooking the countryside is ideal for a serene worship experience.



Sermons

There are multiple spaces in-and-outside the church to give sermons and teachings.



Prayer

The tranquillity of our grounds gives young people the space to pray anywhere!



Resource Library

We offer a small selection of Christian resources.

Connect with each other



Games Pack

A whole cupboard of fun: rounders, tag rugby, footballs, badminton, tug of war, team parachutes, giant Jenga, chess, board games and more.



Media Pack

Everything you need to share a movie or presentation, enjoy some music together or sing your heart out with our keyboard, karaoke set and PA system.



Camp Fire

There's nothing better than ending the day with blankets and s'mores around a warming bonfire.



Obstacle Course

Instructor led outdoor team activities including the perfect obstacle course.



Water Fun

15 super soakers and a tarp water slide make for a favourite summer activity.



Art Workshops

Options include rock painting, printing, sculpture, painting, mask making, collage, clay modelling, sgraffito, wax/ink and more.



Gardening & Planting

We encourage everyone to take care of the environment. Give back to the world and leave your mark on Chellington by planting a tree or shrub together.



Archery

Introduce your group to archery with self-delivered soft archery or book a session led by a qualified coach - a great way to exercise, focus and build confidence.



Harrold-Odell Country Park

With spectacular views from the Centre, enjoy the walk to this Green Flag water park with 144 acres of beauty and tranquility.



Forest Skills

Choose from a variety of forest skills, shelter building, fire lighting, wood craft, learning about local trees and wildlife surrounding the Centre.



Animal Encounters

Enjoy a fantastic collection of friendly, exotic and companion animals guided by experienced animal handlers.



Animal Farm

Get close to farm animals in a quiet and safe environment. This is an award-winning, small, mobile animal farm with experience of animal assisted therapy.

FLEXIBLE, ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE!

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Flexible accommodation
for up to 66

Sole use of the entire site

Fully equipped kitchen

Large hall plus two
multi-use rooms

Planning support from
our on-site team

36

Modern
eco-friendly
bunkrooms
for 36

Barbeque, campfire,
gardens & games field

Comprehensive
risk assessments

30

On-site camping for
30 with dedicated
washrooms


4G Wi-Fi if required!

Check our live diary for availability at www.chellington.org/booking

Financial Support for Residentials at Chellington

The Diocese of St Alban's Growing Younger and More Diverse Team is offering to contribute towards the cost of a residential at Chellington for any church youth group from within the Diocese struggling to afford it. To apply for this support, please email Leah Bucko from the Growing Younger and More Diverse Team: lbucko@stalban.anglican.org

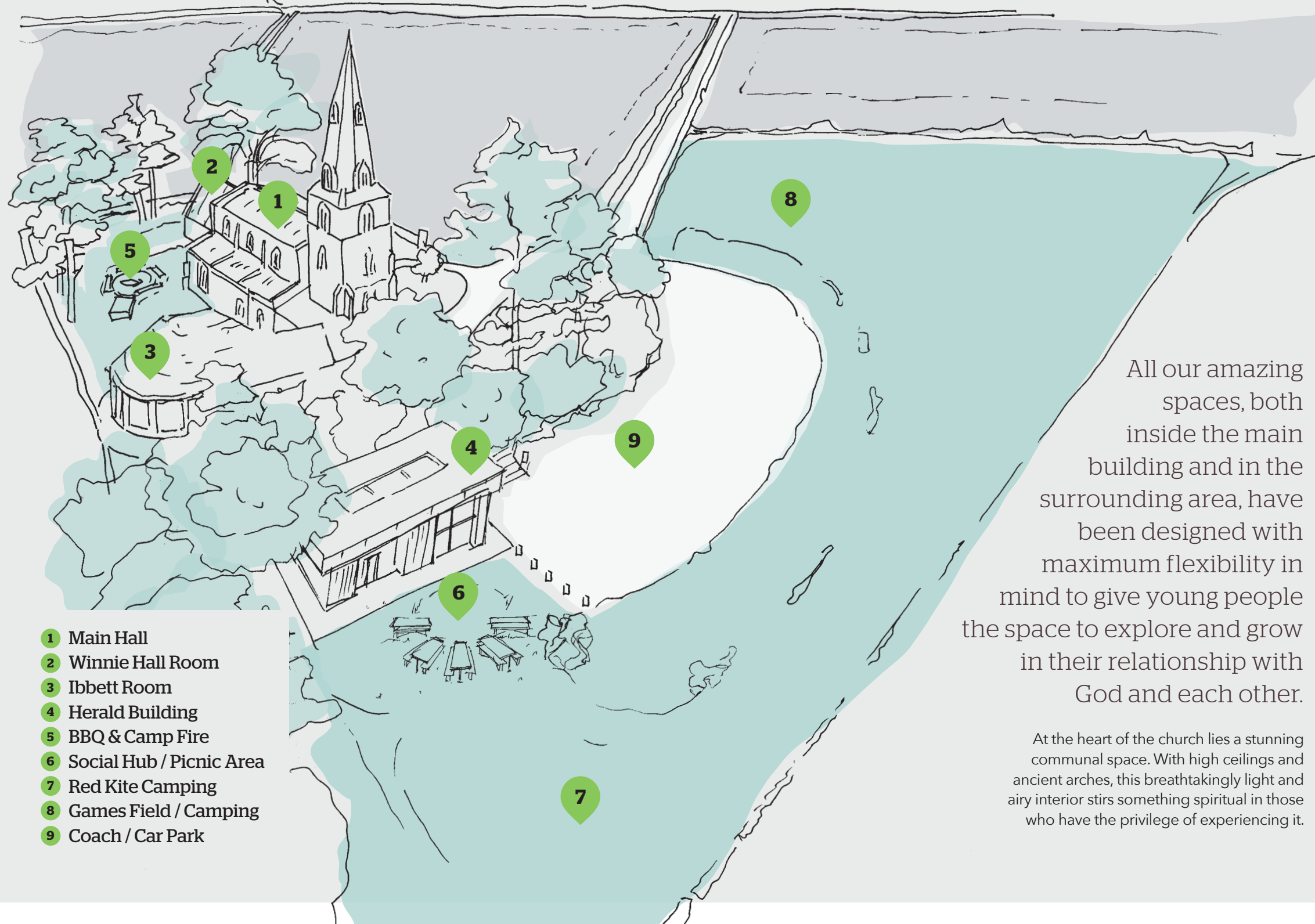
The Chellington Centre Charity also offers financial support to youth groups who find funding for a residential hard to access. To find out more: www.chellington.org/bursary, email us at admin@chellington.org or call 01234 720726.

 We believe that every young person should have the opportunity to take part in a residential experience."

Trustees of The Chellington Centre Charity



ENJOY TIME IN AND OUTDOORS



- 1 Main Hall
- 2 Winnie Hall Room
- 3 Ibbett Room
- 4 Herald Building
- 5 BBQ & Camp Fire
- 6 Social Hub / Picnic Area
- 7 Red Kite Camping
- 8 Games Field / Camping
- 9 Coach / Car Park

All our amazing spaces, both inside the main building and in the surrounding area, have been designed with maximum flexibility in mind to give young people the space to explore and grow in their relationship with God and each other.

At the heart of the church lies a stunning communal space. With high ceilings and ancient arches, this breathtakingly light and airy interior stirs something spiritual in those who have the privilege of experiencing it.





BREAKOUT

Two more great activity spaces

With its spectacular semi-circular wall of windows, the inspiring Ibbett Room brings 180° of sky and countryside into the Centre and offers stunning panoramic views over the Ouse Valley and lakes in the country park below.

Everyone loves spending time in the Winnie Hall Room - a great space for coming together for worship, prayer, drama, music, buffet set up at meal times, playing board games or just chatting and chilling. This room can also be used as a bedroom for 6 people.





EATING

Our fully equipped modern kitchen has everything you need for self-catering for up to 66. The hatch to the main hall makes it easy for everyone to help.

Fully equipped kitchen
+
Barbeque
+
Campfire

Experience cooking in the great outdoors on our BBQ grills and eating around our campfire whilst enjoying the view and beautiful sunsets.



SLEEPING

We welcome groups of all sizes. Big or small, each group enjoys sole use of the entire site. Up to 36 can sleep in our bunkrooms with the option to add a further 30 camping.

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Flexible accommodation for up to 66

There are 5 separate shower cubicles and 7 toilets in the main building plus the option to use a further 4 shower cubicles and toilets in the Herald Building. Both buildings have a separate, fully accessible toilet/shower room.



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

This is an ancient site. Communities have existed in harmony here since the bronze age with local sheep farming, leatherwork, lacework and reed-weaving - all important medieval industries. As custodians, we have a duty to share knowledge, engage and lead in caring for our environment. This is particularly important to us as we work with young people whose future will be impacted by how we operate.

We are proud to have achieved Silver Award certification from Green Tourism in recognition of our extensive work in developing a

sustainable, biodiverse Centre in direct response to our commitment to young people, our community and the planet.



Green Education

Our ongoing initiatives include: nature walks, nature identification boards, re-wilding activity (tree and hedgerow planting, wildflower bridging), socio-historical quizzes, binocular bird-spotting, star-gazing, eco-signage tips and on-site forest school activities.



Energy Use

Our electricity source is 100% renewable energy (hydro and wind). We have an efficient eco-air-source system for all our (underfloor) heating and hot water needs. Double glazed windows and insulation minimise heat loss, making it comfortable and sustainable for year-round accommodation.



Lighting

80% of our lighting is now flexibly controlled, low consumption LED.



Local Food Sourcing

We encourage you to support our village shop and local farms if you can. They will deliver boxes of fresh groceries with only a few days' notice.



Drinking Water

Our Bedfordshire water is lovely from the tap.



Recycling & Waste

We have ongoing initiatives to source ecological and recycled products. We have drastically reduced the amount of land-fill waste and recycling we produce and are committed to working with you and our local partners to do more.



Single-Use

We strongly discourage the use of single-use cutlery, plates, bowls, cups or plastic water bottles.





To make a booking, go to the live diary on our website at:
www.chellington.org/booking

If you would like to find out more about residential or day trip experiences at Chellington, please call us. We would love to hear from you.

☎ 01234 720726

✉ admin@chellington.org

The Chellington Centre is run by a small independent charity with a mission to provide an inspirational and rural setting for young people to develop their personal potential.

We would like to sincerely thank all our friends, visitors, neighbours, volunteers (young & old), trustees, staff, donors and patrons. Thanks to you all, the Chellington Centre can continue to thrive, supporting young people and their communities.

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