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at The Chellington Centre

Expand Horizons

 **the Chellington**
Centre

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

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

The Chellington Centre is an award winning, eco-friendly, residential youth centre - an inspirational space where school children can share and explore without the usual distractions and labels, encouraging teamwork, reflection and personal development.

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.

A popular choice for schools looking for a unique and memorable residential experience, with many returning year after year.

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“When I visited Chellington for the first time I was awed by the location and views. Our children live in a deprived area of Luton; they don’t see nature, and few have gardens. At Chellington they are able to see the vastness of the countryside and to know there is much more available to them than is found in their current world. They can climb trees, walk across a field of cows and horses, sit round a campfire. It sparks their imagination and widens their horizons and creates an invaluable aspirational experience.”

St Matthew’s Primary School, Luton

FLEXIBLE, ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE!

**Exclusive use of the
entire site**

**Planning support from
our on-site team**

72

**Flexible
accommodation
for up to 72**

**Fully equipped
kitchen**

**Barbeque, campfire
& gardens**

36

**Modern eco-friendly
bunkrooms for 36**

**Communal rooms
including a large hall
& two multi-use rooms**

**Comprehensive risk
assessments**

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On-site camping for 36

**Multi-purpose
rounders/games field**

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

**The trustees of the
Chellington Centre Charity
are keen to ensure that
Chellington is affordable and
accessible to those from
disadvantaged backgrounds,
offering financial support
through their Bursary Fund.**

www.chellington.org/bursary

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**Many of our children come from
large families, often with two or three
generations sharing a house. They
come from hugely disadvantaged
homes and going away overnight is
something they can only dream of!
The bursary makes this an affordable
trip; it makes this trip possible!"**

Head Teacher at Queen's Park Primary School, Bedford

CHOOSE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES

Enjoy the freedom to design and deliver a bespoke residential experience with sole use of the entire site. Select from a wide range of activities and resources available at Chellington and nearby.

Free/Low Cost Activities (self delivery)

On site

Team Building Games

Out on the field

Soft Archery

6 sets available

Chellington Quiz

Explore the site inside and out

Indoor Games

Table tennis, table football, giant Jenga and Connect 4 and a wide range of board games

Movie and/or Karaoke Night

Use of a TV screen, large projector screen, digital piano and PA system

Campfire

Songs and stories available

Out & about

Wild Letters

Scavenge natural materials to make your school name for the entrance hall

Local Walks

Explore the footpaths across meadows and around pretty villages

Harrold Odell Country Park

Green Flag water park - 144 acres of beauty and tranquility with pond dipping and bug-hunting

Staying away

- Bed Making
- Menu Planning
- Sandwich and/or Crimpet Making
- Pizza Making
- Washing Up
- Camping Overnight
- Pitching Tents

KS2 Curriculum-Linked Activity Resources

Anglo-Saxons Meet the Vikings

Make helmets, decorate shields, train as warriors and finally, re-enact a battle!

Winding Rivers

Use fieldwork to practise OS map skills to explore the characteristics of the river and impact of flood events

Orienteering

Developing OS map skills through team challenges around the local area

Til the Cows Come Home

Visit a local dairy for a tour and experience their delicious ice-cream

Activities Delivered by 3rd Party Providers

Forest Skills

Fire lighting, wood craft and shelter building

Archery

Led by a qualified coach

Raptor Encounters

Close-up experience with a selection of birds flying around in the main hall

Mobile Farm

Get close to farm animals in a safe environment

Mobile Zoo

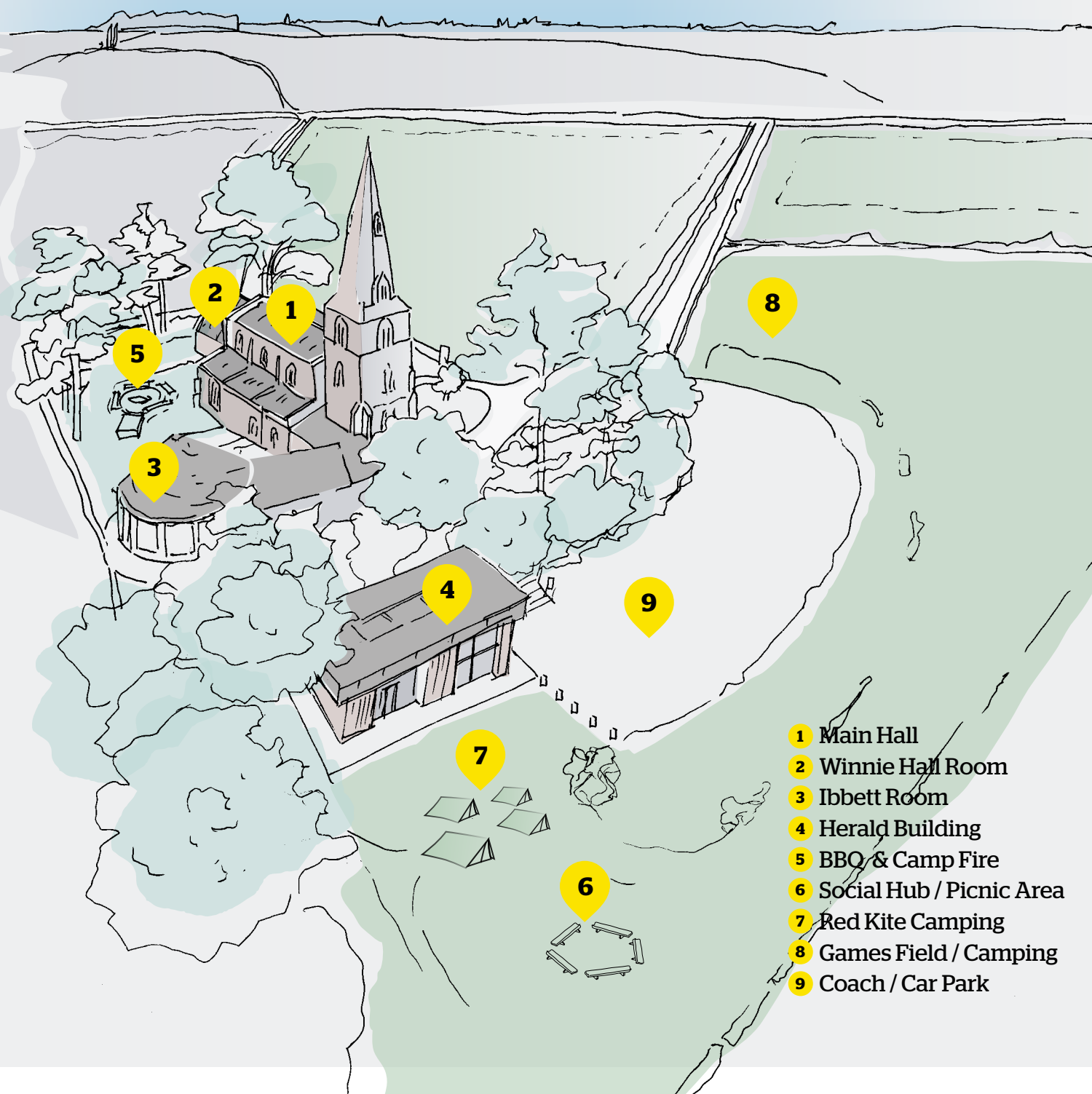
Get up close to a variety of animals from around the world with sessions linked to habitats, adaptation and mini beasts

We are currently in the process of adding new activities. Please see our website at www.chellington.org/activities for the most up-to-date list of activities

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We created an orienteering course around the village. The children worked as a team and had lots of outdoor experience. With a night away they learnt how to look after themselves and all of the children came back, growing in confidence and becoming more rounded children. I believe that the children gained more from this venue than they can from any other residential providers."

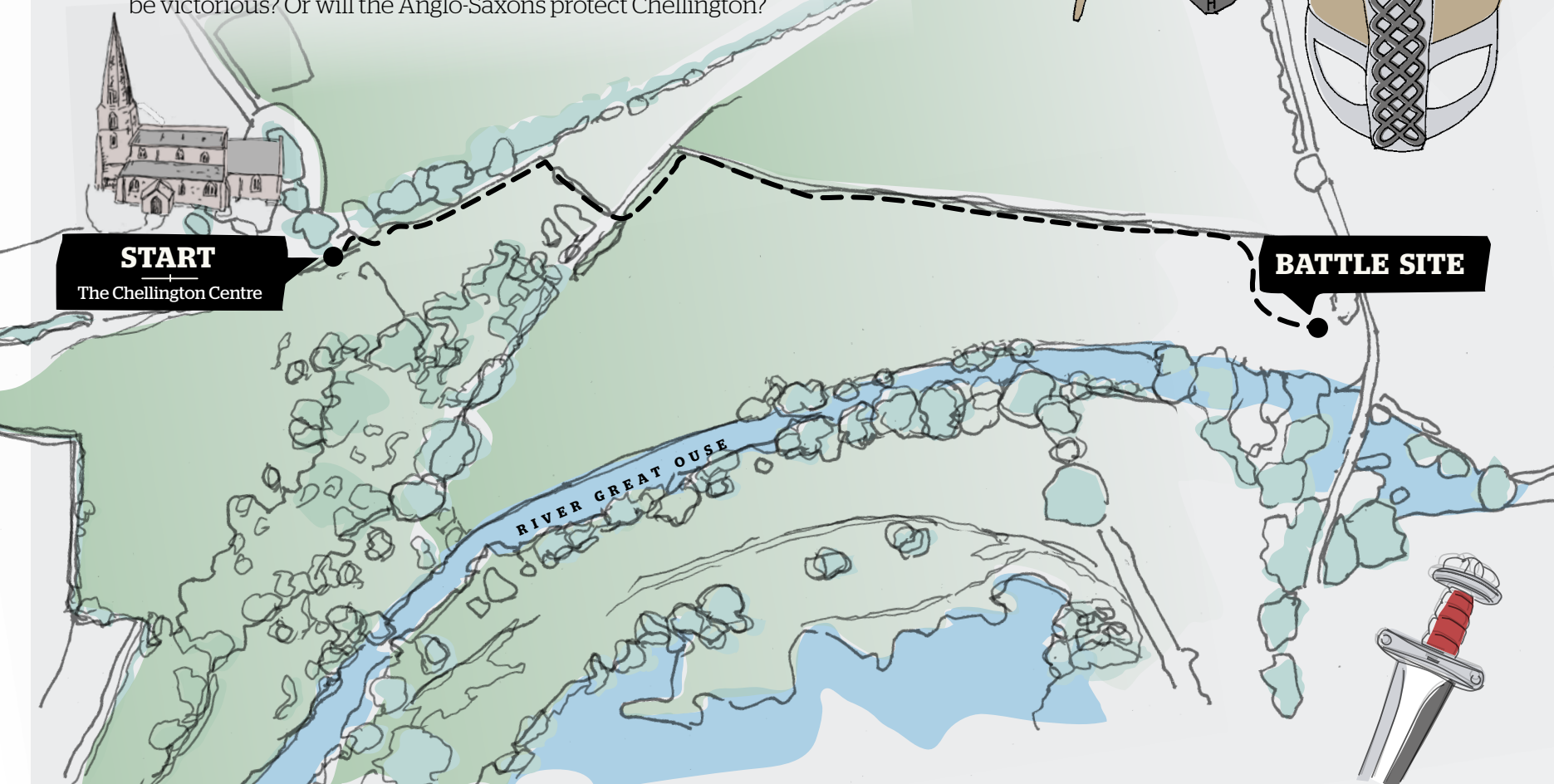
ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, LUTON



- 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

ANGLO SAXONS MEET THE VIKINGS

It's the late 9th century, and the Vikings have travelled by longboat along the Great River Ouse. On the Danelaw/Wessex boundary, they find the Anglo-Saxon village at Chellington. Dressed and prepared, the children re-enact a battle, based on the old English poem 'The Battle of Maldon'. Will the Viking raiders be victorious? Or will the Anglo-Saxons protect Chellington?



Make a Helmet

The children become either Vikings or Anglo-Saxons and make their own helmets based upon historical and archaeological evidence.

Decorate a Shield

Children decorate their shields using inspiration from historical research into Anglo-Saxon or Viking designs.

Warrior Training

Out in the field, children are introduced to the cries, commands and team work required to succeed in battle. The children complete their preparations and practise their formations and strategy.

Battle Re-Enactment

The group, wearing helmets they have made, shields they have decorated and foam weapons, visit the site and re-enact battle!



SAMPLE ITINERARY

This is an example of a bespoke 24 hour itinerary, designed with the help of our programme manager

DAY 1

12:00 - 13:00 Class arrives, unloads and has packed lunch under trees (brought from home)

13:00 - 13:30 Class introduction to Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

13:30 - 14:30 Free time to explore outside, team building games (games field)

14:30 - 16:30 Anglo-Saxon and Viking helmet making and shield decoration

16:30 - 17:45 Make and cook pizza from scratch

17:45 - 18:30 Eat dinner

18:30 - 19:15 Wash up and free time

19:15 - 20:45 Anglo-Saxon & Viking warrior training

20:45 - 21:15 Campfire

21:15 - 21:45 Get ready for bed in bunk rooms

21:45 Lights out

DAY 2

07:00 - 07:45 Wake up, pack rooms and remove belongings to outside

07:45 - 08:30 Breakfast

08:30 - 09:30 Make packed lunch & break

9:30 - 12:00 Battle re-enactment (river pasture or games field)

12:00 - 12:30 Class departs

ENJOY TIME IN & OUTDOORS

All our amazing spaces, both inside the main building and in the surrounding area, have been designed with maximum flexibility in mind for games, educational activities or for the children to simply enjoy their freedom.

The main hall provides a wonderful focal point for your group to enjoy. The dramatic, high timbered ceiling creates great acoustics for musical events and the steps to the chancel form a natural stage.

For many children, time around the campfire and BBQ is the highlight of their trip. It's time to talk, sing, and tell stories together with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. The adjacent games field with no public access is a stunning setting to enjoy a multitude of activities as well as overflow camping for larger school groups.





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.

Children love spending time in the Winne Hall Room - a great space for study, drama, music, teaching, presentations, 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.





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 36 camping.

72

**Flexible
accommodation
for up to 72**

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 washrooms in our new Herald Building (includes an accessible shower/toilet in both buildings).

EATING

Our fully equipped modern kitchen has everything you need for self-catering for up to 72. The hatch to the main hall makes it easy for children 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.



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 made a commitment 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

90% 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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