**Glenny Annual Review 2023**

We have had yet another busy and productive year with Glenny Wood being as popular as ever.

**Site Usage** - The total usage at Glenny Wood for 2023 is 209 visits/camps with 5737 people on site. Of these, 160 were visits, mainly in the evening, with 4455 people attending, young and older plus 49 camps were held at Glenny Wood with 1282 people on site.

So, year on year overall

* The increase in site usage is significant with 34 more visits and 711 extra people on site.
* This shows 30 more sectional visits mainly during the evenings with 842 people increase over 2022.
* Camps were up by 4 although actual numbers down by 131.

**Gordano District Site usage -** The site remains very popular with evening visits from Gordano District members with 123 Visits and 3630 District members on site plus 15 camps with 410 attending.

Within Gordano the usage is large and increasing year on year -

* There is a significant increase in visits with an additional 18 occasions and 672 extra visitors.
* Camps were up by 1 with 40 more campers year on year.

**Safety** - So with the level of usage, we need to maintain a significant focus on safety to reduce risk, not negate, where we can.

Woodlands **-** To manage the site and keep it safe is a challenge, especially in such a woodland environment. We have again employed an Arboriculture specialist to undertake the annual tree inspection. Following a review of the recommendations, planning permission was then obtained, and the work completed. Most of this felling works is due to Ash Dieback.

Annual Safety Checks – We have several annual checks undertaken by professional people in addition to the Trees, these include Water testing for Bacteria and Legionella, all negative, Fire Extinguishers, Tractors servicing and checks, Site heating boiler as well as electrical PAT testing.

Weekly safety checks **-** We have a programme of our own site checks which cover the whole site, including Woodlands, Lodge, Loos, Activities and equipment. Any issues identified are quickly resolved.

The electrics have been checked and improved, with some rewiring, switching to LED lighting and significant improvement to the lights outdoors for the paths and around the buildings.

**Site Improvement –** As in previous yearsmany hundreds of maintenance tasks have been undertaken during 2023. In addition, we look to improve our site. This year this has include,

* New Activities - Radioactive Logs, Sheep Penning, Darts and Table Tennis have been added.
* Wetlands area has been revamped with greater access on paths to the pond for pond dipping and our first bug hotel is in situ.
* The Wetlands Bridge has been rebuilt.
* The Karts track has been significantly changed and easier to use. Thanks to 2nd Portishead scouts for their help with this.
* We have also started on a major project to create a round Glenny Boundary trail, which will include interactive boards. First part is due to be opened in July 2024.

**2024** has been extremely busy although effected by the wet weather we have had this winter. Tree works and planting has been completed, Lodge veranda decking replaced**,** boundary walk continues to take shape and a mega amount of maintenance has already been completed. We have reviewed and updated our risk assessments, further developed the website and so much more…. For more information see <https://glennywood.org.uk/home/information/>

**Making this happen – The team**

We have a very hard-working team of Angus, Jill, Andy, Phil S, Tony and me who are there on Wednesdays, undertaking safety checks, maintaining and improving our site. The Site Bookings via OSM is an essential role, which is well looked after by Alison. A mega thanks to the team for their hard work, commitment, and achievements.

This year Tamsyn and Kasia are on site each week, cleaning the loos, showers, lodge and Fridge and freezers. My goodness they continue to make a terrific difference and these areas look so much cleaner. Many thanks to both for their hard work and commitment.

During the year we have also seen work volunteering teams from Lloyds Bank and Bristol University. We thank them for all their help and hard work and look forward to welcoming them back in 2024.

We hope great fun has been had by all when at Glenny Wood and many skills developed.

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