

DofE Volunteering Report

Village Hall and Play Park Inspection/litter pick

My goals: The aim of my volunteering was to help ensure that the Codford Village Hall and play park remained safe, clean and welcoming for everyone in the community. This included inspecting the play equipment and surrounding areas for any damages or hazards, as well as litter picking the area around the hall, car park, field and play park to maintain tidiness and care for the environment.

Tasks completed:

- Inspected play equipment for signs of damage, wear or missing items.
- Collected litter around the village hall, car park, field and play park. Then disposed of rubbish responsibly.
- Reported any issues or concerns to the parish council/supervisor.

My observations: During my inspections, the equipment was generally in good condition, although some surfaces showed signs of wear like the slide in the play park that was been cracked and poses a hazard because of the sharp edges. Most of the litter I collected consisted of food wrappers, bottles/cans in the playpark and cigarette buds around the hall patio. On occasion there was pieces of broken glass around the patio too which I made sure to dispose of correctly to prevent it becoming a hazard. Overall, the area didn't get too littered or untidy in the space of a week.

My contributions to the community: I feel my contribution helped improve safety and cleanliness for children and visitors and made the village hall and play park more welcoming for families. It also supported environmental awareness by keeping outdoor spaces free of rubbish and hazards.

Skills I have learnt:

- **Responsibility and attention to detail** – Regular checks taught me to notice small but important issues that could affect safety.
- **Teamwork** – Working with Sophia to conduct the inspection and litter picks made it more effective and enjoyable.
- **Caring for the environment** – I learned the importance of maintaining clean public spaces for both people and wildlife.

I would like to thank the Codford Village Hall and the Parish Council for giving me the opportunity to volunteer this past year. It has been a valuable experience that has helped me develop new skills while contributing to the local community. Thank you

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