

## COSTUME

There is no uniform in the Woodcraft Folk, but members are encouraged to wear a green shirt, showing the Woodcraft symbol.

Shirts, T-Shirts & “Hoodies” are available to buy, or can be made or improvised. We see the costume as a ‘unifying symbol of membership’, a ‘signing-up’ to our aims and principles.

## PARENTS

We welcome the participation of parents and offer an invitation to you all to be young again!

## OTHER INFORMATION

Our Elfin, Pioneer & Venturer Groups are wheelchair friendly.

If you want to talk to us about any of our groups, please refer to the Contact Details information.



## CONTACT DETAILS

### ELFINS

- Katherine Latimer - 01242 263017

### PIONEERS

- Kathryn & David Hall – 07748 965085  
kathryn.david@o2.co.uk

### VENTURERS

- Sally Davies - 01242 581126

### LOCAL WEBSITE

[www.cheltenhamwoodcraft.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamwoodcraft.org.uk)

### NATIONAL ORGANISATION

- Woodcraft Folk - 020 7703 4173  
[www.woodcraft.org.uk](http://www.woodcraft.org.uk)

### LOCAL INDEPENDENT PERSON

If you wish to contact someone, independent of our groups, about issues of concern regarding the way we operate, you are invited to speak to “Young Gloucestershire”  
Tel no. 01452 501008.

[www.youngglos.org.uk](http://www.youngglos.org.uk)



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# CHELtenham DISTRICT WOODCRAFT FOLK



*“The radical alternative”*

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## EDUCATION

The Woodcraft Folk is an educational movement for children and young people, designed to develop self-confidence and activity within society, with the aim of building a world based on Equality, Friendship, Peace & Co-operation.

We are open to boys and girls of all ages!! We welcome people of all classes, races, cultures, creeds and abilities. Sympathy with our aims is the only qualification required!

## EQUALITY

Our meetings are based on a circle, where every young person has a right to speak and a right to be heard.

From day one our young members are encouraged to speak out on issues that concern them.

Our groups in Cheltenham are part of a National Organisation and each leader and young person has a say in how the organisation is run. Since the very beginning of the Woodcraft Folk, democracy has always been an important feature of our organisation.

## FRIENDSHIP

The motto of the Woodcraft Folk is:

“Span the World with Friendship”

We learn respect for each other and to value the contributions other people make to our colourful world.



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## ENVIRONMENT

Being friends with the natural world and learning respect for our environment is also important to the Woodcraft Folk.

## PEACE

The Woodcraft Folk was formed in 1925, by a young man called Leslie Paul.

He left the Scouts, due to his dislike of the military aspects of the movement at that time, and Peace has remained an important theme of the Woodcraft Folk ever since.

## CO-OPERATION

Throughout all of our activities, we show our young members that there *is* a real alternative to competition, through our games, badgework discussions, songs, camping and outdoor activities.

The Woodcraft Folk is supported locally and nationally by the Co-operative Movement.



*darting to a better world...*

## THE KINGFISHER ELFINS

This Cheltenham group caters for the 6-9 year olds, and meets on Monday evenings, at the Scout Hut on Leckhampton Road, (near the foot of Leckhampton Hill) Meetings run from 5:45pm until 7:00pm.

## THE HOWLER MONKEY PIONEERS

This group caters for the 9-12 year olds and meets on Monday evenings, from 7pm until 8.15pm, also at the Scout Hut.

## THE URBAN PEACE PANDA VENTURERS

This group is for 13-16 year olds and meets at the Scout Hut, Leckhampton Road, on Monday evenings, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

All groups meet during term time only.

## COSTS

Costs are covered by a termly donation at a suggested rate of £2 per child per week, or £1 if a parent is a member of Woodcraft Folk.

Other activities, such as camps; walks; outings, etc., may have a charge, but these are kept to a minimum and any surplus is put back into the groups.

## CHILD PROTECTION

All leaders and volunteers are required to be members of the National Organisation, which provides us with insurance and training, as well as access to national and regional resources and activities.

Each leader must provide a reference and must commit to our child protection policy. This document is available for inspection and covers standards of behaviour in relation to child protection and child safety.

Additionally, all leaders are subject to checks under the National Disclosure and Barring Service.