



## HEREFORDSHIRE OUTDOOR TRUST

Mrs D. McMillan,  
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HR4 9ZR

30 October 2012

Dear Mrs McMillan,

**Re: Outdoor Education Resources in Herefordshire.**

It has been brought to Herefordshire Outdoor Trust's attention that due to financial constraints on Herefordshire Council it is considering cessation of its Outdoor Education programme and disposal of the resources that facilitate its delivery.

Herefordshire Outdoor Trust was formed in 2003, as a response to Herefordshire Council's then Youth Service wanting to relinquish its responsibility for managing and operating Dinedor Outdoor Centre.

Since taking on the strategic overview of Dinedor Outdoor Centre, Herefordshire Outdoor Trust has enabled and facilitated the Centre in attracting Lottery funding for refurbishment works on the site and within the buildings and other funding streams, including the Four Acre Trust, to support and enhance the delivery of outdoor education and 'Learning Outside the Classroom' programmes. This has all ensured that opportunities have been afforded to the diversity of children and young people, both local to Herefordshire and from out of County, that have accessed the Centre to enrich their knowledge, learning and experiences.

In light of the current financial constraints for Herefordshire Council and the possibility that both the delivery of the Outdoor Education programme and the Outdoor Education facilities may be being considered for cessation, the Trustees of Herefordshire Outdoor Trust would like to be offered the opportunity to enter into dialogue with Herefordshire Council with the purpose of the Trust taking on some, if not all, of the delivery of the Outdoor Education programme and the facilities, to include the Canoe Centre at Castle Green and Bodenham Lake Centre.

In the first instance, as the nominated Trustee from Herefordshire Outdoor Trust tasked with contacting yourselves, I would warmly welcome the opportunity for conversation and dialogue on the Trusts proposal, as detailed above. I can be contacted on 07776 300320 or email; [pr@dinedoroutdoorcentre.org.uk](mailto:pr@dinedoroutdoorcentre.org.uk)

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Stu McFarlane  
Trustee – Herefordshire Outdoor Trust

