



News Release

Energising festive fun at Betteshanger

Who says winter is for hibernating? Get ready for some serious outdoor fun at Betteshanger Park, near Deal, this Christmas.

With endless activities through December and January to keep you active and energised there is no need to worry about the inevitable festive excess.

Get creative in nature

Embrace the Christmas preparations early and join our **Wreath Making Workshop** on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd

Unleash your creative flair making a rustic wreath in our woodland setting. Lots of help will be on hand as you use natural materials found around the Park. You'll be the envy of your neighbours when you hang it proudly on your door.

£30 per wreath (up to 4 people per wreath, additional people £5 each).

Warm drinks and mince pies included. Pre-booking essential.

From Thursday, December 21st to Sunday, December 24th bring the family together and make a special **Christmas ornament** to adorn your home. Take your pick from the natural materials and craft your own ornament such as a Willow Star, Pine Cone Fairy or Wooden Snowman.

£3 per ornament. Booking not required.

Earn your Elf degree

He's making a list... He's checking it twice... But Santa can't take all the Christmas credit. He has an enormous team of highly qualified elves helping with all the festive preparations.

On 17th December, with special dispensation from the big man himself, a small team of woodland elves will be taking up residence in our Forest School site.

In this fun, interactive session, you'll learn the essential forest skills needed to become a woodland elf. Play fun games and take part in festive craft activities – all with a little splash of magic!

Woodland Elf School is suitable for children aged 4 and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £15 child. £5 adult. Pre-booking required. Limited availability.

Get your winter sports fix

Grab your friends and family and experience the thrill and exhilaration of **Snow Tubing**. From Thursday, December 21st through to Monday, January 1st get your heart pumping and adrenalin flowing as you speed down the 18m-long man-made slope on a large inflatable ring. It's guaranteed to bring out the kid in everyone.

Everyone can do it. No special skills are needed. Just jump on the tube and enjoy the ride.

All safety equipment will be provided. The minimum age for Snow Tubing is 5 years. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult

£5 for 3 goes. Booking recommended

See you at the top!

If heights and speed leave you feeling weak at the knees, keep your feet a bit nearer the ground and clamber and crawl through over 100m of specially created **snow caves** hidden beneath our artificial ski slope.

£5 each. Booking recommended. The snow caves are suitable for ages 5 and over. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult through the caves. The caves will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Go for a spin on two-wheels

If Santa was the bearer of bicycles this Christmas, Betteshanger's 250-acre traffic-free environment is ideal for putting new wheels to the test. Take a leisurely cycle around the smooth tarmac track or hit the mountain bike trails for some adrenalin-pumping action.

If confidence levels need a bit of a helping hand, group Learn to Ride sessions will take place on Wednesday 27, Friday 29 and Sunday 31 December. Sessions are £12.50 for 1 hour or £30 for 3 session.

Advance Cycle Coaching will run from Wednesday, December 27 – Monday, January 1st by arrangement. £25 per session.

For more information or to book the activities go to betteshanger-park.co.uk/Christmas

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For further media information on Betteshanger Sustainable Parks, please contact Lynnette Crisp at Lynnette.Crisp@betteshangerparks.co.uk or call 01304 619227.

About Betteshanger Sustainable Parks:

- Betteshanger Park, until recently known as Fowlmead Country Park, is operated as part of the Betteshanger Sustainable Parks scheme and is integral to the regeneration of the former mining community in East Kent. Facilities include a 3.5km road cycling track, 10km of mountain bike trails, leisure paths and established woodlands, wetlands and reed beds full of wildlife.
- Betteshanger Sustainable Parks is part of the Hadlow Group, which includes Hadlow College, a premier UK land-based college, ranked Ofsted Outstanding.
- The £30 million Betteshanger Sustainable Parks scheme, near Deal, in East Kent, will drive regeneration of the site and the area, combining sustainable business and commerce, education, sustainable energy and tourism.
- Located on the site of the former Betteshanger colliery, the scheme will see the 121-hectare site transformed into a much-enhanced Country Park, with new Visitor Centre encompassing the Kent Mining Museum and Betteshanger Business Park.