

WILDESTAN ADVENTURES

Online Shared Code and Support Information



Purpose and Expectation

This Shared Code aims to make sure everyone who participates in online sessions and activities with British Exploring Society knows what is expected of them and feels safe, respected, and valued. We expect participants to behave appropriately and respectfully at all times, by following this Shared Code.

The essentials

- Wildestan is designed to provide you with access to adventure, and to encourage learning about the outdoors from the comfort of your own home.
- It's delivered by inspirational professional British Exploring Society experts and by other skilled individuals we work in partnership with.

Attendance and Punctuality

- It will be most beneficial for you to attend all Wildestan sessions.
- If you cannot attend a session (for example because of illness) please let British Exploring Society know through the RSVP form you receive for that session.
- Preparation is key to any adventure. Arrive early for your sessions with the equipment you've been asked to bring with you.
- You will be required to have your webcam on for the first five minutes of a session as a minimum (and ideally throughout) – whilst a register is completed and identification verified.
- You may need to take a brief comfort break during a session but try to avoid this where you can. We don't want you to miss anything exciting.
- If you need to leave a session early for any reason please email British Exploring Society at explorers@britishexploring.org.

Show Courage and Self-belief, take on Challenges, and help build a Community.

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Listen to and respect the contributions and opinions of everyone, including the session lead, host, experts and other Wildestan Adventurers
- Take responsibility for your own behaviour
- Use kind and appropriate language when communicating
- Challenge yourself to learn new things and join in as much as you can
- Keep yourself safe online by not sharing your personal details with others
- Report any worries or concerns you have to the session host where the chat function is enabled. Otherwise, email confidential@britishexploring.org

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- Do not use inappropriate or offensive language or language that may exclude others (Including emojis, symbols, abbreviations, slang, etc.)
- Do not make, post or display inappropriate comments or images
- Do not record or screenshot the session
- Do not be disrespectful to anyone else
- Do not behave in a way that could be intimidating or cause upset
- Do not attempt to contact any of the session hosts or experts outside sessions. Use the email address: explorers@britishexploring.org for any messages.

What happens if someone does not follow the Shared Code?

We expect everyone to follow the behaviour set out in this code. If anyone behaves in a way which contradicts this code:

- They may be given an opportunity to change their behaviour and reminded of the need to comply with the Shared Code of conduct for the enjoyment and safety of all participants.
- Restrictions not already in place may be placed upon their participation, including limiting video, audio or chat functionality.
- They may be temporarily removed from the session by the host, giving them an opportunity to reflect on their behaviour before returning to engage with the session.
- If their behaviour continues to be inappropriate or disruptive, they may be permanently removed from the session by the host and/ or not permitted to take part in subsequent sessions.

Keeping yourself safe online

- Use just your first name and the first initial of your surname when signing into the session online. You will be renamed by the host if your name is inappropriate or includes your surname.
- Double check your Zoom profile picture is set to the default image of the grey head and upper torso. Avoid pictures of yourself/others.
- Blur your Zoom camera background using the Zoom camera settings before joining the session.
- Use a shared space to use your computer (e.g. a living room). Your device should not be moved to any private spaces during the session. If you must take a comfort break during the session, you should not take the device with you.
- Think before you post - do not share your personal details with others online.
- Give yourself a break from using electronic screens before and after the session.
- While using your computer make sure you're sitting comfortably, not leaning over your screen/keyboard etc, and with the screen at an appropriate distance from your face.
- You must be appropriately and fully clothed throughout your participation with Wildestan. Any clothing deemed inappropriate or offensive will result in session withdrawal

Keeping yourself safe outside

- While most of Wildestan will happen online, and under the supervision of our experts at the Residential weekend, some parts of the programme may require you to interact with your local community.
- All activity undertaken throughout the programme, including fundraising activities, should be done under the supervision of a legal guardian.
- It's important that they know where you're travelling at all times, who you're interacting with, and the activities you'll be completing, so that you can assess any potential risk together. ie. risk around the local landscape, traffic etc.

Reporting a concern and support services

- If something in the session worries or concerns you, report it to the session host via the private chat function if enabled, or email us at confidential@britishexploring.org.
- More advice about keeping yourself safe online, including checklists on how to keep your social media accounts safe can be found by [clicking here](#).
- For free, private and confidential support on any issue you can contact [Childline](#).
- Support and advice for under 25s on a whole range of issues are available via [The Mix](#).

Safeguarding procedures

If any member of staff or volunteer becomes concerned that your behaviour suggests you may be at risk or in need of protection, they will follow our safeguarding procedures. This may involve making a referral to the local authority or reporting a concern to the appropriate support services as required. As far as reasonably practicable, we will talk this through with you and inform you of the steps we are taking, however this may not always be possible or appropriate.

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