

PROJECT SUMMARY – Green Trees Forest Schools CIC

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Green Trees Forest Schools CIC

Project Summary & Funding Information

Director: Mike Harrison

Established: 10/11/2025

Location: Wiltshire / Swindon

Who We Are

Green Trees Forest Schools CIC uses bushcraft, survival skills, and nature-based learning to improve confidence, resilience, emotional wellbeing, and practical capability in children and young people.

We work with schools, families, SEMH settings, youth services, and community groups to deliver meaningful outdoor programmes that help young people reconnect, re-engage, and rediscover their strengths.

Our Mission

To build resilience, confidence, and emotional regulation in children and young people through structured outdoor learning, bushcraft, and survival-based skills — improving wellbeing, reducing disengagement, and strengthening community safety.

Our Core Programme: Roots to Resilience

Roots to Resilience is our flagship intervention for children and young people struggling with confidence, behaviour, emotional regulation, or school engagement.

The programme uses:

- fire skills
- safe tool use
- shelter building
- navigation
- teamwork tasks
- survival-based challenges

to build:

- emotional regulation
- confidence
- communication
- resilience
- responsible decision-making
- positive identity and capability

Roots to Resilience reframes knives and tools as *skills*, not weapons — a key element in youth violence prevention.

Who We Support

- Children aged 6–16
 - Young people facing SEMH challenges
 - Those at risk of exclusion or disengagement
 - Vulnerable or anxious learners
 - Children lacking confidence or positive outdoor access
 - Community groups and families
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Outcomes We Deliver

We aim to achieve measurable improvements in:

- **Confidence and self-esteem**
- **Emotional regulation**
- **Resilience and problem-solving**
- **Behaviour, focus, and attendance**
- **Teamwork and social interaction**
- **Responsible tool use and safety awareness**

We track impact through:

- wellbeing surveys
- behaviour/engagement data
- school feedback
- session logs and skill progression
- case studies

Why Outdoor Survival Skills Work

Bushcraft and survival-based learning provide real responsibility, immediate feedback, and hands-on success moments. This approach helps young people develop confidence and calm through practical tasks rather than worksheets or classroom talk.

Current Funding Needs

Green Trees Forest Schools CIC is seeking support to:

- expand equipment and all-weather resources
- offer more subsidised places for vulnerable children
- deliver Roots to Resilience in more schools
- develop early intervention work across Wiltshire and Swindon

Funding will directly increase access for children who would otherwise miss out.

How You Can Support or Partner With Us

We are open to:

- grant funding
- school commissioning
- partnership projects
- joint bids with youth or community organisations

For discussions, contact:

Email: [your email]

Phone: [your number]

CIC Status

Green Trees Forest Schools operates as a Community Interest Company. All surplus income is reinvested into expanding outdoor learning opportunities and improving access for vulnerable young people.