



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Are you a young person thinking about your Duke of Edinburgh award?

The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate adult life. 14-24 year-olds can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity. Any young person can do their DofE – regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Achieving an Award isn't a competition or about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through a DofE programme young people have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and university and job applications.

Daniel Butler a local resident from Sandling within Boxley Parish, has been working incredibly hard to achieve his. For volunteering within the community and helping the environment, Daniel decided he would like to partake in litter picking to help clear the increasing amounts of litter that have been deposited over recent months. He has done an outstanding job and made a real difference to his community.

Boxley Parish Council provided Daniel with all the essentials he needed (Hi viz, litter picker, bags etc). He visited our office at Beechen Hall to collect his litter picking equipment and risk assessment to enable him to complete his task and he collected a considerable amount of rubbish. Daniel was accompanied by an adult with each litter pick he completed. We would like to congratulate Daniel on his efforts, we are so thankful for the amazing work you have carried out to make Boxley a better place. Good luck with the rest of your DofE Award, we know you will do well!

If you are working towards your Duke of Edinburgh award (or not, and would just like to get involved) and would like to help within our community, please do contact our offices on 01634 861 237 or email: [enquiry@boxleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@boxleyparishcouncil.org.uk).

