

Our Place

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Upcoming activities and events...

Christmas activities all bookable at Thomley...



We have lots in store for you this Christmas, including some familiar favourites and some new activities to take part in too.

We are open throughout the Christmas period, only closing from 24th-26th December and 31st December-1st January.

Further details can be found about upcoming events on our website or further into this newsletter. Upcoming events include: Breakfast with Father Christmas; Holidays and Food Programme; Camping Pod Christmas offers; Christmas roast dinner day and lastly, our Christmas party day. Our Christmas Grotto is also open most Saturdays from now until Christmas.

Christmas Grotto Availability

25th November, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December.

Visit our grotto (in the camping pods) on the above dates. When you book your tickets online you will have the option to add a grotto slot. Each guest will receive a gift from the big man himself.

Christmas Roast Dinner Day

Sunday 3rd December, 11am-3pm

An opportunity to have a relaxed Christmas dinner in a familiar and accessible environment. Choose to sit down at 12pm or 1:30pm for your Christmas meal. You can also use the Thomley facilities for the day.

Christmas Party Day

Saturday 16th December

A chance to have a Christmas disco, cafe themed Christmas menu and if you fancy it, come in your Christmas PJs!

Breakfast with Father Christmas

16th, 17th, 21st and 22nd December

From 8am-10am on the above dates come and join us for a lovely full English breakfast for you and your children. There will be activities on your table to complete whilst you wait for Santa to appear. Each child will receive a personalised gift from Santa when he visits your table.

Christmas Holidays

OPEN 20th-23rd December

CLOSED 24th-26th December

OPEN 27th-30th December

CLOSED 31st December-1st January

OPEN 2nd January onwards



BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/

Oxfordshire Holidays and Food Programme at Thomley this Christmas...



We will be offering the Holidays and Food Programme to all Oxfordshire families in receipt of free school meals, this Christmas. Your visit includes a hot lunch and access to all of our facilities. There are limited spaces so be sure to book ASAP. Please do cancel / let us know if you are no longer to attend so that we can offer your places elsewhere.

Christmas Camping Pods...

Take a short break in the coming months and enjoy an overnight stay at Thomley! All nights include a day in the centre for FREE.

See some of our special offers below, which offer you very cheap options to stay and play with us over the winter months.

Oxfordshire families can book on the following dates: 21st, 22nd, 23rd December; then 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th December
Book your visits here: <https://buff.ly/3Pwyojm>



We will also be offering Holidays and Food Programme visits over the Christmas period for all Buckinghamshire families who are in receipt of free school meals. Parents should have received a unique HAF code on 10th November, which will have a link to the booking platform to book your HAF visits.

Thomley will be available to book for 10 days in total on the following dates: 20th-23rd December; 27th-30th December 2023 and 2nd-3rd January 2024
Look here on the Bucks Council website for further details on how to book: <https://buff.ly/47ogU1A>



Milton Keynes Holidays and Food Programme also returns to Thomley for the Christmas holidays. This will run from 2nd to 5th January 2024 for Milton Keynes families.

Booking codes will be sent to families and bookings open from Monday 4th December. Guidance for parents is available here: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2023>



SPECIAL OFFERS

* 50% off all 2023 bookings
Quote code: 'Thomley50' You will ALSO get a FREE visit to see Santa in his Grotto when you book a stay with us (Saturday daytimes only).

* Christmas Black Friday Pod Experience
Fri 15th or Sat 16th December in our Chill Cabin!
Includes Friday or Saturday night for up to 5 people; a day in the centre (Saturday or Sunday) AND a Breakfast with Santa experience (Saturday or Sunday) Use code: 'BlackFridayPod':

TO BOOK your pod, please visit the website and select the first night of your stay, followed by the last night of your stay in your selected pod.

Book here: <https://buff.ly/3uZhr6m>

Breakfast with Father Christmas available to book now!

An accessible and fun way to celebrate Christmas for all abilities.

Full English breakfast, tea, coffee or juice included for both the adults and children.

The event will be hosted in the pavilion and you will be allocated a table. There will be Christmas activities to do on your table. After breakfast and the activities Father Christmas will enter the room to deliver presents (also included in the price).

Available to book on 16th, 17th, 21st and 22nd December from 8am-10am



New Zipwire installation...

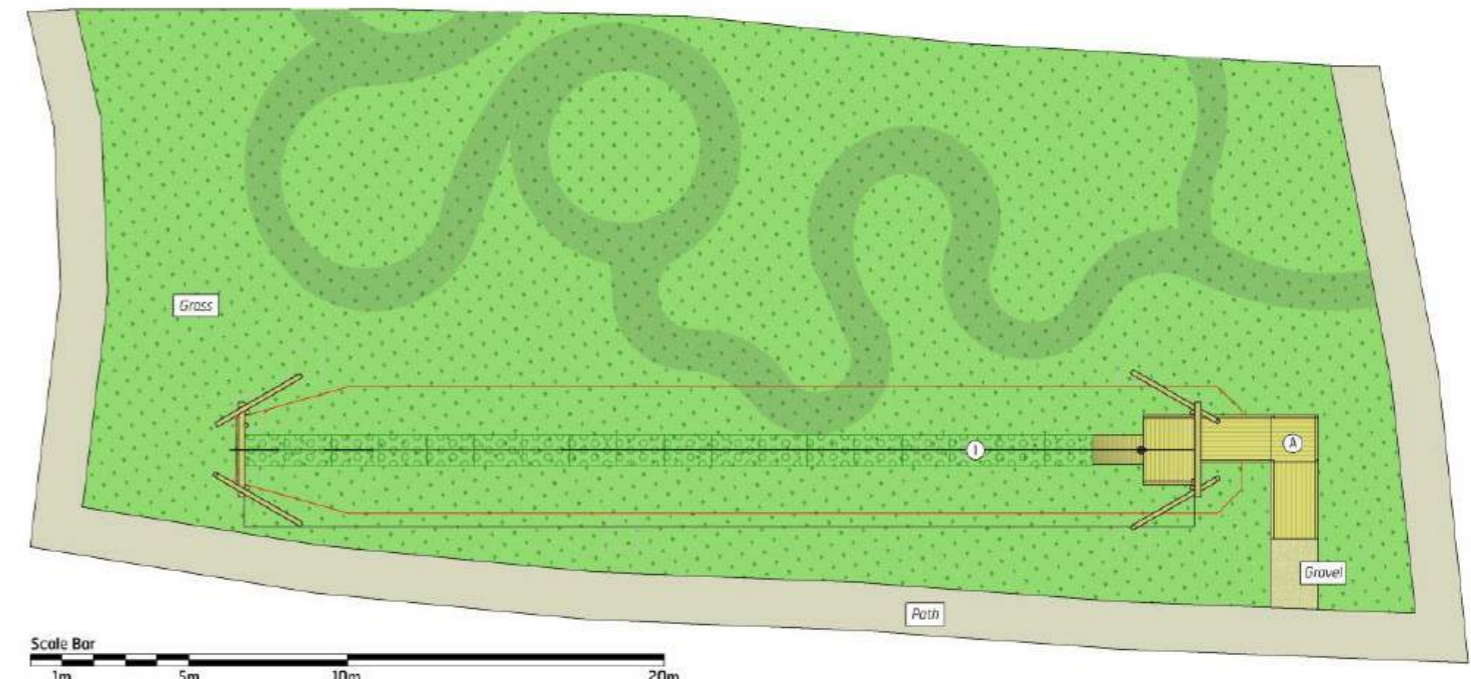
We are thrilled and hopefully you will be too, by our new zipwire which will be installed at the end of November! The new zipwire will open from Tuesday 5th December (weather permitting). There will also be a ramp on the new model and it will be located more centrally on site (See below).



We now have some animals!

We recently announced on social media and in the last newsletter that we would be adding some chickens and ducks to our site. Well they have arrived!

We are going to let them settle in over the coming weeks, then on selected days and times we will allow children to go in and visit the animals. They are very friendly and like to be fed!



We've had a lot of fun recently!

Thomley's Christmas Appeal



THANK YOU to all who recently attended the Reduced Sound Fireworks display and the Thomley Charity Ball. Both events were extremely well attended and were a 'blast'.

Both events were community based fundraising events and we thank you for those who came and supported the events. Thomley generated over £12,000 profit between the events which goes directly to supporting our visitors.

They are also great opportunities for Thomley's visitors to experience an event which they may usually not be able to attend, for many reasons.



Help Thomley to provide activities for our visitors this Christmas. Offering valuable support for those who really need a safe, accessible venue to visit during the Christmas holiday period.

Please support our Christmas Appeal so Thomley can continue offering a varied and accessible programme for our visitors. You can support the appeal on the Just Giving page, here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thomleychristmasappeal2023>

Visit our Instagram page and be sure to tag us in your Instagram stories, we love to see your Thomley photos!

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Skydive for Thomley in 2024...

We have just a few spaces remaining for our sponsored skydive in 2024! ALERT this is a bucket list opportunity!!!

There are several dates available to book. We can book your experience for you or you are welcome to book your own. Jumps are available from 10,000 or 15,000 feet above ground level.

If you are interested in signing up then please do get in touch ASAP as just a few places remain on our team. We would be glad to provide any more details including dates and locations.

Contact our community fundraising team:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Birthday party and venue hire availability for the coming months...

Birthday parties are very popular at Thomley and availability for 2024 is filling out. If you have a special date you want to book for next year, please do so ASAP.

Book after school, Saturday or Sunday parties here:
<https://online1.venpos.net/VenposJourneyUI/?LocationId=743&Id=f02ce132-1aec-454c-977c-739daa146d16>



You can also hire our pavilion for evening functions / adult parties. Please contact us to do this: bookings@thomley.org.uk

New Sponsorship opportunities...

You may have noticed in our car park that there is an 'advertise here' option for local businesses. We are pleased to have taken our first orders! If you would like a banner in our car park, or your logo advertised on our website or newsletter, please get in touch. Your annual advertising fee will go directly to supporting our services.

ADVERTISE HERE

Advertise your business or service for an annual fee. With over 50,000 views in our car park
Contact us: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

Tough Mudder just got tougher! Join our 2024 Thomley mudder team...

We made a fantastic amount of money for Thomley at Tough Mudder in 2023. It was an EXTREMELY muddy day and over 25 people took part and smashed the courses to support us. We are of course gluttons for punishment and are going back again in 2024 and we have now secured places for a couple of events. So please get in touch and register your interest now before all the spaces go:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk

- * Tough Mudder - Henley, Sunday May 19th May 2024
- * Europe's Toughest Mudder - Yorkshire, 27th July 2024

Europe's Toughest Mudder is the ultimate challenge. 12 hour event that can be done as a relay team or individually.

