



Gold Award Residential Experience, Halton Gill, August 2006

What was it?

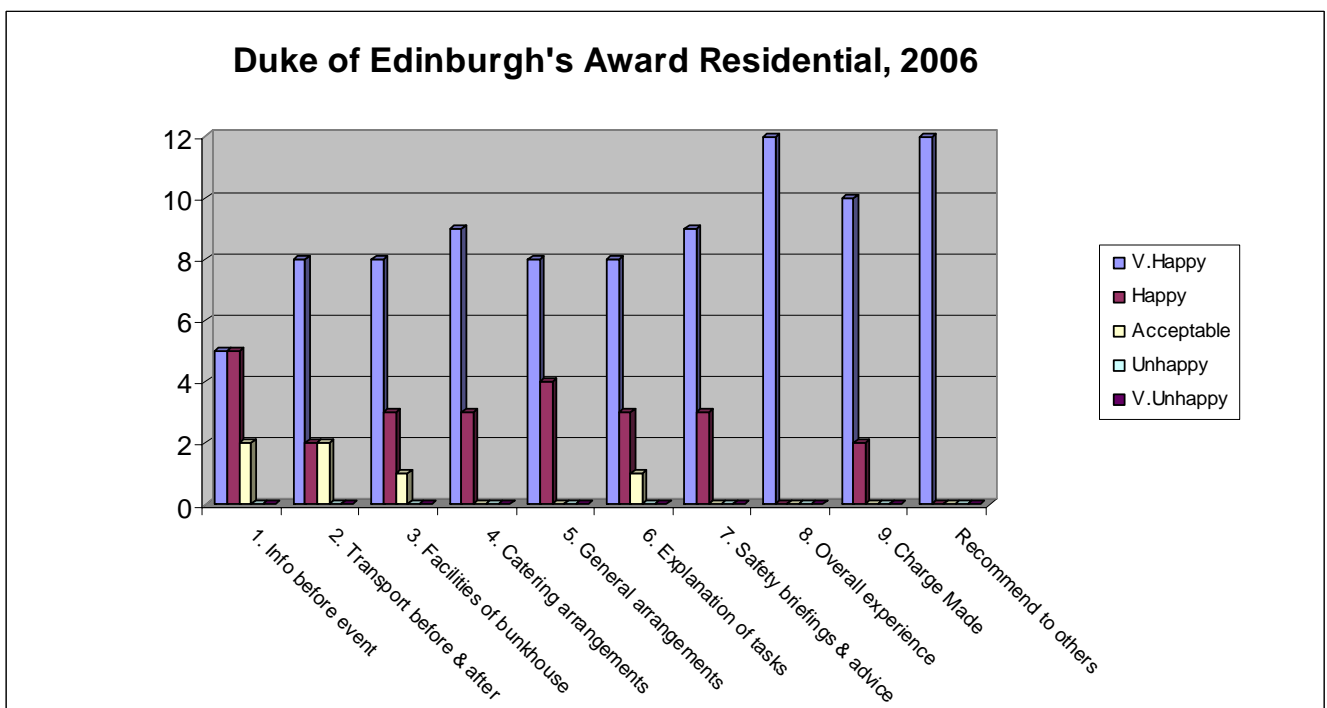
The residential event took place at the same time as the Yorkshire Dales D of E Expedition Panel's 'Open Gold' expeditions, also using the bunk-house barn, at Halton Gill, as their base. All participants arrived on Saturday afternoon and went walking on Sunday. The practical projects were: Monday – path surfacing, Dales Way, Buckden, for Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Tuesday – tree weeding and dry-stone walling on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve, for Natural England; Wednesday – pond-clearing and board-walk replacement at Malham Tarn, for National Trust; Thursday – tree-felling and cutting up at Cleatop Park Local Nature Reserve, Settle, for the National Park Authority. Expeditioners and 'residents' shared and illustrated their experiences Thursday evening. Went home on Friday.

Feedback from participants 12 responses (*i.e.* 100%)

Chart summarises responses on

- 1 Admin. / Information provided before event
- 2 Transport arrangements before / after
- 3 Facilities / conditions at bunk-house
- 4 Catering arrangements
- 5 General arrangements during stay
- 6 Adequacy of explanation of purpose of tasks
- 7 Adequacy of safety briefings and advice
- 8 Overall residential experience
- 9 Charge made

Also: 'As it was run, would you recommend this to others?'



Which of the day-time activities should we definitely **keep in** a future programme?

all	2	walling	4	tree-felling	6
path construction	3	pond clearing	3		

Which of the day-time activities should we definitely **cut from** a future programme?

tree weeding	1	pond clearing	2	'none' or <i>box left blank</i>	9
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What new, relevant, day-time activities should be added? *(Clearly not always taken seriously!)*

more exploration / investigation of local environment	2	tree-felling with chainsaws	1
bungee jumping	1	tree-planting (<i>in August??</i>)	1
animal management	1	more adequate tools	1
		<i>left blank; i.e. no suggestion</i>	5

Should evening activities have been organised?

Yes = 4 No = 6 *left blank* = 2

Suggestions:

a quiz, one evening	2	optional sport / walks	1
activities at the beginning of the week	1	thought they had been (Tue / Wed)	1

As it was run, would you recommend this residential to others, if it ran next year?

Yes 12 No 0

Summary of responses to invitation to make other (helpful) comments:

medical form confusing* / pointless / tiresome	4	expect the unbelievable to happen	1
separate expedition and residential paper-work	3	thoroughly enjoyed	1
paper-work confusing	3	would love to do it again	2
* for one, add, also, 'other than that it was ace'		would not change anybody/anything	1
provide equipment list beforehand	1	great value for money	1
bring old clothes	1	food set-up v. successful;	
bring sharp knives	1	end results always amazing	1
keep range of day-time activities	1	catering facilities were great	1
"some of rangers could have spoken up when explaining tasks"	1	"all Peter's hard work was worth it"	1
amazing / fantastic experience (meeting new people and getting to know them)	3	"Terry did a grand job and is a legend"	1
(interaction made a more enjoyable experience)		staff friendly and helpful	1
		'Thank you' and variants	5