About Othona

Founded in 1946 by Canon Norman Motley, Othona was set up as a community to foster peace and reconciliation between different nations, beliefs and outlooks in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The beautiful site sits between the sea and the historic Saxon Chapel of St Peter-on-wall, built by St Cedd in 654 AD on the site of the Roman fort of Othona. The Chapel will be open to visit or use during your time with

Set in a tranquil corner of the Essex coast on the estuary of the river Blackwater, we are surrounded by sea, sand and woodland providing sanctuary for a diverse range of wildlife.

Our site is off-grid, with solar panels, a wind turbine and a biomass boiler. This contributes to making Othona an ideal place for children and young people to visit and experience the importance of sustainability and renewable energy.



We will be very pleased to welcome you to our special Centre. Please visit our website and contact us directly for further information:

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School residential and day visits

Groups

We welcome a wide variety of groups:

- Primary Schools
- Sixth Form Colleges
- Youth groups

Our staff are DBS checked and receive regular training in safeguarding, health and safety and first aid.

Resources and Programmes

We have a new education building which is right next to the beach and perfect for group work.



We can offer a range of activities and resources linked to the National Curriculum and other areas of interest. Please contact us to discuss your requirements further.

We can also offer interactive history sessions, led by our associate Victrix www.victrix.co.uk.

Activity - based learning



Pond dipping and hunting for minibeasts

History and archaeology studies, orienteering and map reading





Coastal habitats, ecology and biodiversity studies

Climate change, sustainability and renewable energy



Our Accommodation

We can accommodate up to 60 people at one time in 18 bedrooms, across 3 unique buildings and 5 yurts.

Our buildings are fully accessible to wheelchair users, including a shower room with toilet.



Food

Our food is homemade and when possible is homegrown or locally sourced. We always provide a vegetarian option and can cater for most dietary requirements.

Daily Life

Our principles at Othona are Work, Worship, Study and Play. Visiting groups will be invited to participate and help with simple tasks such as laying tables or washing up.