



LIFE BEYOND THE MILITARY –
OUTDOORS

RXW28

By Anna Baker Cresswell

We had perfect Devon weather for our 4th Rural Week of 2019 at Bicton College which started on Sunday 30th June – not a cloud in the sky!

9 HighGrounders of whom 4 were still serving and 5 are veterans joined Anna, Pete Boorn (Course Manager) and Chris Shepherd who runs the Timetable.

Our evening speakers were Pete, Jeff Barber and Danny Mawson – it was fantastic to welcome Jeff and Danny back to Bicton and we are so grateful to them both for their continued support.

As our profile rises, it's fascinating to see how our HighGrounders both serving and veterans find their way to HighGround; this time we had referrals from [The White Ensign Association Step Together](#), [The Forces Employment Charity](#) the [DMRC at Stanford Hall](#), and much to Anna's delight, articles in [Pathfinder magazine](#) and the [BASC](#) magazine both resulted in attendance on RXW28.

Chris Shepherd's timetable included visits to [Clinton Devon Estates](#) for John Wilding's excellent Forestry session; [Kenniford Farm](#), [Exminster Golf Centre](#) for Terry's insights into Greenkeeping and [Forestry England](#) to learn about the role of a Ranger and [Devon Riding](#) and [South Yeo Farm West](#) for more opportunities to explore the Equine industry and Smallholding close up.

Matt and Kirsty at [Hi-Line](#) arranged a fantastic visit to their depot, and we are extremely grateful to Ian Bowler of [Bowler Oakfield](#) whose Estate Management presentation on Thursday afternoon linked the whole week together.

Phil Sampson's inspirational presentation [SampsonHall](#) was the perfect way to round off a busy and information-packed week and we thank everyone at Bicton for making our Rural Week work and wish everyone happy summer hols – see you in September!!

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