

Rosemoor Survivalist Fair

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Although the air was damp and cold out on the Rosemoor lawn reserved for dowsing demonstrations, willing volunteers from Devon Dowzers were on hand from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm enabling visitors to try their hand at dowsing, having been guided there by other volunteers from Devon Dowzers who were promoting dowsing on the stall within the marquee.

Single people, parents, grandparents, children and teenagers, all tried their hand at dowsing and found they could get a reaction with the rods when searching for water, a drain, and positive and negative energy lines. Young children astonished their parents with their capacity to dowse successfully.

I walked across the lawn with a Mum and her 10-year-old daughter looking for streams of underground water, both of them laughing out loud at the dowsing reactions the daughter was accurately getting. I suggested that as she was clearly a natural dowser she may wish to dowse for a line of positive energy running across the lawn, if she could imagine that. Off she walked and sure enough she got a strong reaction from the rods as she crossed the line giggling with delight.

I asked our ten-year-old dowser what she imagined as she searched for the positive energy line. Her instant reply was: "A long line of "thumbs up"!! "With such creative imaginations it is not surprising that children make such good dowzers.

Some of the adults visiting the lawn declared that they were dowsing "doubters", but they became instant converts on discovering they could dowse. There were individuals who had dowsed before but having been given the opportunity to dowse again, regained their confidence and renewed their enthusiasm by rediscovering their capacity to dowse.

The lawn where this dowsing was taking place had a Hobbit House built into a bank nearby. Some male Devon Dowzers with beards and beanie hats didn't look unlike their woodland neighbours, but the dowsing image was thankfully enhanced by the presence of one of our female volunteers dressed in a long silver coat and fur hat, wearing shades of pink and violet adding colour to what had been a cold day but a worthwhile one judging by the warmth and enthusiasm of visitors who were thrilled to discover they could dowse.