
Introduction

Welcome to this first Scout Network eNews from the Programme Team at Gilwell Park. It is designed to inform you about what is going on with Scout Network across the United Kingdom as well as providing information that is relevant to the leadership and management of the Scout Network Section.

Firstly, Adrian Wray has been appointed as the new UK Adviser (Scout Network). Until recently, Adrian was a County Scout Network Commissioner and a member of the National Scout Network Support Team.

Over the coming months, Adrian will be putting together a plan for supporting the Section in conjunction with his fellow UK Advisers. The plan will be developed with the UK Commissioner for Programme, the new Regional Advisers and staff at Gilwell Park. If you would like to speak to him or one of the Scout Network Team, please make contact using the details at the foot of the page.

Regional Advisers

Now that Adrian has been appointed, the next task is to find volunteer Regional and Country Advisers for each of the eight English Regions and Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These people will be appointed by United Kingdom Headquarters primarily to support Assistant County/Area Commissioners (and equivalent roles).

Full details of the volunteer roles and the application process (for the eight Regions in England) can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/noticeboard/2007/March07/090307.html

Information for the Country Adviser roles in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will be available shortly.

Scout Network Review

As you are no doubt aware the round of Scout Network review workshops is now over. Feedback from those attending the workshops has been very positive. Attendees left the workshops with genuine

enthusiasm to take the Scout Network forward. This does not mean that the support for the Scout Network has finished as there are a number of events taking place throughout the United Kingdom to implement the outcomes of the review. A series of support days are being planned for the autumn of 2007. The focus of the support days will be to look at how local development plans are progressing and helping to suggest solutions to current problems.

Following the review two new resources are available to support Members and those running and managing the Scout Network provision in a County/Area. The new resources are: Scout Network Essentials (at a cost of £5.00), which has been updated significantly and is presented in a revised format; and the Scout Network Membership Pack (at a cost of £5.00), which is designed for Scout Network Members. Both resources are now available to purchase from Scout Shops.

In addition, the information about the review is also available on the Scout Network website. If you have any comments about the recent workshops, new resources, or generally about the ongoing development of the Scout Network please contact Ed Wilson in the Programme Team at Gilwell Park (using the details at the foot of the page).

Information to support the review can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/network/ScoutNetworkReview.htm

Resources are available to purchase at...

www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/scoutnetworkpublications.htm

Insight '07

Over the last four years, the Insight events, designed to support young people involved with decision-making, have been a tremendous success. Insight '07 will be taking place in over the weekend 13th/14th/15th April 2007 at the University of Warwick.

Invitations have been sent to: Nominated Youth Representatives on the Council of the Scout Association; young people aged 18 to 25 who are members of Headquarters Committees; the Chairperson (or representative) of each County/Area Scout Network.

Further information can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/insight

Scout Network Course

Over the weekend 19th/20th/21st October 2007 there will be a Scout Network Leaders and Commissioners training course. The course will take place at Gilwell Park and is suitable for County/Area Scout Network Commissioners as well as the County/Area and District Scout Network Leaders.

The course will explore how we can make sure there is an exciting and vibrant programme available to young adults in Counties/Areas and will cover topics such as programme planning and the integration of the Self Development Areas.

Further information can be found at...

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/training

Sainsbury's Active Kids

You may be aware that The Scout Association has entered a partnership with the Sainsbury's Active Kids programme. Scout Networks can register to receive programme support material and can collect vouchers that can be redeemed for equipment and materials from the Active Kids catalogue.

Full information can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/scoutingplus/301106/301106.htm

Programmes Online

You may be aware that Programmes Online was launched for the first four Sections of the Movement in April 2006. It was intentional at the time of the launch not to include material for Scout Network as the review had not concluded and the future Programme for the Section was not clear.

Following the conclusion of the Scout Network review, Scout Network programme material will be available on Programmes Online from the end of May 2007.

Programmes Online allows Leaders (and Members) to build programmes for their Section meetings and events. At this stage we are looking for contributors (Leaders and/or Members) from Scout Networks to contribute programme and event ideas to the system. The greater the amount of content that we

are able to generate at this stage will ensure that there is a sound base to start building programmes from.

To access Programmes Online a Membership Number is required. Members can find their Membership Number on the cover slip of Scouting Magazine or in the main text of the weekly ScoutingPlus email.

Further information can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/pol

Scout Network Supplement

You will be aware that all Members aged 18 to 25 receive a copy of the Scout Network supplement with their bimonthly issue of Scouting Magazine. We are keen to learn of Scout Network success stories, events, programmes, etc. In addition the Scout Network website provides information about the Scout Network throughout the United Kingdom.

If you would like to contribute to the Scout Network website or to the Scout Network Magazine supplement please send us an article of approximately 650 words (plus images if possible) and we will do our best to include it in the supplement or onto the website.

The Scout Network Magazine supplement can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/magazine

The Scout Network website can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/network

We are aware that the Scout Network website has not been updated regularly. In the coming weeks there should be a process of updating material so that it proves useful and relevant to Members and Leaders. This will be an ongoing process over the coming months, and we thank you for your continued patience.

Queen's Scouts

There have been over 300 Queen's Scout Awards issued since November 2006. It appears that number of Members have been keen to finish their Queen's Scout Award in the centenary year. We

have been receiving a number of enquiries about the two main events for Queen's Scouts, these are:

- The National Scout Service – the service and parade will be taking place on Sunday 22nd April at Windsor Castle in the presence of our Patron HM The Queen.
- The Queen's Scout Reception – this reception, is for Queen's Scouts and is an opportunity to celebrate their achievement. Queen's Scouts are presented with their Royal certificate by the Chief Scout. The date and venue for the next reception is being finalised and will be notified in due course.

Finally...

Thank you for reading the first edition of Scout Network eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let me know.



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