



Acting County Commissioner

"We are well into a new Scouting year and I have been truly honoured to see the incredible success of our young people at award ceremonies in recent weeks and know there is still the event at Hove to come before the end of the year. Congratulations to them all and to you, leaders, for your commitment to their success.

As we continue on the 2018 vision, the Million Hands work is vital, please do not forget to update the website with the outcome of your efforts. I hope that Community Impact badges are being awarded where relevant and that continued progress is being maintained. You may have seen that the Scout Association has won an award for the innovative partnerships that have been created with the Million Hands initiative.

I am also delighted to say that the badges have arrived for Ben's Challenge, so I hope to see them appearing on uniforms soon and that we can contribute in a very positive way to Ben's charity Timu Rafiki. If you would like someone to come and visit your section or event to learn more about their work, please contact vickiclare13@yahoo.co.uk and Vicki will try and arrange it for you. Both of these opportunities help us live out our promise to help others in a positive and challenging way and will make a valued contribution to your weekly programme in the next half term.

I am very pleased to welcome two new District Commissioners, Andy Pope in Hastings, Rye & District and Ashley Jones, in Ashdown District. I am sure they will be making themselves known locally in the weeks to come and I wish them every success in their new roles. In welcoming them, I also thank Brian Sadd and Judith Collins for their dedication and commitment as District Commissioners in those Districts.

Can I also thank the many people who are supporting me, by the time this newsletter is published, the closing date for nominations for a new County Commissioner will have closed so I hope you have taken the opportunity to nominate someone to take on this vital role for the continuing development and success of Scouting in East Sussex.

Lastly, it is time once again for us to consider the next World Scout Jamboree and we will be starting the search for a Unit leader and assistants....could that be you? Would you like the challenge of a

lifetime in what is a totally unique opportunity. Details will be available soon.

National Scout memorial Badge

LEST WE FORGET

The required permission for all members to continue to wear National Scout Memorial badge has now expired following the formal opening of the National Scout Memorial. Please make sure that these badges are now removed from uniform.

Christine Skinner

Ben's Challenge



Following on from the item from Christine, Vicki would like to add I am happy to be contacted and Groups can book an evening or presentation where our young people will learn more about our work in Kenya and how we are helping the kenyans to be members of the world family of Scouting. I do try to respond quickly so that the sections can get on and plan their programme which lead towards the Ben Challenge. I have already visited 4 sections since September!

Vicki Clare
Timu Rafiki Trustee

The Challenge is On !

1st Seaside Scout Group have just raised £700 in half term for Ben's Challengehow

A BINGO night.....sorry BENGGO night for all the group and their families and friends raising £350 and then arranged a special showing of the Trolls film at a local cinema and matched it with another £350.. Fantastic and amazing result, you can wear your badges with pride. Well done to them all, can you go one better?

Attached is the document all about Ben's challenge.

County Executive

Since the last Newsletter the County AGM took place on 6 September 2016 at Bexhill and we welcomed three new trustees as members of the County Executive Committee :

Jodi Bennett, Megan Tullis and Sharon Bishop.....and the age profile dropped significantly ! We also thanked for their past support, David Stainthorpe, Del Smith and Alan Walker who retired.

At the meeting the Regional Commissioner Ian Newbery said we now start in earnest the search for a new County Commissioner, so do please come forth with your suggestions. The plan is to have someone appointed ready to start in January 2017.

The meeting of the new Executive Committee on 4 October made several decisions of some import. Firstly it was agreed to raise the County subscription for 2017 by 25p per head which will produce an extra £1350. The County Treasurer will be advising Districts accordingly. This will to some degree mitigate the loss of around £10,000 profit we earn from selling the Little Badge Books. Unfortunately the Scout Association has refused to extend our licence to print and sell them as from the end of the year, a great disappointment. A huge thank you to Chris Green who has for many years produced and sold them on our behalf; and if you need to, get your last orders in now before we have to shut up shop!

The Committee decided to agree the sale of a small piece of unused land on the edge of Broadstone Warren, to the Ashdown Conservators. The site is leased to us from the Scout Association on a lease which expires in 2037. If the sale goes ahead we should receive £30000 by way of compensation. The proceeds will be spent on improvements on the site..as soon as the money's in the bank!

We also approved revised guidelines for grants from the International Reserve Fund to ensure a fair distribution of the limited funds available to those needing them for 'international scout adventures'. Details from Mark Lloyd ACC International.

Finally there was a discussion on the importance of holding the Appointments Committee to interview new scout leaders as quickly as possible... the enthusiasm of candidates is not enhanced if they are left waiting for this necessary step in the recruitment procedure; it's not as if we have hundreds of leaders queuing up to join us!

David Powell

Growth & Development Officer (East Sussex)

Growth & Development

Firstly many thanks to all those who have given time grow Scouting and to those who have attended past events and meetings over the last few months with me.

Practical Managers Course

Following from the well attended GSL Essentials course in September, with support from the Regional Services Team, I am planning to run a Practical

Managers course looking at topics including: Recruitment, inductions, managing volunteers, growing your group. It is aimed at GSLs, AGSLs, ADCs, Exec members and others who are (or are looking to be) responsible for the wider management of Scouting. Contact me for more information. Due in March 2017 – watch this space!

Thinking of growing?

*“Are you thinking of a new beaver colony, cub pack or scout troop?
Do you want to relaunch a section due to low or falling numbers?
Would you like support to make it happen?
Using tried and tested methods I can advise and help you to set up a new section/s so that they have strong parental support and are sustainable in the future.
Please contact David for an informal conversation whatever your growth needs are and whatever stage you are at.*

I look forward to working with you soon.

Many thanks

David

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50th Overland Hike



What is it:

A two day competition hike on the South Downs for Scouts over 12 years old and Explorer Scouts. Teams of 4 walk 15 miles on the Saturday and 10 miles on the Sunday. They complete incidents on the way and are also judged on their camping and hiking skills.

When is it:

25th / 26th March 2017

Who is it for:

All Explorer Scouts and all Scouts over 12 years of age. Each section competes in their own competition.

To find out more about this exciting event contact info@overlandhike.com

Website www.overlandhike.com

Entry forms will be out electronically at Christmas but now is the time to start training!

International

Thank you to all of you that have either take groups abroad or have hosted scouts from overseas this year.

Thinking of travelling abroad, not a problem, either give me a call or drop me an e-mail and I can send you over all the information you need. It has been widely circulated that the Travel Abroad procedure has changed slightly. It is now a two part application form, Part A of the Visits Abroad Form needs to be sent to me (signed by you DC) as soon as you are considering going abroad. The second half of the form is live working document that develops as you plan your trip.

24th World Scout Jamboree

Not already I hear you cry, I have just this week sent out the timetable of events that we will be working towards to form the East Sussex 2019 Jamboree Unit

At the time of writing we have not had any indication from Gilwell what our allocation might be, however we know that the USA Jamboree will be bigger than Japan where we were initially given 3 patrols and when we asked for a full unit they agreed without hesitation. So I am fairly confident that we will be allocated a full unit.

Obviously there a bit of speculation however I am hopeful

The first step on the journey is to find a leadership team, if you are interested in becoming either Unit leader or an Assistant Unit leader we will be accepting applications between January and end of March 2017. If you require any further information or an application form please get in touch.

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Duke of Edinburgh Supervisor

Course for the above is being arranged and will be held on:-

Saturday - 10th December 2016

Time: – 09.30 – finish approx. 15.30

Venue; -. 1st Ringmer Scout HQ

A packed lunch is required although there will be Tea, Coffee and biscuits available throughout the day
Charge per course is £35.00. Cheques to be made payable to East Sussex County Scouts, and sent to:-

Marié Carr
County Office,
Broadstone Warren Scout Site
Lewes Road
Forest Row RH18 5JS.

IMPORTANT - For those completing the Supervisor course; – Go to DoE/Training then to Supervisor and complete the online test. Once complete, print a copy of the confirmation letter and bring with you to the course.

Chronicle Dates for 2017

Closing dates for Items	Publishing Month
Sunday 29 th January	February
Sunday 23 rd April	May
Sunday 23 rd July	August
Sunday 29 th October	November