



News



THE BUZZ

April 2011

St George's Day Award Recipients 2011

Inspiring Supporting Motivating

Each year, we take this opportunity to recognise exceptional people whose extraordinary dedication and commitment to young people and Scouting has been marked with a St George's Day award

The Silver Wolf

The Silver Wolf was introduced by Lord Baden-Powell and remains The Scout Association's highest award for services to Scouting.

The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded 'for service of an exceptional nature'. It is not normally awarded until at least a Silver Acorn has been gained. In practice, this means that it is seldom awarded for less than 30 years' service, although this is not always the case.

'In recognition of services to Scouting of the most exceptional nature'

Awarded to:

Ann Salt, District Commissioner, Salford



Bar to the Silver Acorn



'In recognition of further specially distinguished service'

Awarded to:

David Astin, Chairman Bispham Hall Scout Estate

Christopher Maxted, District Chairman, Sale

Alexander Waddington, County Safety Co-ordinator



Silver Acorn

The Silver Acorn was first introduced as a St George's Day Award in 1933. It is not normally awarded until after at least the Award of Merit has been gained and a further five years service has been completed. It is seldom awarded for less than 20years' service

'In recognition of specially distinguished service'

Awarded to:

Stanley Atkins, District Treasurer Salford

Martin Maynard, GSL 43rd Salford (Hope)

Stuart Naylor, District Vice President, Altrincham

Laraine Reeves, Local Training Manager, Wigan

Joan Weatherby, ABSL, 88th Salford

Congratulations to you all

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MAKING EVERY DAY AN ADVENTURE.



Safe Swimming

As part of the ongoing review of all Scouting activities, the rules on swimming have been amended. The new, simplified arrangements will ensure that running such activities is easier for leaders. The details can be found at www.scouts.org.uk/swimmingupdates.

Main changes

- Paddling has been clarified and requires no qualification by leaders
- No further qualifications are required in instances where a lifeguard is provided (including swimming pools and beaches)
- Swimming in pools and Class C waters are now managed in line with other Class C water activities. No qualifications are required by leaders
- Swimming in all other open waters (B1 and higher) has been simplified and safety cover can be provided by either:
 - a water activities permit holder (when following the guidelines outlined in the [swimming factsheet](#))
 - someone who holds the Royal Life Saving Society Water Safety

Management Programme (WSMP) or any equivalent or higher award.

Full guidance is available in the [swimming factsheet](#)

Why change?

The revised rules for swimming are determined by the classification of water location and required supervision. It ensures that you can continue to provide accessible activities for young people in a safe environment.

Support

A number of WSMP courses [are scheduled](#).

A team of trainers is [being recruited](#) to help deliver the WSMP courses.

Guidance has been updated in the shape of the [swimming factsheet](#) and [POR](#).



SMS (Scout Management System)

This is a complete set of record keeping spreadsheets, which can be used individually by Leaders of each of the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers sections or alternatively by a single Group Admin.

They have been split them into 4 sections in order to keep file sizes smaller. Each member is given their own Record Card in the form of a separate file.

This file can be transferred to the Leader of the next section, using a separate computer without any loss of data.

Use the spreadsheets to keep all personal data and badge records including all staged badges, and Partnership Awards. The spreadsheet will warn you when a badge is due!

You can also keep a track of attendance using the register as well as record all returned forms and payments. Payments history can also be tracked on every individual's record card.

This is a very useful resource and can be down loaded for free at www.scoutssms.org.uk give it a try and let us know how you get on.



Have you thought about being our County Training Manager (CTM)?

After 5 years of valued service as CTM Jean Archer has hung up her wood beads. I am sure we all wish her well for the future, with her family and as a member of the Bispham Hall Scout Estate team.

The CTM position is an important and key role within any County. It is also a rewarding role working with adults making sure that they have the knowledge and skills to be effective. Enabling and helping them to provide great Scouting at their meetings. Encouraging and guiding the enthusiasm and energy of new people is fun, enjoyable and satisfying. The CTM leads a team to help them achieve their goals within a support structure. More details about the role can be found on the association's web page scouts.org.uk and Fact Sheet fs330067.

If you are new to Scouting or a long standing member and would like to take up this challenging and rewarding role or would like to discuss the role please contact me, before Friday 22nd April via our County Office or at county.comissioner@gmwscouts.org.uk.

All necessary training and support will be given.

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PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

SCOUTING'S VISION
TOWARDS 2018

THE STORY SO FAR – SCOUTING'S VISION TOWARDS 2012

We have transformed Scouting over the last ten years. With new Leadership, a revised programme, training and image, we are renewed and re-energised. Together, we've improved Scouting, with better materials and resources, online facilities to plan programmes and learn flexibly from home.

We've celebrated our Centenary and improved understanding of Scouting. More people are joining now than at any time in the last 50 years. So how would we describe the movement today?

Growing

We are growing – recording five years of consecutive membership growth.

Youth-led

Young people have taken a bigger role in decision making locally and nationally.

Focussed

We've got a clear idea of who we are – delivering everyday adventure to 400,000 young people.

Sound

We changed the way we organise and take decisions, and improved our centres and facilities.

Relevant

As a Movement we are not afraid to change to meet the needs of different generations.

Diverse

We've been making Scouting available to more people of all backgrounds across our communities.

But none of this happened by accident – this was part of our Vision Towards 2012. We've still got work to do to finalise that. So now there's a new vision for Scouting beyond 2012 – taking us up to 2018

Action

- What plans do you need to make to help us achieve our Vision Towards 2012?
- What help do you need?
- Read more about our ongoing work in our annual report at www.scouts.org.uk/report.

PREPARING OUR VISION TOWARDS 2018

How we found our vision

- Expert analysis on how changes in society could affect Scouting
- Generational research showing different needs of different age ranges and how they work together.
- Input from volunteer managers at regional workshops.
- Input from young people and other adults in Scouting.
- Proposed vision based on this research shared with the Movement.
- Discussion and debate at the County Commissioners' Conference.

Action

- Find out more about the thinking behind the Vision Towards 2018 and read members feedback at www.scouts.org.uk/2018

SCOUTING'S VISION TOWARDS 2018

Scouting in 2018 will:

- Make a positive impact in our communities
- Prepare young people to be active citizens
- Embrace and contribute to social change

Scouting in 2018 will be:

- Shaped by young people in partnership with adults
- Enjoyed by more young people and more adult volunteers
- As diverse as the communities in which we live

Members of Scouting in 2018 will feel:

- Empowered
- Valued
- Proud

Following all the consultations between September 2008 and February 2010, the Board of The Scout Association has agreed this vision and it will apply to all levels of Scouting

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Action

- You may already be thinking about your local plans after 2012. If not, now's the time to start. You can help make it happen.
- What does our Vision for 2018 mean for you?
- What help do you need?
- What's the first thing you're going to do?
- Stay up to date and share your plans towards 2018 at www.scouts.org.uk/2018

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Calling All Adventurous Activity People

Are you or would you like to be a County Adventurous Activity Accessory?
Want to find out what is involved?

Assessors Workshop Cunliffe Lodge, Middlewood Scout Camp 7.30pm to 9.00pm Tuesday 24th May. This is not a skills workshop; it is about the assessing of others. By using the Scout Adventurous Activity Scheme we can offer our young people a safe fun and challenging programme. Please let the County Office know by phone or email if you wish to attend so that there will be enough chairs, tea and biscuits.

Dave Keogh ACC (Activities)



Census 2011 – The results are in!

Now that the annual census has been completed we thought it would be a good idea to let you know how we are doing across the County.

There are now 5348 members in the of the County

County	UP	2.9%
Beavers	UP	4.1%
Cubs	UP	0.8%
Scouts	UP	4.5%
Explorers	UP	0.6%
Adults	UP	1.6%



All good new but the sad bit is we still have 278 young people missing out on Scouting sat on a waiting lists!!!
If you have a waiting what are you doing to help these young people join scouting? Why not see if another local group has space for them so that they don't miss out on the Adventure



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