



# D of E

# HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS

## Welcome

As the expedition season comes upon us, with a number of bits of news from a variety of sources, it is time for an update.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Jim Wilson has decided to step down as County Adviser. I will be taking over the Districts which Jim had responsibility for with immediate effect. Thanks must go to Jim for all the time, effort and enthusiasm he put into Scouting over the several years he has been involved.

If anyone is interested in helping out – especially with administration of issuing D of E books or being a County Adviser, please get in touch for an informal chat.

Please keep an eye on our website for updates and answers to any queries you may have:  
<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/>.

Michael Baxter  
ACC (D of E and QSA)

## Training

### Introduction to DofE

The aim of this module is to give an understanding of the mission, guiding principles, sections and relevant DofE Leader information.

### Courses:

13<sup>th</sup> June in Woking (for North Hampshire)  
21<sup>st</sup> November in Winchester (for South Hampshire)

### Expedition Assessor Course

This course is for people wishing to become expedition assessors. This is followed by a supported assessment.

### Courses:

30<sup>th</sup> May in Winchester  
24<sup>th</sup> October in Winchester

<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/training.aspx>

## Supported Assessments

As you will know, we have until April 2011 to get all our assessors trained up and through supported assessments. If you have an expedition needing assessment OR need a supported assessment, please keep in touch with me and I will do my best to match opportunities with assessor and supporting assessors.

## Support and Advice

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<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/Advice.aspx>

## Bits and Pieces!

### Offers

There are a number of offers around at the moment for D of E participants and leaders:

- 25% off Millets and Blacks in Southampton on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April from 5.30 to 9pm for all Scouts. PLUS 28<sup>th</sup> April in Fleet too!
- 20% off all maps  
<http://www.aqua3.com/theaward/>
- 20% off all the time at Cotswold for leaders sign up at <http://dofe.org/signup>. Participants get 15% with their discount card in their pack replacements available from me ☺

<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/DiscountsandOffers.aspx>

### Entrance Pack fees

A reminder the new fees are £12 Bronze and Silver and £18 Gold. The new form is available at:  
<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/aboutus.aspx>

### Driving as a Skill

When a young person chooses to use learning to drive as their Skill, please ensure the Assessor's Report adequately describes the achievement the young person has undertaken, skills gained and progress made. A one or two line report from a driving instructor saying they passed their test is not sufficient information.

### E – D of E <http://dofe.org/edofe> for more info.

E-DofE is a new system which allows participants to complete their award online – we piloted this in Hampshire. We will be updated on how the system is to be rolled out in June, which is likely to be in the autumn of 2010.

### Starting age

Just a quick reminder:

**Bronze 14+** (can enter from 13.5 if starting with a group BUT cannot complete until 14.5)

**Silver 15+** (can enter a few months early if Bronze complete)

**Gold 16+** (no exceptions)

All awards to be complete by 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## Young Leader Training Requirements

### Under 18s

Module A of the Young Leaders Scheme and then an additional 2 hours of training at each level of the DofE.

### Over 18s

Getting Started Modules of the Adult Training Scheme and an additional 2 hours of training at each level of the DofE. This additional training can be anything, maybe an additional Young Leader or Adult Training Module, some activity training or an extension to their first aid training.  
<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/youngleaders.aspx>



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## Opportunities

### Platform2: Fully Funded Overseas Volunteering for 18-25 year olds

Platform2 sends young people (aged 18-25 at time of departure) away on 10 week trips to developing countries such as Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, Nepal India or Peru where they take part in community volunteer projects. Examples of work include construction work, teaching basic English and maths, day care and after school clubs, nature conservation tasks and community development activities. Upon their return to the UK, Platform2 works with those same volunteers to raise awareness of poverty and global issues in their local communities in creative ways best suited to the individual volunteers.

The programme is fully funded by the Department for International Development meaning that there are no significant costs to the participants, which is really quite unusual for this type of overseas volunteering experience. As a result of our government funding our target group is young people who wouldn't normally be able to afford or get the opportunity to have this type of experience, and I assume that some of your young people would fall into this category. The program is ending in December, there are plenty of spaces left on our trips. There are trips leaving in August and October and the deadlines for application are as follows..... **Apply by the 14th June 2010** to depart the week commencing 11th October, return week commencing 20th December

Much more information is available on our website <http://www.myplatform2.com> or via our freephone number - 0800 988 6828. Applications can be made online or via post and applicants will need to send 2 references and a photocopy of their passport or birth certificate. The form is available to download and print from the website.

### Food Hygiene Course for Outdoor Leader's

Do you cook for groups outside? Not sure about food safety laws, cooking and washing up outside or going to the toilet outdoors? Cookout are running a one day course specifically for outdoor leaders. **NCFE Expedition Food Hygiene** (certification subject to approval) Suitable for Leaders who have to cook in remote areas - includes personal hygiene outdoors, water purification and going to the toilet outside. Friday 7th May, 09.30 - 16.30, Solent Scout Training Centre, near Wickham Cost: £65 For more information, course outline and booking form please contact Cookout: [info@expeditionfood.co.uk](mailto:info@expeditionfood.co.uk) or [www.expeditionfood.co.uk](http://www.expeditionfood.co.uk)

**Opportunity for Physical** The Havant Youth Sail Training Scheme offer a wonderful opportunity for a young person wanting to do sailing for their physical (or someone not too sure yet what they want to do). A day's sailing costs £10, including all kit (£20 membership fee). Suitable for beginners and advanced. Alex Ford 07825 910181 or [hysts.principal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hysts.principal@hotmail.co.uk).

## Gold Residential Opportunity in the Channel Islands....

Guernsey Duke of Edinburgh's Award are holding a Gold Residential on Lihou Island in the Channel Islands in August 2010 and UK participants are invited. We ran the Residential for just four Gold Participants last year as a pilot.... it was a huge success with the participants really enjoying living on their own island! I have approached you as you are hopefully near enough to a ferry port to make coming over to Guernsey a viable option! We have limited Guernsey participants to only 2 per school to prevent them knowing each other ahead of the weekend... which with 3 schools actually only amounts to 6 participants! We currently have 3 interested from Jersey... so we would love to have a few from the UK too! Lihou is a small Island (38 ½ acres) off the West Coast of Guernsey. It is accessed only by a causeway which only opens for a couple of hours a day. There is a House on the Island which is owned by the Lihou Charitable Trust – they use it for school and youth groups for residential. Walkers access the Island when the causeway is open but for those staying on the Island.... once the causeway closes...Lihou is their own!

The Residential will include activities such as swimming, coasteering, archery, climbing, abseiling as well as community or environmental projects/activities. The Warden of the Island Richard Curtis is fully qualified in instruction in all these activities. It's quite a jam packed week of activities – but hopefully fitting in a bit of time to chill out and relax on Lihou Island too. All cooking etc will be done by the group as a whole and accommodation will be in the Lihou House – so there are beds... no tents!

The Residential costs £175 – this will include your accommodation for five nights, all your food and your activities. I've attached an initial booking form for anyone who might be interested. No deposit or payment is required at this stage.

Obviously those coming from the UK would have to organise their own travel to Guernsey – arrangements could be made for them to be picked them up from the Harbour and transport them to the Lihou Causeway as necessary. Photos from last year plus a picture of the Island from above are available and if you would like any more details on the Residential please contact Claire Cathcart, DofE Manager on: Tel: 01481 720408, Mobile: 07839 108106, Email: [clairec@gcfe.net](mailto:clairec@gcfe.net)

### Our website has been updated:

<http://www.hampshirescoutsdofe.org/>

#### and here you will find:

- > Information about the D of E award
- > How to join, including application form.
- > How to get started in choosing your options.
- > Information about each section with opportunities within Hampshire Scouting.
- > Information about the new assessor scheme.
- > Information about the new expedition requirements.
- > Training being run by Hampshire Scout D of E team and Hampshire County Council



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## Using Queen Elizabeth Country Park?

If you're planning a venture to QE Country Park with your DofE group, please remember to follow procedures, you must phone them and book in first. This is to ensure the safety of you and your group and for the benefit of other users.

To arrange a booking please call:  
Tel: 023 9259 5040  
email [qecp.enquiries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:qecp.enquiries@hants.gov.uk)

## Wild Country Expeditions

Don't forget that all expeditions entering Wild Country require notification to the area assessor network co-ordinator at least 4 weeks (6 if assessor required) prior to arrival, this applies for all levels of expedition and even if it's a practice venture.

All expeditions abroad require a Blue Form to be submitted 12 weeks prior to departure with all appropriate information.

<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/wildcountry.aspx>

## Expedition Variation

The new expedition variation request system was introduced last year, where you want to depart from the stated conditions. Please remember that if in doubt ask the question, we don't want young people to be caught out by the system.

## Other Adventurous Projects

Any of the more **adventurous** (than normal) **expeditions** must now be approved via the Expedition Variations Form, which is sent to the County DofE Co-ordinator. For Gold, a copy is also sent to the National Office.

<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/expeditionconditions.aspx>

## Monitoring Expedition Teams

Can I ask you to please remove any remote means you have of checking progress of your Teams. We have an enviable relationship with the Forestry Commission and the National Park, and unless DofE is considerate we could find restrictions forced upon us. I have been handed for example, a "check-in" card found at a gate in the New Forest and obviously left for some time. These must be removed please, and not left to decay or be found by Rangers, Keepers or members of the public. The New Forest is used for DofE by thousands of young people each year – not all from Hampshire, but we at least, can do our bit to preserve its beauty.

Want **£75** for your Gold D of E group? OR **£30** towards your first aid course. The Lord Lieutenants Fund can help!!

<http://hampshirescoutsdofe.org/HampshireForum.aspx>

## Expedition Aims – some ideas (courtesy HCC)

### Wildlife

Wild life in the New Forest  
Wild life in the NF for Junior School Pupils  
Animals of the NF  
Wildlife habitat  
Forest Reptiles  
Ornithology & indigenous trees of NF  
Tree and Bird identification in NF  
Horses, their colours and tail markings  
Flowers and Plants found en route  
Flowers in differing habitats.

### Environmental Issues

tourism and the environment in NF  
Human impact on the New Forest  
Right and Wrong way to follow country code  
Fences, styles, gates and signs en route  
Uses of the New Forest  
Consideration of localised eco systems  
Survey of New Forest Visitors  
Survey of areas that are not green  
Path Erosion

### DofE Diaries

D of E for Dummies  
The unexpected of D of E  
Computer map of the Experience  
Video to promote D of E  
Book of the New Forest for Children  
Making horror film at locations en route  
Documentary on the New Forest

### The New Forest

Who caretakes the forest  
Art in the New Forest  
Uses of the New Forest  
Airfields and Historical Sites  
Word War 2 air field in the New Forest  
History of the Forest  
Land and Landscape features  
Photographs to match a colour chart  
Ponds and streams of the New Forest  
Details and list of humorous place names  
Writers and stories of the New Forest  
Poetry and Poets  
Smuggling in the New Forest  
Myths and Legends

### Group Dynamics

Group interactions en route  
Psychological impact of expedition  
Things that could go wrong  
Impact on Humans in NF  
Working as a team while doing Aim  
Mood swings of team members

**More good ideas** – email us [mk.baxter@virgin.net](mailto:mk.baxter@virgin.net)