



DofE | HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS

Welcome

As you will be aware, it is an exciting time of change for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award – with a new brand, new website, new County team ... this e-update should help give you the information you need to run the award and help answer questions you may have.

County DofE Team

There is a new structure and new faces in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award team for Hampshire Scouts. Here is some introductions from the team:



Mike Baxter is the DofE Co-ordinator and Adviser for SW and NE Hampshire. "I completed my Gold Award through Hampshire Scouts, which got me involved helping run the award, which I have done now for ten years. I hold the Walking Group Leader award and am a Gold Assessor and Trainer for the Award's training framework."

Jim Wilson is the DofE Coordinator and Adviser for South East and South Central Hampshire. "I have been running the Award since 2005, when I moved to the Explorer Scout section. I have been a District DofE Adviser since 2007 and after attending all the appropriate training, I am now qualified as a Gold Assessor and a Course Tutor under the latest DofE structure"



Ian Stewart is the DofE Co-ordinator and Adviser for NW and Central Hampshire. "I have been an Explorer Scout Leader since Explorers started and Scouts and Venture Scouts before that. I've also been involved with D of E through Hampshire County Council. My grey hairs reflect decades of expedition experience and I am in the process of completing my ML Award. However, D of E isn't just about expeditions and I look forward to promoting the other aspects of the Award."

Richard Thompson is a County Explorer Leader and will be running an open Gold Expedition, to allow anyone from within the Hampshire Scouts to complete the training; practice hikes and expedition for the Gold award. He has also been a venture scout leader and a scout leader within Fareham West District. I completed my Queens Scout Award as a Venture Scout and currently conduct Expedition Assessments for New Forest Expedition Assessor Network.



The areas follow the cluster system for District support, set up by the County – so you'll need to know what cluster your District falls in (C = central):

NW – Andover, Basingstoke E&W & Silchester.
NE – B/water Valley, Bramshill, Odiham and R/field.
C – C/Ford, Eastleigh, Itchen N&S, Soton & Winch.
SC – Fareham E&W, Gosport & Meon Valley.
SE – Havant, P/field, Portsmouth and Waterlooville.
SW – New Forest N/S/E/W & Romsey

For support, you should contact your nominated adviser:

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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.

Email List

Our email list provides you with regular updates. Email mk.baxter@virgin.net if you wish to be added.

E – D of E

E-DofE is a new system which allows participants to complete their award online – we are one of three pilot counties. Progress is being made and comments being feedback. When we have more news on the full roll out of the system we will let you know. Until then, we will be continuing to issue record books, which will still be available even after the launch of E-DofE in one format or another.

Young Leader Training Requirements

As I mentioned in the last edition of this newsletter the training requirements for those volunteering within Sections for their DofE was being reviewed. Following consultation I am pleased to inform you that we have made some changes and the new requirements are detailed on the next page:



Young Leader Training Requirements (cont ...)

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. The key is that it is appropriate to the individual.

For more info, see our website:

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

Training for Leaders

Both Mike Baxter and Jim Wilson are now DofE tutors for the following courses which we will be running in the Autumn. More information can be found on the training section of our website or contact Mike Baxter.

Introduction to D of E (£15)

The aim of this module is to give an understanding of the mission, guiding principles, sections and relevant DofE Leader information. It is advised that all Award Leaders (ESL or AESL running award with their explorers) attend this course.

Saturday 2nd October – 1030 to 1600 Romsey
Sunday 24th January – 1030 to 1600 Winchester

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

Expedition Assessor Course (£20)

From 1st January 2010, it will be compulsory for all expedition assessors to have attended this course and undertaken a supported assessment. More information about the scheme can be found here:

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

Sunday 3rd October – 1030 to 1600 Romsey
Sunday 22nd November – 1030 to 1600 Winchester

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

Other dates from around the UK are available here:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/dofe/news/index.htm>

Gold Open Expedition

This is open to all Hampshire Explorers/Network and is an opportunity to get your Gold Award. It will run from Cricket Campsite, nr Southampton. (dates subject to change!)

23 Sept (eve) Introduction & Overview
7 Oct (eve) Individual Training Plans
21 Oct (eve) County Code & Purpose
4 Nov (eve) Health & Safety
18 Nov (eve) Map Reading
2 Dec (eve) Compass Skills & Route Plans
12 Dec New Forest Walk 12 noon – 2000
16 Dec (eve) Christmas celebration
13 Jan (eve) Planning Hike
27 Jan (eve) Campcraft equipment & hygiene
10 Feb (eve) Stoves & Pitching Tents
24 Feb (eve) Review Practice Hikes + qualifying exped
5 – 7 Mar Practice Exped
10 Mar (eve) Plan qualifying expedition
24 Mar (eve) Final Preparation
2nd Apr Travel to area for final expedition
3 – 5 April Final Expedition
21 April (eve) Presentation/Report Back

To get involved, please contact Richard Thompson:
RThompson@tuvps.co.uk or 07919 558545.

Wild Country Expedition reminder

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.

For more 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.

For more information:

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



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First Aid

First Aid is now in both the Volunteering and the Skill Sections. But First Aid can only be counted in the Volunteering Section if there is at least 75% of the time giving genuine, practical, First Aid. A First Aid course will now be more appropriately undertaken in the Skill Section. It is possible for a participant to have First Aid in both sections, if after following the course as a Skill, genuine practical First Aid is followed for the prescribed full amount of time as Volunteering.

Gold Residential Opportunity at Cricket Camp

The Dates for the project Will be from Sat 19th Dec to Thur 24th Dec 2009. At the Lyons copse.

I would like to restrict the numbers to 20, 25 at the max Lyons Copse has agreed to accommodate the Explorers for free. Projects include overhauling the obstacle course and campfire circle, erecting tents and work in the rivers.

The plan is for the explorers to work in small teams on separate projects with them either cooking for themselves in their groups or appointing a small service team on a daily basis.

The cost of the camp will be for food only and the amount will be dependent on their choice of menu. Remember the majority of participants must be unknown to count as a Gold Residential.

Explorers who wish to take part should contact Andy Wood on 02392 838702 or 07540 794939 or desc@live.co.uk.

Falconry

The Falconry Course is run at The Countryside Education Trust in Beaulieu by Amews Falconry, who run Falconry activities and events and offer a wide range of falconry activities through education, Introductions to Falconry and also run Lantra award accredited courses. For DofE they could run a 10 week course which equals 20hrs in total not including research and homework - which would bring it up to the required 12 week period for the shorter section. The cost of the course is £280 and includes the Lantra Award Certificate once achieved. Mandy Manning, Amews Falconry. TEL: 01794 368487 Info@amews.com www.amews.com

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.

Coarse Fishing

Coarse Fishing has grown in popularity over the last few years, and there are now several opportunities for DofE participants to attend courses around the County. Contact Graham Mabey 07595024363 or Tim Symington who has additional contacts.

Night's Away Permits and D of E

Following some queries, here is clarification from John Dohoo, ACC (Activities).

When doing DofE Expeditions, people need to hold an appropriate Nights Away Permit.

Campsite	Covers expeditions where you stay at a campsite with facilities (water, loos). Covers expedition & static camps.
Green Field	Covers expeditions where you camp wild e.g. New Forest or at sites with no loos and/or water points. Covers expedition & static camps.
Lightweight Expedition	This covers expeditions only (where you stay for one night and move on) in both of the above categories. This covers expeditions only, you cannot run a static camp.
Hillwalking permit with Lightweight Camping	POR 9.57 d states that " Those holding a Hillwalking Permit that includes lightweight camping in remote areas may also run Lightweight Expedition events "

If you have any queries, please contact John Dohoo, dohoo@clara.net.

Hope you have found this useful, any queries, just ask!
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