



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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Newsletter

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Welcome to all new Centres and Leader's!

DofE Leader's Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Monday 6th December, 6pm at Testwood Sports College.

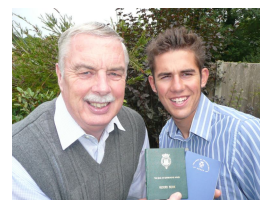
A chance to update yourself on the recent changes, current events, eDofE, recognise good practice, network with other Co-ordinator's from across the county.

Everyone's welcome, please let us know if you plan on attending. We look forward to meeting with you.

Drinks and nibbles will be available.

Hampshire's DofE 3rd Generation!

When Mike Hampton proudly went to Buckingham Palace in 1964 to receive his Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh, he could never have imagined that forty six years later he would be returning to London to witness his only grandson receive his Gold Award. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was started in 1956 and Mike, now a retired Police Officer, was one of the very early recipients of the Gold Award.



The grandson in question is Edward (Ed) Hampton-Matthews, former pupil of Ditcham Park School, Petersfield who recently completed his A level course at Peter Symonds College, Winchester, and has achieved his Gold Award at just 17 years old. He is a third generation Duke of Edinburgh's Award recipient as his Aunt also achieved the Bronze Award whilst she was still at school.

Encouraged and inspired by his parents and grandparents, Ed completed his Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in November 2007, October 2008 and July 2010 respectively. His final expedition in the Lake District saw several of his College friends suffer injuries and whilst the other members were nursing tired limbs, sore feet and blisters on their return home, Ed was on a plane just a few days later to Helsinki to join the Jubilee Sailing Trust vessel "Lord Nelson" to compete in a leg of the Tall Ships Race 2009 from Turku, Finland to Klaipeda, Lithuania.

Ed is a very keen and competitive road and track cyclist, a member of the Team Axiom Club and has also completed the Paris to Hayling Island cycle ride twice, raising over £1000 for charity. Like his Dad, Ed is an accomplished sailor and is an active member of Warsash Sailing Club where he has won a number of awards over the years. He has achieved his RYA Day Skipper and RYA Powerboat level 2 qualifications and now teaches sailing techniques to female members of the Club's 'Women on the Water'. Ed also sails competitively in the annual Cowes Week Regatta and local sailing series.



Ed's achievements are all the more remarkable when you learn that at the age of 3 he was told by Doctors that he had Rheumatoid Arthritis in his legs and Hyper-mobility in his ankles, knees and wrists. There was a possibility that he would have to have his legs broken and reset and that he would never be an active achiever. Ed was unable to ride a bicycle until he was nearly 7 years old and even then it was a big struggle. Now at over six feet tall, he can hold his head high and say ... 'I did it despite all the odds and in record time as well'

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Discounts from Leisure Trail, Southampton

Established for over 30 years, with a wealth of experience to make your expeditions and holidays memorable.

They have a large outside display of folding campers, trailer tents, and dome tents large and small from the leading manufacturers Vango, Coleman and Royal, as well as a fully stocked accessory shop.

They are keen to offer good discounts on expedition kit to young people and leaders, they would also be open to having 'stalls' at presentations and also a source of raffle/competition prizes.

Based at Haskins Garden Centre at West End, Southampton. For more information please contact Ross on Tel: 023 8046 3903, email: sales@leisuretrail.fsnet.co.uk, website: www.leisuretrail.com

DofE Shop

Don't forget, the DofE shop is now online! Be sure to visit our great, simple to use online shop to get hold of merchandise, gifts and resources to help you in your DofE work.

Simply create an account so you can access the main lines. If you are a DofE Leader you should use your eDofE login details, giving you full access to restricted items.

The shop offers merchandise promoting the DofE, DofE programmes resources, materials for those running the DofE, gifts and clothing.

All DofE materials are available from ASL, Unit 18/19 Stewartfield Industrial Estate, off Newhaven Road, Edinburgh, EH6 5RQ. Tel: 0131 553 5280, Fax: 0131 553 5776, E-mail: asl@DofE.org. www.DofEshop.org

Cathedral Camps

Cathedral Camps welcomes all young people between the ages of 16-25 to volunteer at one week summer camps, or one day events, at the historic places of faith in Britain.

Cathedral Camps offers young people the opportunity to experience, observe, and participate in the care of some of the greatest examples historic architecture at first hand.

Summer Residential Camps only run JULY - SEPTEMBER; but we do run one day [ReFresh](#) projects throughout the year.

ReFresh is an England wide initiative which offers young people the chance to learn more about the diversity of their communities through one-day volunteering events.

The project provides 16-25 year olds with the opportunity to take part in the conservation of historic buildings of worship, to build awareness of their community, and make a positive and visible contribution to their environment in just one day!

For more information please visit: www.cathedralcamps.org.uk

Expeditions on the Rivers Severn and Wye

Please remember when organising canoe expeditions that any which are planned to take place on the Rivers Severn or Wye, must be notified to the Severn and Wye Network on a Green Form. This includes all practice expeditions and expeditions at Bronze and Silver as well as at Gold level. An expedition number will be issued for any expedition on these Rivers and the expedition is not valid unless a number has been issued by the Network Co-ordinator.

Takeover Day - Friday 12th November 2010



Takeover Day is a national event offering children and young people across the country the chance to work alongside adults and get involved in decision-making in a wide range of organisations. Everyone can be part of it!

Now in its fourth year, the event has grown from strength to strength since it was launched. Last year, around 30,000 children and young people worked with hundreds of organisations, including businesses, schools, police and fire services, newspapers, banks, TV and radio stations, charities, local councils, MPs, hospitals and government departments.

This year we want to encourage 40,000 children and young people to show adults what they can do. We also want more businesses and organisations to benefit from a fresh perspective on their work and to celebrate the positive contribution children and young people make to society.

Children & Young People

Our Takeover Day guidance packs can be downloaded below, where you can also download the Takeover Day logo and an email banner to tell people that you're taking part.

Please join our mailing list so we can keep you informed about all our Takeover Day news and developments. If you have any queries, you can get in touch with us via takeover.day@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk.

For further information please visit: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/takeover_day

eDofE Update

E DofE has been with us here in Hampshire for almost a year. The Team have provided numerous training sessions in all areas of the County (if you have still managed to miss one then please contact your Field Officer, or the office). I would like to thank you all for your patience!

I think, we in Hampshire, have often moved faster on eDofE than the national office so when we had queries they were often new to them, so hence sometimes the rather slow response to any questions you may have had. I feel we have worked through many of the early glitches and have recently had our first young person successfully complete through the eDofE system.

The national team continue to work on the site and upgrades and improvements are being made all the time, and the guidance notes are amended accordingly so please always refer to these before you send in a query as it may be the answer is there!

I am assured that as we go into the Autumn more facilities for reporting and getting overviews of your Centres will become available and I know this is an aspect many of you are keen to see.

I would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm for DofE which has enabled the embracing of this new initiative. This has not been an easy year but the good news is we are now well on the way and I am sure as we all get more familiar with eDofE we will see even more benefits.

If you have not seen a copy of the participants' Achievement Pack then please ask your Field officer!

Gold Expedition success for Old Basing

Over the summer two gold groups from the Old Basing Open Centre successfully completed their Gold Expeditions in the Brecon Beacons. The groups were made up of young people aged 16-19 years from across the Basingstoke District. They had trained in Dartmoor and Exmoor together but did their assessment expeditions in two different weeks with varying weather conditions encountered. The first group who had completed their Bronze and Silver together; did their expedition in mid July and had bad weather as it rained non-stop for 3 days out of 4, which meant tough going but they nevertheless preserved.

The second group did their expedition in early August and had fine and sunny weather for most of the time with only a few rain showers on one day but this meant they had good view of the Brecon's as their route traversed from one side of the National Park to the other. The successful groups are now working on completing other parts of the award.

This is the second year for gold expeditions at the Old Basing centre as they have predominantly concentrated on Bronze and Silver groups in the past; and this year's groups are due to complete their expeditions later in the year.



Old Basing is just one of two Open D of E Centres in Basingstoke that offer the D of E to individuals across the area. For more information about the Open Centres and joining please contact Chris Golby Field Officer for Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor by email chris.golby@hants.gov.uk or phone 07540 238240.

Recyclewise - Fundraising

I would like to alert you to a pilot initiative we are taking part in, DofE nationally has linked up with a company called Recyclewise who are offering a mobile phone recycling service as a form of fundraising for DofE. Unusually for a national DofE initiative the funds will **return to source!!**

We would like to encourage all our Centres to get on board, particularly in the run up to Christmas when it is possible DofE participants and their family and friends may be renewing phones. Ben Hawkshaw-Burn at Recyclewise is prepared to send all the necessary paperwork and collecting bins directly to participating centres so obviously needs to know who would want to take this up. We will hold some spares here at the main office.

Please circulate all your centres and also ensure that this is raised at your local committee meetings which many of you have scheduled in the coming weeks. Ben is very happy to attend any of the meetings and explain the scheme in more detail and this is something I would encourage!

For more information please visit the website: www.recyclewise.tv or contact Ben Hawkshaw-Burn on 020 3177 0100, Fax: 020 3177 0029 or Mobile: 07791 729 601.

Countryside & Highway Code Awareness and Training

The past couple of months have been extremely busy with expeditions across the region. It has been brought to our attention about some bad behaviour of DofE participants. Including the following: damage to fences and signs, stone throwing at animals and plants, litter pollution and verbal abuse.

Whilst we are confident that in Hampshire, we train our teams properly, the behaviour of DofE teams out on expedition affects us all. We ask that you reinforce the message with your DofE participants and if anyone sees any other team acting inappropriately can you please find out where they are from so we can take the appropriate action. We are seriously at risk of losing the good will of landowners and campsites which will reduce our ability to carry out expeditions.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

Hampshire Open Gold DofE Opportunity

If you would like to do your D of E Gold but haven't had the chance now is your opportunity.....

Perhaps your current D of E centre doesn't offer gold or maybe you have always wanted to do this but don't know where to start....

The Hampshire Open Gold D of E allows young people from across Hampshire to meet like minded people and take part in Gold D of E.

For more information about this please see the website www.hampshireopengoldaward.tk/

If you are interested then please attend one of the information evenings, to find out more details, and meet some of last years participants. Potentially interested participants, parents and D of E leaders are all welcome to attend one of these evenings. Please however let us know which evening you wish to attend in advance.

If you have any queries about this please Chris Golby as below in the D of E Office in the first instance.

Finally please also bear in mind the closing date for applications is 22nd October and we are hopeful for lots of eager participants this coming year so please register your interest ASAP!!!

A creative approach to silver success at Ringwood School

A successful DofE scheme at any school is always great news, but as the award grows in popularity the teachers and volunteers can find themselves overstretched with many precious summer weekends given over to preparing and supporting young people with their expeditions.

Ringwood School found themselves in this situation with an amazing 68 bronze awards and 32 silver awards gained in just one year. Even with 16 volunteer staff and parents, 10 weekends were given over to DofE last year.

The school were at the point of reluctantly deciding they could no longer offer the silver award when a group of willing parent volunteers asked if they could take it on.

With support from the local Field Officer, connections were made with an already established Open Centre, which was low on numbers. Liz Drake of the Sregnar centre kindly shared her knowledge and experience to help the parents get going in their first year. They have successfully planned the silver expedition programmes for three groups this summer and saved the future of the silver award at the school.

The school continues to help with the administration and providing equipment for the expeditions and supporting the other sections of the award.

A fantastic result for the young people and the school and a clear example of how lateral thinking can make a real difference.

Claire Dyoss of Ringwood School said 'Without the generosity of our volunteers the silver award would have unfortunately folded as we had reached our capacity'.

Well done Ringwood School!

Hampshire Youth Forum Meeting Dates

Monday 18 October 2010 @ The Rookwood Centre, Eastleigh

Monday 15 November 2010 - venue TBC

Monday 20 December 2010 - venue TBC

Monday 17 January 2011 - venue TBC

Monday 21 February 2011 - venue TBC

All meetings are held 17.30 - 19.30, for more information on the Hampshire DofE Youth Forum please email: Youth.Forum@dofe.hants.gov.uk