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SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT E-NEWS

Welcome to the second edition of your Scout Active Support eNews, here to provide active support at your fingertips. Just as spring is the season of new growth, fresh and exciting opportunities for giving active support are emerging all over the UK. If there are things you'd like to share or suggest to others that's great! Contact the support team at scoutactivesupport@scouts.org.uk.

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Scout Active Support is springing into life!

Whilst numbers aren't everything it's encouraging to see that Scout Active Support is beginning to grow. The latest figures indicate encouraging growth month on month since the launch:

	26/01/10	23/02/10	09/03/10
Group Scout Active Support Manager	1	3	6
Group Scout Active Support Member	-	80	105
District Scout Active Support Manager	13	24	31
District Scout Active Support Member	-	216	343
County Scout Active Support Manager	7	8	10
County Scout Active Support Member	-	38	81

How can we support you?

We can see from the table above, Scout Active Support Units are starting across the UK. Starting a Unit from scratch, or transferring from a Scout Fellowship is one thing, but developing the Unit is quite another. If there are any areas you would like support in to develop your Unit, then please contact active.support@scouts.org.uk

Scout Active Support in your area

The Scout Active Support launch team is currently on tour around the UK, providing workshops which explore how Scout Active Support can work in your area. These workshops are part of the Development, Advice and Support days which will have happened in the eight English Regions, Northern Ireland and Wales. The following dates left on the calendar are:



East England 27 March

For further information please email:
adviceandsupportdays@scout.org.uk

Resources, resources, resources

Since the last edition of eNews the following resources have been updated, based on feedback from the members.

Scout Active Support Essentials



The following factsheets have been added to the resources.:

Scout Active Support – Service Agreement

How to start a Scout Active Support Unit



. . . all these resources are available from www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport or from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 3001818.

Scout Shops have the range of merchandise including scarves, polo shirts and badges.



From scouts.org.uk

Have you taken fresh look at www.scouts.org.uk lately? It's now packed with a whole host of different news and information, much of which could be useful to your Scout Active Support Unit in the support they provide.

Here's a selection:

Sport Relief on the 19 – 21 March.



There may be Scout Groups or even Districts entering the Sport Relief Mile who could be only grateful of that extra support.

For more information visit www.scouts.org.uk/sportrelief



The Big Adventure is back and this time there's a brilliant cooking theme to help you give parents and other adults a taste of volunteering for Scouting.

From Saturday 1 May until Tuesday 31 August any camp or event can be part of The Big Adventure, simply by inviting parents and other adults to get involved. It's an ideal way to target new adult volunteers who may become Scout Active Support members.

For more information click on the web pages at:
www.scouts.org.uk/thebigadventure

Recruitment

If you are just starting up a Scout Active Support, then the recruitment ideas may be just what you're looking for.

The web pages at www.scouts.org.uk/recruit contain lots of useful tips and information to help with those successful recruitment drives and don't forget the posters at www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport.

POR

In January *Policy, Organisation and Rules* was updated to reflect the transition from Scout Fellowship to Scout Active Support. The new edition of POR can be viewed at www.scouts.org.uk/por or ordered from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 3001818.



Coming up in *Scouting/Focus*

Recent editions of *Scouting* and the *Focus* supplement have contained a whole range of articles written to support you during the transition period.

Future editions of *Scouting*, and the *Focus* supplement will contain articles on:

April/May

Scouting Flexible volunteering: a Group Scout Active Support Unit

Focus Apex Challenge County Scout Active Support Unit

June/July

Scouting Why I joined Scout Active Support rather than taking out a role in Scouting

Focus Recruiting adults to join Scout Active Support

Gilwell Reunion '10

This year's Gilwell Reunion will take place at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre on 3 – 5 September 2010.

The Reunion team has started their search for this year's campfire leaders. You need to have experience at leading quality camp fires for large adult audience.

If you are interested email for further details gilwell.reunion@scout.org.uk

Extra eNews

Want to know what else is happening in the world of Scouting?

If you would like to find out what the 6 – 25 team, Activities or International are up to, you can find their eNews here:

www.scouts.org.uk/cms.php?pageid=1333

Or if you want to take a look through what's

happening in adult training then visit www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/training/

Your active stories . . .

We have heard many positive stories about Scout Active Support Units starting already across the UK. Maybe you can add to the list? Success is fantastic, however it is also useful to hear about challenges you have faced and how you overcame them. We'd be thrilled to hear your stories, please send them in to scoutactivesupport@scouts.org.uk

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Thanks for reading the eNews, if you know anyone who may be interested in receiving this just drop us an email to active.support@scouts.org.uk and we'll add them to the mailing list. So until the next edition: 'Be Active!'

