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## Introduction

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Welcome to the eighth edition of Activities eNews. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments and opportunities within Activities. It is being made available online on ScoutBase UK and notified to ACCs/AACs Activities, County Duke of Edinburgh's Award Advisers and those with Activities appointments.

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## Personal Activity Permits

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To complement the existing leadership and supervisory permits that it is possible to get for adventurous activities, it is now possible to get personal activity permits. These permits are for under 18's and allow them to take part in the activity with others holding a personal permit, but not to lead anyone who doesn't have a permit. They have existed successfully for a number of years in climbing (where they were known as rope leader permits) and snowsports, and are now available across a number of other adventurous activities.

The process for gaining a personal permit is exactly the same as getting a leadership or supervisory permit. That is, they will need to be assessed by an Assessor who will provide a recommendation to the young person's District Commissioner. It is then the District Commissioner who will grant any permits.

You can find full details of personal permits on the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme page of ScoutBase UK at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/permit.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/permit.htm)

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## Supporting Assessors Team

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The Project Leader for Supporting Assessors, Steve Day, is looking to recruit a volunteer project team to assist him with the delivery of his project. The Project Team will be delivering support to activity assessors and Nights Away Advisers (NAA) in carrying out their vital role. The team member role involves; delivering and supporting workshops for activity assessors and Nights Away Advisers, developing resources to support others in the delivery of assessor / NAA workshops, and looking at how assessors / NAAs are best supported and managed within their role.

Application details and further information are available on ScoutBase UK at

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm)

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## National Shooting Recognition

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The talent scouts for British shooting were out at the recent Inter-County Airgun shoot at Aldersley, Wolverhampton on 29 March, and ten Scouts and Explorers received invitations to train with the GB Junior squads for air pistol or air rifle. They will join many more Scouts who are already training at this level. Robert Alderman of Hampshire took the individual honours with a combined rifle and pistol score of 346/400. He has a decision to make; he has invitations to the GB squads for both disciplines and can accept only one! Cheshire retained the team trophy for the third successive year.

The date for next year's shoot will be 21 March, also at Aldersley. Details from David Pennell at

[cheshireshooting@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cheshireshooting@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Skiing Success

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There has recently been international success for Scout Hannah Dempsey of the 9th West Wickham Scouts near Bromley, Kent. Hannah was part of the Great Britain team at this year's Special Olympics that took place in Idaho, America, and came away with a silver medal in the skiing.

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## Shooting Success

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Scout teams of air rifle and small-bore rifle shooters competed in matches against teams from the Air Training Corps at Bisley on 28 March. Each organisation fielded two teams of four shooters in each type of shooting, with the Scout teams coming out on top in both. To top this off, Kirstie-Anne Attwood of North Devon also set a new Great Britain Junior record for the 'Three Positions' discipline, with her score of 547/600.

Next year's event will be on 21 March. Teams for this match are selected from the National Scout Rifle Squad, which is in turn recruited from the best performers at the National Scout Rifle Championships and the Scout Inter-County Airgun shoot.

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## Motors on C Class Waters

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Following a number of queries recently we would like to clarify the rules regarding C class waters and motorised watercraft. The rules that allow activities to take place on C class waters without the need for a permit does not include any motorised craft. All activities in motorised craft require a permit. POR will be reworded soon to clarify this issue.

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## Training and Assessment Courses

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A quick reminder that you can find details of all the activity training or assessment courses that we are aware of on ScoutBase UK. So if you are running a training or assessment course, let us know the details and we will publicise this for you, and if you are looking for an assessment or training in an activity, hopefully you can find what you are looking for here.

Training course can be found at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/training.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/training.htm)

and assessment courses at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/permitassess.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/permitassess.htm)

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## A Big Hello

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We have three new members of the UK Activities Team to welcome. Steve Day has joined the team as volunteer Project Leader looking at Supporting Assessors, Andy Melia takes over as volunteer Project Leader looking at Supporting Leaders, and Ian Roberts has taken up the role of UK Technical Adviser for Climbing. Sadly we've also had to say farewell to a member of the team. After a number of years working at Gilwell Park in a variety of roles, Ross Maloney has left the role of Head of Activities and International Affairs to take up a new job outside Scouting. He's not been completely lost to Scouting though and will continue as a volunteer where he has recently been appointed as the UK Contingent Leader for the next World Scout Moot in Kenya.

Steve, Andy and Ian can be contacted via Gilwell Park. Details can be found at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/naas.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/naas.htm)

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## Diary Dates

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Below are listed a number of activity events taking place in 2009. Many of these allow novice levels to take part without the need to bring specialist activity equipment. The fact that we are advertising them does not mean that these events are necessarily vetted or endorsed by The Scout Association nationally. For a full and up to date list of activity events and dates please see:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/activitiestemp.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/activitiestemp.htm)

### **National Sea Scout Pulling and Canoeing Regatta**

Thames Ditton, Surrey

4 - 5 July 2009

[mmarriott@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:mmarriott@ukonline.co.uk)

### **National Sea Scout Centenary Jamboree**

Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

1 - 8 August 2009

[www.seascout100.net](http://www.seascout100.net)

### **Kibblestone Adventure Week**

Kibblestone, Staffordshire

8 - 15 August 2009

[www.kibblestone.org/events/adventureweek](http://www.kibblestone.org/events/adventureweek)

### **Adult Pike View Hike**

Bolton

2 - 4 October 2009

[www.pikeviewhike.co.uk](http://www.pikeviewhike.co.uk)

### **Apex Extreme**

Ilkley Moor, West Yorkshire

2 - 4 October 2009

[www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk)

### **National Scout Rifle Championships**

Bisley, Surrey

16 - 18 October 2009

[www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsrc2k09](http://www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsrc2k09)

### **National Sedan Chair Rally**

Tolmers Scout Campsite, Hertfordshire

23 - 25 October 2009

[www.sedanchair.org.uk](http://www.sedanchair.org.uk)

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## UK Technical Adviser Vacancies

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There remain a few roles available in the UK Activities team for UK Technical Advisers. These are roles for those with specialist technical knowledge and experience of particular activities. You can find details of the roles currently available at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm)

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## Factsheet Updates

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Details of new and updated factsheets and assessment checklists over the past few months can be found on their dedicated web page at:

[www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates](http://www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates)

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## Permit Scheme Rolling Review

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A reminder that there is an ongoing rolling review of the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme. If you have any thoughts or comments about any specific activities, assessment checklists, factsheets or forms supporting the scheme then please send them in to us. They will then be considered the next time the activity involved is reviewed. Comments should be sent to [activities@scout.org.uk](mailto:activities@scout.org.uk)

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## National Support

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A quick reminder that members of the UK Activities Team are very happy to visit Regions, Counties or Districts to provide support, run presentations, answer questions etc, for any area of activities. For more information email Barney Poulton and Jess Kelly at [activities@scout.org.uk](mailto:activities@scout.org.uk)

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## And Finally...

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Thank you for reading this edition of Activities eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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for Programme**



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