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## Scout Active Support eNews

Welcome to the fourth edition of Scout Active Support eNews, here to provide active support at your fingertips. As we approach the final date in the transition phase, there are nearly 3,000 Scout Active Support Members which shows what fantastic ideas must be happening locally. If there are things you'd like to share or suggest to others that's great! Please email [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk)

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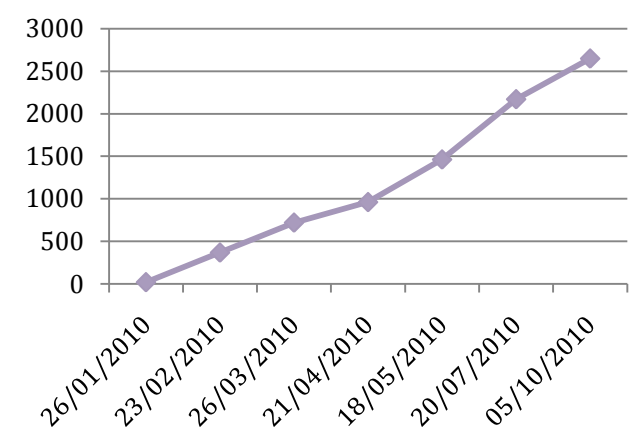
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### Scout Active Support on the increase.

Scout Active Support Managers, Coordinators and Members recorded on the membership system, show a month on month increase. The membership has almost doubled between May and October. We are up to nearly 5,000 with over 200 of these being an adult's first role in Scouting.

**Scout Active Support Members**



### How can we support you?

We can see from the graph 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, please contact [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk)



## Resources, resources, resources

The following resources are available to support Scout Active Support

### Scout Active Support Essentials



#### Factsheets:

FS330096 *Scout Active Support - Service Agreement*  
 FS330097 *Background to Scout Active Support*  
 FS330098 *What is Scout Active Support?*  
 FS330099 *Membership of Scout Active Support*  
 FS330100 *How to start a Scout Active Support Unit*

... all these resources are available from [www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport](http://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.



## Unit Publicity...

Visit The Scout Association's one stop [communications centre](http://www.scouts.org.uk/communicationscentre). It is there to help you create, personalise and print inspiring communications.

It's perfect for:

- learning about the 'everyday adventure' of Scouting
- accessing branded Word templates (check out the Tools and Resources/Download area)
- accessing the Scout logo (again, this is in the Tools and Resources/Download area –

and much better to use than the old Scouts Logo, which will appear as an 'S' to anyone who does not have the font installed).

To use the communication or print centre, simply log in to Scouts.org using your user name and password. The print centre icon appears in the my tools menu once you have logged in to [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

## What is your Unit doing?

With Scout Active Support Units popping up all over the UK, it would be really interesting to hear the variety to support that they provide.

- Does your Unit provide support in an unusual way?
- Is your Unit the sixth emergency service to Section Meetings who are missing a Leader?
- How do you communicate amongst members?
- Do you engage parents or former members as a way to get back into Scouting?
- Do you use adults with management skills to support the GSL, DC or CC?
- Does the Unit support the County Training Manager with delivering training sessions?

## A picture tells a thousand words

It is great to hear what you are doing, but a picture tells a thousand words.

Do you have any photos of your Unit actively supporting Scouting? It could be climbing your nearest mountain with some Scouts, catering for the County AGM or coordinating car parking for a District fireworks display.

Whatever your Scout Active Support Unit gets up to, it would be great to have a photograph that could be used to publicise Scout Active Support.



## HQ Update Summaries

### 6-25 Programme

New editions of Scouting Skills, Nights Away, Programme Plus Volume 2, Young Leader resources and sectional games books were released in April.

A Join in Olympics resource is planned for October 2011 to help engage with the Games.

There will be programme materials and an occasional badge launched to support the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Research is being conducted and support is being given to encourage Explorers to take on a greater leadership role, in preparation for Network/adult leadership/Scout Active Support.

There is a focus on giving trainers a better understanding of Network/Explorer sections so training fits better specific needs, focussing on validation methods and information.

### International

Global Trekker is a website where Members can upload reviews about trips abroad they have been on, and access them when planning future trips abroad. This will hopefully help ensure that Scouts can undertake high quality trips abroad

4,500 from the UK, including 3 solidarity patrols from Sierra Leone, Armenia and Papua New Guinea are attending the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. Logistics are currently being worked on and fundraising/Unit meetings are well underway! A resource has been produced to help all young people get involved in the Jamboree (available at [www.scouts.org.uk/ws2011](http://www.scouts.org.uk/ws2011))

### Activities

An introduction of Managers of Activity Permits which means Managers can record assessors and permits on the Membership System. Next steps

include supporting MAPs and Nights Away Advisers locally.

The Activities team are researching how they can help leaders with creative activities particularly for Scouts and Explorers. Activities could include anything from photography, art and craft and music.

### Adult Support

By the end of the year (April 2011) there will be a number of updated Training materials.

- **Module 30 : Supporting Local Learning** (aimed particularly at Local Training Managers)
- **Module 25 : Assessing Learning Workbook** for each of the different assessors
- **Module 16: Residential Experiences** this has been updated to form 2 training modules, which includes a fuller Skills for Residential Experiences.
- **Module 19 : International** has been updated to make the content more interactive and relevant
- **Module 13 : Developing the Section,**
- **Module 21: Developing the Movement** updated module which gives a clearer message of what recruitment and retention means to both Section Leaders and Managers
- **Module 1: Essential Information:** updated trainers notes, DVD material and E-learning package will be available next year. Content and design have been updated to reflect the new Association guidelines.

All resources are available to trainers at [www.scouts.org.uk/trainersresources](http://www.scouts.org.uk/trainersresources)

Resources to support the Scout Group Executive Committee will be completed and released by April 2011. These will include:

- A Guide to the Group Chairman\*
- A Guide to the Group Secretary\*
- A Guide to the Group Treasurer
- A Guide to the Group Supporter

\*available now via

[www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport) or the Information Centre.



Keys to Success for Group Scout Leaders is designed to help explain the role of the Group Scout Leader (GSL). It provides advice and support for them in their role. It is available through [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk), the Information Centre Catalogue and now being distributed as part of the Welcome Packs.

A Group Induction Pack template is now available, designed for GSLs to use to create induction packs for new volunteers. This template will help to create an induction pack for an adult taking on a new role in a Group. A District version has also been created, designed for inducting new volunteers in a District – from Explorer Scout Leaders, to GSLs, to exec members (and everything in between!). These templates have been designed to be personalised with local information and contacts. It is designed to provide you with a standard pack, professionally designed in the style of The Scout Association's other resources, which is then personalised and locally tailored.

These resources are available through [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

Following on from focus groups and targeted work done earlier this year, a number of resources will be released in March 2011, focused on supporting the movement in student recruitment and retention. This will include:

- Myth busting simple guides
- 'What can students do for you'
- 'Simple steps'
- Role description
- Case study bank

The Scout Association is producing 'Cub Scout Power Pack', as well as 'Adult Personal File' in large print for visually impaired users. The resources will be available by the end of 2010.

## Transition from Scout Fellowship

Across the UK there are nearly 4,000 Scout Fellowship Members on the database with no other appointments in Scouting. When the transition from Scout Fellowship to Scout Active Support is over on 31 December 2010, all Scout Fellowship

appointments will be closed, and if these members have no other role then their Membership of The Scout Association will be lost. District, Area and County Commissioners should work with their Appointments Secretaries to ensure that all adults who wish to continue their membership of The Scout Association do make the transition to Scout Active Support or find another role. For further support, please see [www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport) or contact [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk)

## Your 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 [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@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](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk) and we'll add them to the mailing list. So until the next edition: 'Be Active!'

