

## Wiltshire County Support Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

### Notes of meeting for the Explorer Scout section

**Present:** Andy Gould (DESC Swindon Ridgeway & PS10-18), Terry Ship (DESC Swindon North), Jeff Smith (ESL Wiltshire West), Vic Peters (DESL Salisbury & SW)

**Apologies:** David Parry-Jones (CSNC), Mike Rose (D of E), John Wyeth (DESC Salisbury & SW),

**Districts not represented (no Apologies received):** Salisbury Plain, Mid Wiltshire, North East Wiltshire, Wiltshire North

1	<b>Welcome, Introduction and Apologies</b>	Actions
2	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting / matters arising</b></p> <p>Andy is looking to set up a email structure to get information out to all Explorers, he will liase with Andrew Eastland and draw up what is required</p> <p>County Young Leader Training day – see item 7</p> <p>It was agreed that all Districts running the Young Leader Programme / training modules would send out their programme to all DESC's this would allow Young Leaders to access a wider range of training that is on offer around the County.</p>	<p>Andy Gould 2009/01/01</p> <p>2009/01/02</p> <p>DESC's 2009/01/03 ongoing</p>
3	<p><b>Matters Arising from main meeting</b></p> <p>Andy Woodruff (DCC) took charge of the main meeting and covered the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership up in the County by 401</li><li>• We are now a fully coeducational movement and should encourage all sections to be open to girls</li><li>• Cub numbers are slightly down</li><li>• We need to focus on reducing waiting lists across all sections</li><li>• Potterne is getting there, hopefully the next meeting will be there – TBC</li><li>• Sharon Cottrell advised that a Food hygiene certificate will now be required at Potterne</li><li>• The County is looking at a Jamboree contingent, more details to follow.</li><li>• Neil Wills gave an update on the County trial of the New Communications system, Info on Scout Base web site, link available from Neil</li><li>• WSN as volunteer Editor has been found, District Reps (Leaders and Young people) required.</li></ul>	
4	<p><b>County Section report back – Andy Gould</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gilwell 24 – Units from Swindon and Salisbury attending and space is available on transport</li><li>• Jeff asked if there were any plans for County Explorer Scout camps –Potterne opening is available and can be utilised, date set for 16 – 18 September. More details to follow</li><li>• Air Scouting @ Popham 1 – 4 May handed out – info from Chris Shaw – <a href="mailto:aaa@Wiltshirescouts.org.uk">aaa@Wiltshirescouts.org.uk</a></li><li>• Explorer Scout belt expeditions discussed, Salisbury and Dorset running Expeditions</li><li>• Young Leaders – new reprint of Essentials now available plus new Investiture / Record certificates. Both available from HQ and scout Shops</li></ul>	
5	<p><b>Duke of Edinburgh – Mike Rose</b></p> <p>Please accept my late apologies for the county meeting; I already have something else booked.</p> <p>Quiet on the DofE scene at the present time, however, I am just completing the annual returns and the numbers of completed awards at Bronze &amp; Silver levels are down. We need to push completion rate during the next 12 months.</p>	

6	<p><b>Scout Network – David Parry-Jones</b></p> <p>Hill walking in the Brecons should have taken place as a County Event on Sat 28th March with the next event being Network Gathering / Other Easter Camps over Easter.</p> <p>I would be grateful for DESCs/ DESA's to let me have lists of 17+ members from the census so we can contact them about Network.</p> <p>I am to visit Savernake explorers about the possibility of a local Network there and we are still looking at a Network in the Trowbridge area. White Horse network is an a state of change at the moment so if pointing anyone in that direction ensure I know so that I can make sure they do get a suitable welcome.</p>	
7	<p><b>County Young Leader Training Day</b></p> <p>Date set for 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 venue is 1<sup>st</sup> Calne, Scout group HQ  Timings - start at 10:00 with Module A and J in the morning and Modules G &amp; H in the afternoon, timings are morning session 10:30 to 12:30 afternoon session 13:30 to 16:00, John Wyeth has planned Modules A, G &amp; H and to plan Module J  Andy to send out flyer ASAP  Andy to confirm Hall booking and provided Drinks, Participants will need a packed lunch  DESCs to act as facilitators. More info at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Andy / John / DESC's  2009/01/02</p>
8	<p><b>County Events</b></p> <p>Air Scouting @ Popham 1 – 4 May  Young Leader training day 9 May  Potterne Grand Opening 16 – 18 May</p> <p>Are there any Sectional County events currently needed? The consensus was that we should look at Pancake races – March / April, Raft races – July. All Districts to ask the Young People if they require these events.</p>	<p>DESC's  2009/02/01</p>
9	<p><b>Section format of this meeting</b></p> <p>Format is working well but all Districts need to be represented. Andy to pass this back to the DC's</p>	
9	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Vic asked if there was a breakdown of the Section figures for the County. Andy to collate figures and send out to DESC's</p> <p>Vic also asked if there was a County development plan for the section, Andy to raise this with Andy Woodruff (DCC Support)</p>	
	<p><b>Next meetings</b></p> <p>24 June 2009  AGM (July)  23 September 2009  16<sup>th</sup> December 2009  24<sup>th</sup> March 2010</p>	