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## Welcomes

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There have been a number of new members to the Scout Programme Support Working Group. These are:

- Dean Harding who is the Assistant County Commissioner for Scouts from Kent.
- Colin Simpson who is a member of the Scout Team in Scotland.
- Ed Wilson who is joining the group as Programme and Development Adviser based at Gilwell

If you want to get in touch, Ed Wilson can be contacted at either [Ed.wilson@scout.org.uk](mailto:Ed.wilson@scout.org.uk) or by calling 020 8433 7137.

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## Chief Scout's Gold Award Survey

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As part of our ongoing support for the Chief Scout's Gold Award we are running surveys to find out how people work through the Award. There are currently two online surveys; one for Scouts and one for Leaders. The more people we can get to complete the survey will mean the better picture we will be able to build up and so support the Award more effectively.

The survey for Leaders to fill in can be found at <http://q.scouts.org.uk/s/yUOQAUHnU.xYlw> and the survey for Scouts to fill in can be found at <http://q.scouts.org.uk/s/FgSvoaqTIZygsCw>

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## Going for Gold

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As the UK Scout Working Group continues to promote and support the delivery of the Balanced Programme in Scout Troops across the country, we would like to take the opportunity, to thank all our AAC/ACCs and Section supporters for the work you do for the young people in your area.

We hope you find the items in this eNews useful, and welcome your feedback, news and views in order to make our support even more useful in

future. See the bottom of the page for details of how to get in touch... and then get in touch!

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## Youth Participation

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An area we are currently focusing on is youth participation. In particular we are looking at the use of Troop forums, and any other Scout forums that take place at District or County/Area/Region level. The Youth Participation Working Group is keen to hear about a range of good practice in this area.

Please send any comments and examples of successful forums to Steven Moysey: [steven.moysey@scout.org.uk](mailto:steven.moysey@scout.org.uk)

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## Home Contact

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As you have probably seen in the previous issue of eNews we are currently conducting a review of the Home Contact system. Following the responses we received the review group have put together a consultation document. This consultation document is available for all to view, and we would welcome comments on this from anyone who wishes to contribute..

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/homecontact.pdf](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/homecontact.pdf)

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## Young Leaders Scheme

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Many Scout Leaders now have Young Leaders helping out with their Troop. It is a great idea – many Leaders find that Young Leaders are a great help in both planning and running the Balanced Programme.

There are a few important things to remember about Young Leaders. First and foremost they are Explorer Scouts. They *must* be registered with your District Young Leaders' Unit, and have access to the support offered by the Explorer Scout Leader with responsibility for Young Leaders (ESL(YL)). That way they will get to know about the wider Explorer Scout programme – even if they choose not to take part, they should at least have the

chance. With a few very specific exceptions, they have to take the promise as an Explorer Scout, wear an Explorer Scout uniform, and are recorded on the census as Explorer Scouts.

Young Leaders in a Scout Troop may well have been Scouts in the same Troop. It is strongly recommended that they take a break from the Troop for at least 6 months before returning as a Young Leader. Otherwise, many will find it extremely hard to behave as leaders rather than "older Scouts" and its also hard for leaders to support them

Secondly, Young Leaders *must* complete Module A of the Young Leaders' Training Scheme within 3 months of becoming a Young Leader. This is the equivalent (for adult leaders) of Essential Information in the Adult Training Scheme.

Finally, for the Young Leader to get the most out of the experience of leadership in the section, they should be involved as much as possible in the planning and running of the Troop. A Young Leader who is motivated and given a useful role will keep on coming week after week.

Factsheets FS315092 and FS315093 available from Scoutbase provide more information about the Young Leaders' Scheme and how to get the best out of it.

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## Regional Workshops

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The Programme Team Regional Development Advice and Support Workshops will be starting soon and we are looking forward to meeting with you again and some of you for the first time. The workshops will be both informative and relaxing, with opportunities to meet with other AAC/ACC's and Leaders as well as members of the Beaver Scout Working Group. Here is a reminder of the dates for each region:

South West - 11 Oct 08  
West Midlands - 11 Oct 08  
North East - 8 Nov 08  
South East - 15 Nov 08  
Greater London - 16 Nov 08  
East Midlands - 29 Nov 08  
North West - 8 Feb 09  
East of England - 29 Mar 09

We are currently working with colleagues in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales to identify the best way to offer a similar experience to Section supporters in those Countries.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Taking the Lead

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The revised Scouts 'Taking the Lead' resource is coming. The resource will offer Scout Leaders exciting and practical ways to deliver leadership and teamwork training during a normal Scout Meeting. If you already use the resource and have any comments, please let us now by e-mailing [ed.wilson@scout.org.uk](mailto:ed.wilson@scout.org.uk). However, if you can't wait until the launch of the new resource then you can download a copy of the resource from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/scout/resources/index.htm>.

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## Ordnance Survey Navigator Activity Badge Resources

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We have been working with Ordnance Survey to update the excellent Leader resources for the Scout Navigator Activity Badge. These are available for free and help Scout Leaders to guide Scouts through the requirements for Alternative A.

Order these online at:

<http://scouts.webfulfilment.com/form.asp?REF=NAV>

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## Scouting Magazine Contributors

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You may have noticed some changes to the content of the Scout Supplement (now known as The Magazine for Scout Leaders) and we are hoping that the new items are well received. One feature we are starting to develop is a Scout Leader's column, which would take the form of a diary entry or anecdote, telling the story of what it is like to be a Scout Leader in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (warts and all!)

If you are interested in contributing, or know someone who would make a good contributor, please get in touch using the details below.

We are also interested in featuring Scout Troops that do things differently in terms of meeting style, meeting place, flexible volunteering, investitures and how Challenge Awards are gained.

We have also seen an unprecedented number of responses to the 'Soap Box' Column and always welcome more comments and responses. We will also endeavour to publish as many responses as possible.

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## Activities eNews

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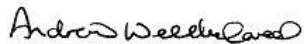
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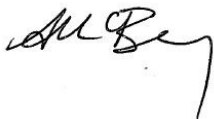
## Finally...

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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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