

# The County/Area Band Adviser



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## Introduction

This factsheet provides assistance in preparing a job description for a County / Area Band Adviser. Further editions may be produced in the light of feedback from this paper. The issue of replacement factsheets will be notified in SCOUTING Magazine, Talking Points and the Activities Newsletter.

## Role of the County/Area Band Adviser

The Adviser should provide help and assistance to Counties/Areas wishing to promote a musical experience for Members of the Movement by the formation of a Scout or Scout and Guide Band. The Adviser should by regular contact help to monitor standards, training and the operation of Scout Bands to ensure that the activity is carried out within the framework of the Association's methods and that the Association's rules regarding uniform and method of operation are fully met.

## Qualifications of the County/Area Band Adviser

In order to assist County / Area Commissioners with the appointment of County/ Area Band Advisers, the following qualifications are recommended. Similar criteria can be used in the case of the appointment of a District Band Adviser, in this instance the advice of the Assistant County/ Area Commissioner (Activities) and/or the County/.Area Band Adviser should be sought.

## Suggested Essential Qualifications

1. Have an understanding of the physical and mental limitations of young people and a knowledge of the Aim and Method of the Scout Movement.

2. Be a sufficiently mature and responsible individual to advise fully against over ambitious plans and be able to offer wise alternatives.
3. Have the time, energy and ability to actively encourage the use of music and the formation of Scout or Scout and Guide Bands to develop young people physically, mentally and spiritually.
4. Be able to run training courses and provide opportunities in order to maintain and raise the skills levels of supporting adults.
5. Be able to run training courses and provide opportunities in order to raise the skills levels of the young people concerned.

## Desirable Qualifications

1. The Adviser's experience in music and bands should not be totally within the Scout framework.
2. A Scout background is desirable but should not override the need for a sound knowledge of bands and music.

## Key Aspects of the Adviser's Job

The Adviser will:-

- Be responsible for advising District and County/Area Commissioners on the suitability of individual persons to be Bandmasters and Instructors.
- Seek ways of encouraging positively and advise on all matters relating to the promotion

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of musical training within The Scout Association.

- Promote links with fellow Advisers in other District or Counties/Areas to promote all aspects of music in The Scout Association.
- Actively promote knowledge of their existence in County/Area or District.
- Liaise with the County Arts Adviser of The Guide Association.

Achieved by:-

- Attending County/Area or District meetings to promote the benefits of Scout Bands to the life of the Scout District or County/Area.
- Follow up contacts with items of news, information, equipment offers etc. in any available County/ Area, District or Group bulletin or newsletter.
- Maintaining regular contacts with Bandmasters.
- Facilitating training opportunities for Band Members, Bandmasters and Scout or Scout and Guide Bands.
- Encourage Counties/Areas and Districts to use higher graded bands in Gang Shows and other forms of public relations work.
- Carry out the annual Band Inspection as required under the Rules of The Scout Association.

## Resources

- Nationally the National Adviser for Creative Activities, and the Specialist Adviser for Scout Bands can be contacted through the Programme and Development Department at Gilwell Park.
- Contacts with other Advisers and National Bodies are available through the Programme and Development Department at Gilwell Park.

## Publication Cross Reference

Current editions of:

Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

Information Centre Factsheets

Starting a Scout Band - FS120212 July 2008

Guidelines for Scout Bands - FS120213 July 2008

The Guide Association

Guide Bands and Guide Membership of Scout and Guide Bands - December 1992