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## Introduction

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Welcome to this first Scout Fellowship eNews from the Adult Support Team at Gilwell Park. It is designed to inform you about what is going on with Scout Fellowship across the United Kingdom as well as provide information that is relevant to the leadership and management of the Scout Fellowship.

The first piece of news is that Glenn Walker has been appointed as the UK Adviser (Scout Fellowship). Glenn joined the Movement as a Cub Scout in West Yorkshire and has had a number of Group, District and County appointments. He was a member of the Adult Training Working Group, before being appointed as National Commissioner Scout Fellowship in May 2005.

Over the coming months, Glenn will be putting together a project team and consulting with the Movement, to look at ways in which the support that Scout Fellowships provide to Scouting can be improved.

If you would like to get in touch with Glenn or the Scout Fellowship Team please make contact through the Adult Support office.

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## The Scout Fellowship Team

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As part of the Scout Fellowship Review, mentioned above, Glenn will be recruiting a task team to work exclusively on the research, consultation and planning of the project.

The first member of this team is Mark Finnis, look out for his profile in the next eNews!

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## The Adult Support Office

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## UK Adviser's Challenge

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Over the next few months, the Scout Fellowship Team are looking for examples of best practice from Fellowships across the UK. Glenn has set a challenge for Scout Fellowships to send in stories of how they have provided active support – the more active the better! We are looking to include stories of best practice in this newsletter, in the magazine and on the website – so get your stories in to share with the rest of the UK.

Examples of best practice can be sent into the office at [adult.support@scout.org.uk](mailto:adult.support@scout.org.uk)

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## Eastbourne District Scout (Fellowship) First Aid Team

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Eastbourne District Scout (Fellowship) First Aid Team (EDSFAT) have been one of the first Fellowships to send in their active support experiences and photos.

They are a District Fellowship whose remit is to provide First Aid support to Scouting, at District, County, National and even International events! This summer they were busy at the 21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree – you may have seen their ambulance or Land Rover ambulance around the site. They also provide First Aid training for their members, and run First Response courses for others.

To find out more about this busy Fellowship look out for information coming soon on the Fellowship pages on Scoutbase, and in the meantime check out their own website at [www.edsfat.org.uk](http://www.edsfat.org.uk)

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## Scout Fellowship Review

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You may be aware that the National Scout Fellowship Support Team has spent the last 18 months carrying out in-depth research and consultation into Scout Fellowships and the types of activities that they undertake. The process has been extensive and has consulted with those from within

the Scout Fellowship and also the wider movement. The National Conference at Warwick was an excellent opportunity for consultation and gave some useful facts, figures and comments to work with. The consultation process is now almost complete. A questionnaire has been sent to CCs, DCs, ACC(SF)s and Scout Fellowship Chairs (where recorded on the membership database) to help provide further feedback. Although the deadline for returning this questionnaire has now passed you can still see the details of the proposal and complete the online questionnaire at:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/review](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/review)

## Scout Network Review

The recent review to the Scout Network has now been completed, and changes have been made. The most significant change is that Network membership is now 'opt-in'. This means that if your Fellowship has members aged under 25 they are no longer also automatic members of the Scout Network. To continue working towards the Queen's Scout Award or the Explorer Belt, they must opt in to Network membership.

More information on the Network Review can be found at [www.scouts.org.uk/network](http://www.scouts.org.uk/network)

## Appointment Cards

You may have heard that Warrant cards have now been replaced by Appointment Cards. All adults in Scouting will now be issued with an Appointment Card to recognise their membership of The Scout Association. You should have received yours with your October/November edition of *Scouting* magazine.

The appointment cards will include membership of the Scout Fellowship as well so please do make sure that if you are a member of a Scout Fellowship that you are registered as such on the Membership Database, and that you pass the message onto the members in your Fellowship.

**National Fellowship Membership** can be found on the Membership Database by searching at District Level, and selecting:

Country: The Scout Association  
Region: National  
County: National Headquarters

District: *[Relevant Scout Fellowship]*

## Scout Fellowship Website

The Scout Fellowship website at [scoutbase.org.uk](http://scoutbase.org.uk) has recently been updated! The site contains information and resources which should prove useful and relevant to existing and potential members. The pages will continue to be updated over the coming months. If you have or are aware of any suggestions for improving the site, please send any suggestions to the Adult Support Team.

The Scout Fellowship website can be found at...

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow>

## Finally...

Thank you for reading the first edition of Scout Fellowship eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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