

## 3.6 Building on success



Every Scout Fellowship needs to evolve and develop. The healthchecks contained in this file, along with the annual remit and review process are a good starting point. One of the best ways to help develop your Scout Fellowship is to pick up examples of best practice from other Fellowships, other sections, ScoutBase, Scouting magazine, Area/County meetings – in fact, from everywhere.

Listed below are some examples of best practice that the team writing the file collected.

- All members should complete a Confidential Enquiry Form unless this has already been done in the District.
- A membership card and some form of identification is useful/necessary, particularly when working with young people and in situations where members of the Scout Fellowship may not be known.
- Each Fellowship Secretary needs to keep an up-to-date list of members. The District Secretary should be notified of Fellowship members.
- Each Fellowship Secretary should ensure that their Fellowship is recorded on the National Scout Fellowship Database in order to receive communications as directly as possible.

### Organisation

- Aim to be well organised but relaxed.
- The offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are found to be worthwhile. It should not be one person's responsibility.
- The Secretary and Treasurer should keep up to date records.
- An AGM should be held.

### Communication

- An identified contact for each Fellowship makes for easier contact with other Fellowships both in and out of the County/Area.
- Internal communication could be by newsletter and/or "Telephone Cascade" for speedy contact. Members who do not attend all or any meetings still need to be kept informed about events etc. They are still members.

### Activities

- Social
- Service to Scouting
- Service to Others

- Lists of skills and activities which can be offered to others can be circulated.

## Links

Aim to form links with:

- Other Fellowships both near and far
- Venture Scout units
- Trefoil Guilds
- Other Sections both as service and social

## Image

- Everything we do will influence how we are seen by others, therefore any job done must be carried out to the highest standard possible.

## Good Practice in the District, County/Area and Region

- Hold regular meetings between individual Fellowships and ADCs(SF), ACC/AACs(SF) (or Advisers) and ensure that the aims and objectives of the individual Fellowships are understood. Maintain contact by mail, e-mail and telephone.
- District and County/Area Assistant Commissioners to meet regularly in a proactive way, e.g. production of a Fellowship Support Pack, organising Regional Workshops and Regional Fellowship Family Camps.
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- Organise and/or facilitate District, County/Area and Regional Events, e.g. Camps, BBQs, etc.
- Support Fellowships in their own events, both social as well as AGM's
- Work and support other sections of Scouting, e.g. help with District, County/Area and Regional events, Sectional Conferences and Training weekends etc
- Raise the profile of Fellowships by encouraging District, County/Area and Regional Team people to become members.
- Acknowledge all service to Scouting through the Fellowship

Remember : Every member of the Scout Fellowship is responsible for the Scout Fellowship's image so think how you can actively build on success!