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# Scout Active Support eNews

Welcome to the third edition of Scout Active Support eNews, here to provide active support at your fingertips. The sun may be reluctantly appearing but all is bright at Scout Active Support, with nearly 1,500 members recorded. If there are things you'd like to share or suggest to others please email [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk)

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## Making the transition

From 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 all current Scout Fellowship roles (ACC Scout Fellowship, AAC Scout Fellowship, ADC Scout Fellowship, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and member) will be closed on [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk). Members who wish to continue to support Scouting must be registered as Scout Active Support members. This is particularly important if they hold no other active roles within Scouting.

A Scout Active Support Manager must be appointed and registered on [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) before any Scout Active Support members can be added. This role is an appointment of the Group Scout Leader,

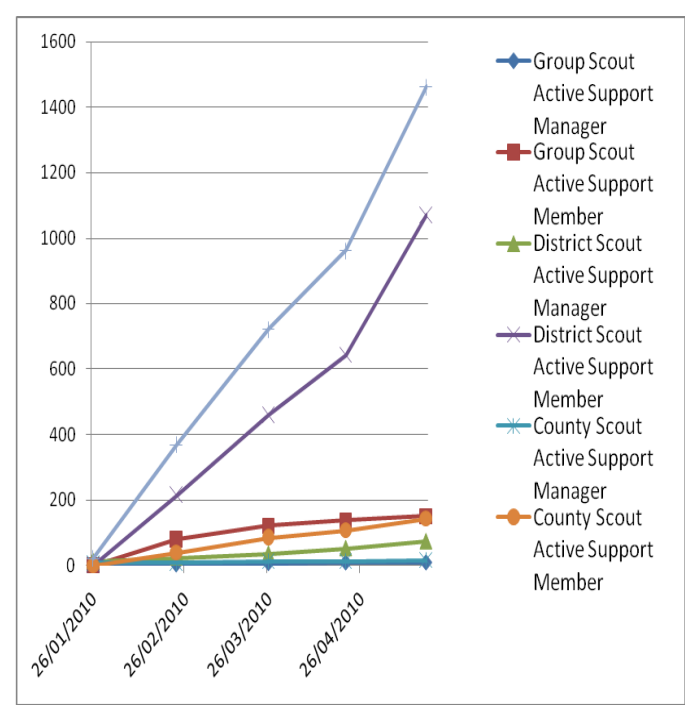
District Commissioner or County/Area/Regional Commissioner.

The process put in place to change Scout Fellowship members to Scout Active Support members is up the District, County/Area/Regional Secretary and the District or County/Area/Regional Commissioner, when they have decided on the most appropriate approach.

If you would like further support or practical advice about the transition then please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Scout Active Support on the increase.

Scout Active Support Managers and Members recorded on the membership system, show a month on month increase. The membership increased by over 500 between April and May, hopefully a sign of things to come.



## How can we support you?

You will see from the graph above that Scout Active Support Units are opening across the UK. Starting a Unit from scratch, or transferring from a Scout Fellowship is one thing, but developing the Unit is quite another. If there are any areas you would like support in to develop your Unit, then please contact [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk)

## Resources, resources, resources

The following resources are available to support Scout Active Support

### Scout Active Support Essentials



### Factsheets:

- FS330096 *Scout Active Support - Service Agreement*
- FS330097 *Background to Scout Active Support*
- FS330098 *What is Scout Active Support?*
- FS330099 *Membership of Scout Active Support*
- FS330100 *How to start a Scout Active Support Unit*

... all these resources are available from [www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport) or from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 3001818.

Scout Shops have the range of merchandise including scarves, polo shirts and badges.



## Unit publicity...

Visit The Scout Association's one stop [communications centre](#). It is there to help you create, personalise and print inspiring communications.

It's perfect for:

- learning about the 'everyday adventure' of Scouting
- accessing branded Word templates (check out the Tools and Resources/Download area)
- accessing the Scout logo (again, this is in the Tools and Resources/Download area – and much better to use than the old Scouts Logofont which will appear as an 'S' to anyone who does not have the font installed).

To use the communication or print centre, simply log in to Scouts.org using your user name and password. The print centre icon appears in the my tools menu once you have logged in to [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk)

## From scouts.org.uk . . .

Have you taken fresh look at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) lately? It's now packed with a whole host of different news and information, much of which could be useful to your Scout Active Support Unit in the support they provide.

Here's a selection:



The Big Adventure is back and this time there's a brilliant cooking theme to help you give parents and other adults a taste of volunteering for Scouting.

From Saturday 1 May until Tuesday 31 August any camp or event can be part of The Big Adventure, simply by inviting parents and other adults to get involved. It's an ideal way to target new adult volunteers who may become Scout Active Support members.

For more information click on the web pages at: [www.scouts.org.uk/thebigadventure](http://www.scouts.org.uk/thebigadventure)



## Chief Scout Bear Grylls thanks all Scouting volunteers

This week has seen Volunteers' Week take place across the UK. As part of the annual event, Chief Scout Bear Grylls has recorded a special thank you message to the thousands of adult volunteers who give up their time to make Scouting happen.

## Vetting and Barring Scheme

You may have heard the announcement made by the Government on Tuesday 15 June that the further implementation of the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will not now go ahead as planned.

It should however be noted that the requirement for Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Access Northern Ireland (ANI) checks remain in place.

Further information [www.scouts.org.uk/vbs](http://www.scouts.org.uk/vbs)

## Recruitment

If you are just starting up a Scout Active Support, then the recruitment ideas may be just what you're looking for.

The web pages at [www.scouts.org.uk/recruit](http://www.scouts.org.uk/recruit) contain lots of useful tips and information to help with those successful recruitment drives and don't forget the posters at [www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport).

## Coming up in *Scouting/Focus*

Recent editions of *Scouting* and the *Focus* supplement have contained a whole range of articles written to support you during the transition period.

Future editions of *Scouting*, and the *Focus* supplement will contain articles on:

### June/July

**Scouting** Why Join Scout Active Support?

**Focus** A flexible approach to Scouting.

### Aug/Sept

**Scouting** Service Agreement Case Studies

**Focus** How to write a Service Agreement

## Gilwell Reunion '10

This year's Gilwell Reunion will take place at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre 3–5 September 2010.

### Could your Scout Active Support Unit run a base?

Bases should offer leaders something to enhance the Scouting they offer whether a programme idea, somewhere to attend a visit or camp, or something to buy.

Bases are classified as one of three types:

- Programme
- Scout Commercial/Promotional
- Non-Scout Commercial/Promotional

### Skills instructors and Trainers needed

We are currently looking for individuals and teams to run skills training and activities during Reunion 2010.

### When?

Sunday 5 September  
10am–2pm

### Possible Activities

- Axe and saw
- Fire lighting
- Tent pitching
- Pioneering
- Backwoods cooking
- Map reading
- Packing a rucksack
- Shelter building
- Compass skills
- .....or anything else you can think of!

For those who get involved there will be concessions available for Reunion tickets.

If you are interested email for further details [gilwell.reunion@scout.org.uk](mailto:gilwell.reunion@scout.org.uk)



## Extra eNews

Want to know what else is happening in the world of Scouting?

If you want to take a look through what's happening in adult training then visit

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

## Your stories . . .

We have heard many positive stories about Scout Active Support Units starting already across the UK. Maybe you can add to the list? Success is fantastic, however it is also useful to hear about challenges you have faced and how you overcame them. We'd be thrilled to hear your stories, please send them to [scoutactivesupport@scouts.org.uk](mailto:scoutactivesupport@scouts.org.uk)

## . . . . and finally

Thanks for reading the eNews, if you know anyone who may be interested in receiving this just drop us an email to [active.support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:active.support@scouts.org.uk) and we'll add them to the mailing list. So until the next edition: 'Be Active!'

