



South Berkshire District Newsletter

Time for More Adventures

As the Summer continues on (with mixed weather fortunes) it is great to hear of the activities many sections are running.

This month we focus on the older Scouts and Explorers. We have many Scouts who will soon be ready to move up to Explorers (see the process below).

Also, it is time for all older Scouts and Explorers to register for the Alps22 trip. There is so much to look forward to with loads of exciting trips being planned and the fact that we can now do residential activities such as camping & narrow boating. Time to really enjoy your scouting!

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Length of Service Awards

Congratulations to the following on their Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards:

- Pauline Jordan, 2nd Crowthorne – 40 Years
- Pam Pearce, District ADC – 40 Years
- Freddie Jones, 3rd Sandhurst – 25 Years
- Graham (Spike) Brant, 2nd Crowthorne – 20 Years
- Brenda Davies, 3rd Sandhurst – 20 Years
- Graham Davies, 3rd Sandhurst – 15 Years
- Dan Turner, Explorers – 15 Years
- Chris Pether, District Cubs – 15 Years

Well done and many thanks for all your contributions to Scouting.

9th Bracknell have fun on the water

Despite the torrential rain one Friday (in June!), 20 scouts braved the weather to take part in kayaking at Wokingham Waterside Centre. The weather did relent, eventually, and a great time was had by all as the photos show.



Jamboree in the Mountains – Alps22

ALPS22 applications are open now!



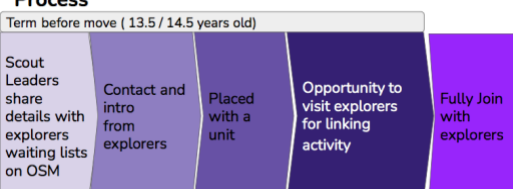
ALPS22 is an exciting jamboree style event taking place in August next year with lots of exciting activities and adventure in the French Alps. It is being run by County but the District is sending a Unit of Explorers and Network Scouts. As a Scout Leader please advise your older Scouts, who will be 14 by next August, that they may register interest. The total cost will be no greater than £1500 and District will be providing a subsidy in addition to fund raising activities. Applications need to be in by the end of July.

Further information is being sent out, but if you want more information now please don't hesitate to contact Rob Pellow at: alps22@southberksscouts.uk

Scouts moving to Explorers

For Scouts nearing age 14, they can continue their scouting with even more adventurous and fun activities by moving onto Explorers. The first step is for Scout Leaders to record their details onto the OSM Waiting List. The Explorer Team will then contact them.

Process



If you have any queries then please contact the Explorer team via: Southberksesu@gmail.com

Or look on the District website at: South Berks Explorers



Limited small group residential activities may now take place. Here are the Scout Association guidelines:

- a maximum of 30 young people plus volunteers (adults and young leaders) and carers
- limited to a maximum of 6 people per sleeping space (tent or room) and groups of 6 maximum for groups of over 18s
- COVID measures such as social distancing and good hygiene remain in place (even overnight), groups must remain independent of others
- lateral flow testing must take place immediately prior to departure and every 48-72hrs throughout the trip and on return for those age 12 and over.

Earleywood Annual Review

Two important dates for your diary (well 1 date but 2 events) on Sunday 4th July:

1. **Earleywood Working Party** (including thank you lunch) 9:30am - 3pm
2. **Earleywood Annual Review (outside)** 3pm - 3:30pm

[LINK](https://forms.gle/1U5wvQ1XMyXCLM4b8) to RSVP attendance for Working Party and/or Annual Review <https://forms.gle/1U5wvQ1XMyXCLM4b8>

Please can everybody who plans to attend either part of the day please fill this in as it is needed to do food planning and to help us with numbers for Covid restrictions.

New Youth Commissioners

Do you know of a Scouter between the ages of 18 and 25 who might like to work with the District Team? Megan and Greg are nearing the end of their term and we are looking for replacement District Youth Commissioners.

Future Articles

Please send Graeme your stories to share so that all the District can see what you are doing. dc@southberksscouts.uk