

ARUNDEL AND LITTLEHAMPTON SCOUT DISTRICT.
EXPLORER SCOUT LEADERS MEETING 6TH FEBRUARY 2008.

Present: Lisa Procter (DESC), Tony Hammond (Rustington), Ian Buckman (Vikings).

Apologies: Alison Merrick (Peregrines).

Not represented: Band

District / County updates:

Winter camp cancelled due to lack of interest.

County is taking on a Recruitment Officer to assist with adult recruitment.

This will be a full-time paid position, contracted for three years.

District Appointment changes: Andy Jones is now GSL at Yapton & Ford; Alison

Merrick is now E.S.L at Peregrines with Barry Spalding assisting; Ian

Buckman is acting as Deputy DESC to support Lisa while she is at college.

There is a possibility of a County Explorer Camp later this year being

organised by a Unit in Haywards Heath. Details to follow when published.

Banking. Units to ensure that there are at least 2 signatures on each

account. District Treasurer also needs to be added to each account.

Fund Raising: REAC pay £8 per person per day if anyone is interested in

helping them at events. However, it was thought at the meeting that this

was rather a low amount per person for a full days work.

Resources / Awards: HQ have released brand new updated resources for all

sections. One new resource for Explorers is a Membership Pack which

contains some small information booklets and a record book. This pack costs

£5 which seems expensive as the information in the books is available

on-line. However the record book would be useful and Lisa has heard that HQ

have been asked to make this available separately. Hopefully this will be

done in due course. Failing that Lisa will distribute a template for A4

size record books for the Explorers to use. The use of a record book will

be compulsory to ensure that all areas claimed for can be verified by an

assessor. Queens Scout Awards will not be awarded without a valid record

book.

All leaders are asked to check their details on the HQ online database as

all future District Directories will be based on this information. Leaders

can update any information that is incorrect.

Warriors: This unit will not be re-opening. Existing Explorers from this

unit will be invited to Peregrines, but also have the option to join other

existing Units. There will now be 4 Explorer Units in the District. One in

the East based at East Preston (Vikings); a central Unit based at

Rustington; a Unit in the West based at Yapton (Peregrines) and the District

Band. Arundel also no longer have an Explorer Unit as they do not have the

numbers to sustain it. They had 4 members who are now attending Vikings.

Young Leader Training: Rustington are keen to run Young Leader Training to

all their members. However, Julie Dixon is the only person in the District

currently trained to deliver this course and can only take 10 at a time this is to ensure that the young

people on the course are confident with the information that is being passed over to them also to so that

they mix with other young leaders within District working with different sections.

Unit Updates:

Rustington currently has 36 invested members and 4/5 coming up from Scouts.

Currently fund raising for their expedition to Spain. Leaders re-applying

for 'M' forms.

Vikings currently have 12 invested members and 1 to be invested from Scouts.

Numbers boosted by 4 Explorers from Arundel attending since the closure of

their Unit. Only 1 leader with full warrant, Kate Gaskell has partial

warrant which needs upgrading / validating. No new Explorers will be taken until this has been done.

Peregrines, no update available.

Scout Band, no update available.

A.O.B.

Partnership agreements to be updated and in place by 1st April 2008.

Templates for these can be found on ScoutBase.

Suggestions for future District Explorer events include Caving (Ian to look into this) and Zorbing (Lisa to obtain information).

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 23rd April 2008, 2000hrs, venue to be confirmed. Any items for this meeting need to be with Lisa by Friday 18th April 2008.