

County Round Up

Every 2 months we have a county Network Exec meeting. This allows each network to feedback on what they have been upto and what they are planning to do. Here's the latest update from around the County.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday 6th April. Location to be confirmed

Loughborough Unit

The unit recently finished building Bird boxes as part of the partnership award, and have a programme planned until the Summer.

Melton Unit

Recently had an enthusiastic meeting to start the ball rolling. They hope to have an active program very soon.

Schrodinger (North East) Unit

Schrodinger has now secured a permanent venue at the 9th's Hut on Stoughton Road, meeting weekly on Thursday nights. They currently have 6 members, with several more moving up from Explorers soon.

They are planning the upcoming programme and have recently run a "Cake and Lego" night, worked on some pioneering and competition cooking. They will be working with the Explorer unit to redevelop the Spinney area at the 9th Hut over the summer.

Schrodinger have also started investigations in to taking over the renovation of the 28th Scouts 'Broome Island', and plan to redevelop it into a functional campsite and water activity area.

Tigers (South West) Unit

Are actively recruiting and identifying potential new members. They are also working on identifying what their collective interests are to plan their program around.

Other units around the County

There are many smaller units around the county. A couple are just waiting for a leader to step into place and others are awaiting a few more members, but we know there are some very keen Explorers out there who will soon be moving up.

If you would like your local unit mentioned in the County Round Up send a report of your recent meetings and upcoming events, before the next Exec to:
csnc@leicestershirescouts.org.uk

Admin Updates

The New online membership form worked well except for those people who filled it in late! It has now been reopened so people can sign up throughout the year. Electronic payments are now possible by Bank Transfer, please contact csnc@leicestershirescouts.org.uk for more details.



Erin Billington tells us of her

Mystery Adventure!



High Adventure is one of the best if not the best event Leicestershire Scouts run, in my opinion. Put down your books and take to the hills for a weekend. Excitement builds as the coach heads for a motorway then meanders off it, into country roads,

everyone trying to guess where the secret location is this year. We woke up to beautiful sun on the Saturday morning and it shone all weekend, keeping spirits high (a refreshing change from last year when we emerged from igloos at Top Camp on the Sunday morning!). Lake Vyrnwy and the surrounding hills were spectacular in this balmy March heat wave but we couldn't spend too long looking as there was a competition to be won! Saturday saw teams trekking far and wide for the highest scoring clippers and Sunday brought out the teamwork and logic at the manned challenges.

As the only Network team, we won our category by default! I had a splendid weekend and was proud to be part of "Mm, Tea" (Monty, Matt, Tom, Erin and Andrew). Overall we came second to the very strong Explorer team, "Pr0Team" from Xtreme ESU with whom our paths crossed several times over the weekend.

My feeling of nostalgia was ignited at the results ceremony when the 2 Inclined teams came first and second in the Explorer category. Having been an Inclined Explorer, I felt a great pride at these teams' success. As a die-hard High Adventurer, I felt like a veteran over the weekend; it's fantastic to see so many teams competing and the competition still going strong. I heard fantastic tales of the "Dambusters" challenge involving a motorised model plane of some sort! We had fun on the Land Rover challenge which combined logic (in the form of rope and pulleys!) with brute strength. Mm, Tea was comprised of a graduate and 3 undergraduates but it was Tom, our 6th former physician who assured us that we should pull the Rover down the hill – well done and thank you Tom!

I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend; it was gratifying to be back with the scouts on the hills and get away from flat Hull and approaching essays. Once a Scout, always a Scout. A massive thank you to all the adults that made the weekend happen for us – without your time, effort and dedication, our county would not be churning out the well-rounded young adults that I was pleased to meet again over the weekend. Thank you, thank you. One day, I will join you... but only after I'm given HA my last shot, you've got another 5 years of me yet! See you next year folks (and can we have a few more Network teams please!)

Upcoming Network Events

Dates for the Diary

Future County Exec Meetings, 3pm

6th Apr. (Earl Shilton Scout Hut, LE9 7AF)

AGM 10th May (53rd Scout HQ, LE4 4DJ)

8th Jun. TBC

County Network Activities

Summer Camp

Kieran from Tigers and Joe from Loughborough have agreed to take on the planning of the camp. Further information to follow.

County Network AGM 2014

At the recent Exec meeting it was suggested that 10th May around 6pm would be a better date than the previously suggested. It is likely to be a BBQ with a pub-style quiz. Further information will follow once a venue has been confirmed.

Development Updates

Phill has been working on developing the website <http://thescoutnetwork.co.uk> and is looking for more content, especially information about what networks are planning and articles about what they have done.

There is also an information pack. The pack is ready to roll out to all Explorer Leaders and Units – we're just waiting for the appointment of a new ACC Explorers to discuss the best way of getting it out there.

Network Clothing



Contact our Chairperson Rory or County Commissioner Phill if you are interested.

Hoodies and T-shirts are available in Black, Blue and Red.



Has your Network unit been to an event? Local, National or International we want to hear about it. Share your experiences with the rest of the County Network. Is your Network unit running an event that you want others to attend? Let us know and we can put the details out to the County right here.