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Special Edition: Explorer Belt and Jamboree reports

I'm changing the world today.

Sweden 2011 Jamboree report

The sun was shining on the morning of the 24th July as the Coventry KAOS unit gathered to say their final goodbyes to their family. There was an air of tension, excitement and realisation that all the hard work the young people had put in had finally paid off and we were ready to leave to go on the final adventure.

32 holdalls were loaded on to the train and the whistle blew and the journey had finally begun. In reflection of the last 18 months there was laughing, joking and reminiscing amongst all on the train. *Aimee Bryers "I can't believe it is finally here"*



We met with the guides at

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Birmingham international and for the first time in 18 months we were all together and the unit was complete. Our flight out to Frankfurt was very simple and straight forward and we landed smoothly, with little time to

change flights. if you have ever wondered what it is like to be in the Olympics I am sure that everyone would agree following Andy Morris through Frankfurt airport felt as though we were in training for the 100 metre sprint. Connection made and we were on route to Copenhagen the first part of our Jamboree experience.

Landing in Copenhagen, we claimed our bags and some very tired and weary souls got the coach to make the final distance to the Cabin Scandinavia, our home for the next 3 days. Time had literally flown and we were the last unit to arrive on 24th July it was now one in the morning. Quick sorting of rooms and the young people were settled for the night.

Nick, our Contingent support, commented on the discipline in our unit and was amazed at how quiet and respectful our young people were of the other users and how they conducted themselves at such a late hour in exiting to their rooms.

Breakfast and time to discover Copenhagen for a couple of hours, however we needed to be at destination A on the map by 11.45am for the first of our surprises! As we arrived at destination A the Australian contingent were being given a guided tour of Dock. Midday struck and the noisy dock of Copenhagen full of 3,500 UK participants celebrating fell silent in memory of those who lost their life in Norway the week before.

This was our first surprise and we were unsure of what was in store as we boarded a boat with grab handles! We set off on a sedate boat trip out of the harbour and into the sea, where the throttle was opened up and speed was the game. The patrols danced around each other on their boats jumping the waves and boughs, before coming sedately back to shore with windswept hair and big cheesy grins.



DGI was the other side of Copenhagen and we had our work cut out getting there in time, this was sports and our young people got to partake in activities such as parkour, zumba, hip hop and loads more as the leaders relaxed with a nice cup of coffee and ran round with cameras taking photos.

Apparently no trip to Copenhagen is complete without a trip to Tivoli, well it was more like a takeover than a trip as all the UK descended on the gardens to enjoy the rides. Quick sleep and the 2nd day was full of discover Copenhagen and the UK had set a quiz. The day was a little slower but was required in order to gain composure.

That evening we congregated outside the cabin before heading to the UK contingent pre event party and the night included tribute bands of Kings of Leon and Alphabeat. As one tribute band ended another began and the night continued with a warm

atmosphere. *Josh Poole "The pre event was awesome got me really hyped and ready for Sweden! Couldn't have asked for a better pre-event!"*

The morning arrived, the kit was packed there was only one destination Rinkaby and the World Scout Jamboree. Split over 2 coaches and kit over 4 coaches we made our journey over the Oresund Bridge and arrived safely 2 hours later at the Jamboree site. Our campsite was soon set up and the sun was beating down on us. Time to explorer the Jamboree site, it was at this point Andy Morris had his first



Jamboree wow moment, when he realised the true size and had the visual there in front of him.



The following day was slow and steady until the evening, when the heavens opened the rain began and we congregated in the sub camp to make our way to the opening ceremony with cheers of oggy / oi from the UK and mazza from the Italians, and brief explanation of the golden apple.

We paraded as a sub camp and took our place amongst the sea of people. At the beginning of the proceedings a minutes silence for Norway and the sea of noise fell silent. As the minute progressed people rose to their feet in memory of the young people less fortunate

than us. 38,000 people speaking 156 different languages and expressing the same sorrow was extremely powerful.

Sarah described this moment as one of those occasions where all the senses in your body become alive at any single time and you realise what it truly means to be a Scout.

The evening celebrations passed with Bear Grylls, cartoons, music, laughter, and cheers, the camp was finally open and ready for action. Our activities were daily and



we embraced People as our first module, reflecting on who we are, how we became who we were and looking at the past, present and future. We took part in activities and experience tai chi, and talked about images in photographs and explored what it was to be culture.

Every afternoon was spontaneous activities, and we lost the young people most afternoons, as they

went off doing bits and pieces and badge swapping, and for Richard Kendrick it was a fine excuse to get rid of some more of his clothes in the pile of t-shirt swops he brought back with him.

Global Development is an opportunity to take part in thinking about the global aspect of the world.

Sarah's patrol did alcohol awareness, Sam's patrol partook in making nanuks, and signing a petition against war, and made a banner, Dawn painted the earth in a bikini, proving the world is getting to hot and needs to shed its clothes (who said scout camp was boring?) Andy however, took part in game similar to snakes and ladders about global warming.



Sarah's group took part in being a messenger of peace and we pledged to make a change to make scouting inclusive for all in Coventry and to break down some of the economic barriers allowing people to join the movement. Andy Group did something very similar...Dawn gave up stripping the planet and went off into the woods. To learn all about rehydration, and made rehydration solution, that 3 days

later she would need to remember the recipe. Sam undertook disability awareness as she has just informed me that this involved throwing participants out of wheel chairs. There was a shelter box challenge and other activities. Tea was done in good time and the young people were off on spontaneous activities.

Day three and Quest was the module activity Fancy trying your hand at the medieval, Viking, cave and conquest zone, our groups got to partake in the activities in each zone, Viking zone allowed the chance to throw axes, and hammers and



general team building exercises, conquest was the largest pioneered assault course we have ever seen, medieval zone was mainly team building exercises and the cave was a chance to test our navigational skills while undertaking exercises to get out of the maze.

Activities are interesting and we have realised that we are very hot on our health and safety in the UK.

Young people after the activities disappeared, and took part in the activities provided and cooked tea.

Camp in Camp

Sarah's group headed off to Halmstad on the west coast of Sweden where we took part in Kayaking, traditions, handicrafts pioneering and was an opportunity to take part in a traditional Swedish camp.....being woken up at 7.30 his morning by the Jurassic park suite was not good closely followed by gymnastics at 7.45 am :-(



Swimming in the lake was an orange experience and the water was grim.

Andy and his patrol went off to Simlang's Garden where they decided to sleep out in divvies rather than tents. After having lunch they went on a walk in the woodlands where activities had been arranged for them such as a blindfold trail, horseshoe throwing where they competed against the Swedes and won. Towards the end of the trail the camp hosts had set up a table of traditional Swedish food and drink. After tea they joined the other patrols for a campfire. Then it was time for bed. In the

morning they cooked breakfast on an open fire. After breakfast they went kayaking on the lake where one or two of the patrol fell in.



Sam and her patrol went off to a Danish camp near Halmstad. They arrived after a 3 and a half hour journey (because the coach driver got lost), and had their lunch. They were introduced to their host patrols and shown where they were sleeping. They went on a zip slide into the water, canoeing, made water rockets and practised throwing rescue ropes (a Danish tradition). They then had baths in the lake (including washing hair with shampoo) and went back to cook on fires. In the evening they went to the large camp fire circle, learnt lots of new songs, and took part in games (Sam ended up covered in flour!) The next morning they were woken at 7am by people banging pans. After cooking breakfast, they went to do fire activities - they made Viking bread, beads for necklaces and Turk's heads and Monkey's fists. The coach then came and picked them up, for a shorter journey back to camp (without getting lost). Dawn and her patrol went off to Vaxjo where they camped on the shore of a lovely lake. The girls started off with a talk about the rights of access in the Swedish Countryside then went off to answer questions and collect berries. They made jam which they used later that night on pancakes. They went swimming in the lake and cooked their tea on an open fire (which was a bit of a challenge!). The campfire in the evening found them singing their national anthem and having their group photo taken. The photo was put onto a map of the world with a pin showing where they were from. The map had pins from USA, Pakistan, France, Cyprus, Greece and Poland. The rest of the campfire involved each country performing a song or dance for the rest of the company to learn. Everyone had a great time laughing at each other. They all slept in a military bell tent which was dark and very hot until the middle of the night when it went very cold. In the morning they were woken with a group of four people entering the tent and playing a guitar, a trumpet, an accordion and a double bass! The expression on the girls' faces was priceless. The morning was spent doing an obstacle course and other sporting activities until the bus came back to collect them.

The whole unit took part in Earth together. The first section was called "Soil" and the unit had to filter Tabasco out of a bottle of water. After this they had to test the permeability of different materials. The next section was called "water" and the unit had to create a city in sand and make a river course to flow through it without ruining the city. They tested their water route, and then of course could not resist the temptation to play in the sand and water. The third activity was called "air" where the unit had to consider the impact of natural disasters on an environment local to them



and create a poster about it and think about how to reduce this in the future. The fourth activity was "wind". Each patrol made a windmill, thought about electricity consumption and how windmills will help us to create a more sustainable world.

Cultural Festival Day, as the smell of cooking food wafted across the campsite, each camp became a heritage of its own and demonstrated to the world what it was to be from their own countries, our young people invented a rota and each took turns in staying behind to offer the world rich tea biscuits and cucumber sandwiches, and then going round trying other cultural delights from the world. We offered our world cloud out to the world and people left their hand print on the sheet. The evening was taken up with cultural festival

concert which was interesting.

That same evening we took part in Dreams which was a journey through life from Death to birth Inventing a character and following its life story in reverse.

Free day and the leaders set some challenges the great spork collection, swop a badge simple things. The sun shone all day.

Packing up day and the site became barren, we were the first UK unit destined to leave the site that night. We were giving the honour of lowering the jamboree flags for the last time. We moved back to sub camp and congregated as we had 10 days previous to find who had won the Golden apple, Adrian our sub camp leader stood up and gave a speech about the group that had won it and said they came from a

small town, a small town in the uk. At that moment we thought that we had not won it. In his next breath we realised that Adrian's geography was not that good as the small town was COVENTRY. Forty of us reared up with an almighty cheer as we moved forward to collect the apple. This was awarded for being helpful and embracing the true spirit of Scouting.

The closing ceremony was good, and we unfortunately made the decision to move away early as the rain was torrential and went back to get dry clothes on as we were leaving in 2 hours. We stood on a neighbouring sub camp watching the fireworks and listening to 'The final countdown' by Europe, before building a temporary shelter for the night, until departure.

Luke Packham "the Jamboree Experience was everything I imagined and much more especially the great company :D"

Back on a plane and Frankfurt here we come, we were met at Frankfurt airport by Simon, and got the train to Koningstein our home for the last remaining 5 days, and said good bye to the young people as they went off to their allotted families. We went off to their campfire circle in the evening and had a bbq with scouts and families before going back to our homes for a good rest.

Discovering Frankfurt was interesting and we bumped into young people they were telling us of places they had been and vice versa.

We visited saalburg the following day and hesenpark, saalburg is the world's only reconstructed roman fort and hessen park is like the black country museum.

We undertook a Community project in the zoo and reconstructing the steps on a path, putting back into a community what we had taken out. The young people worked so hard that they ran out of materials and we were given the rest of the day to explore the zoo.



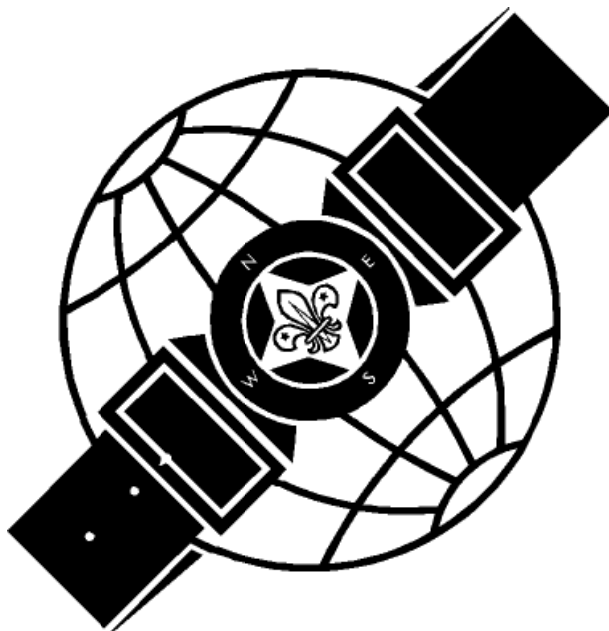
In the evening we walked to the Castle and were entertained with a medieval banquet, traditional music, re-enactments and some archery and we all agreed it was the perfect end to the perfect jamboree.

We said our goodbyes and headed home to Coventry, arriving at the train station to the warm embrace of parents, and loved ones we had left behind 3 weeks ago.

In reflection as the unit leader for Simply Scouting, we had the best group of young people who all worked exceptionally hard to make the Jamboree experience for one another, we are all proud to be a part of UK013 Coventry and Warwickshire KAOS, and proud to part of the Scouting Adventure, and changing the world.



Coventry Explorer Belt report



bicycle, canoe or horse.

Ashley Hyde sends this short report following the recent successful Explorer Belt expedition to Sweden where they met up with the Jamboree contingent.

'I completed my Explorer Belt in Tunisia in 2008 with the UK-Arab Scout Fellowship (now an Active Support Unit) and had the time of my life learning so much about another culture's way of life.

The Explorer Belt is known as the antidote to the package holiday and its' participants must complete a series of mini projects and a main project whilst travelling a foreign country on foot,

When I was asked to organise an Explorer Belt for Coventry, I jumped at the chance. It is a very different experience running it to taking part!

I learnt a lot about Sweden through doing this, and after reading through the participants' project work I'm certain they have too!

I need to publically thank all of the Leadership team for making Coventry's first Explorer Belt special and successful. Everybody helped make a difference. Particular thanks need to be said for Wendy Smyth, Glyn Edwards and Stu Nimmo for their part in driving and organising the majority of the event.'

Sam Robinson said "Participating in the Explorer Belt is very different to anything I've ever done before. It is the ultimate package trip to countries you wouldn't normally think about travelling to, so when the opportunity came up, I jumped at the chance. There aren't many people who can say they travelled over 100 miles through towns like Gavle ('Yehvla'), Rattvik, Storvik, Borlange ('Bor-langer') and Falun, tried bear sausage and met so many different people and seen lots of different sights in 10 days! I'm proud to say - I am one of the few who can say this! Seeing Falun from the bottom of the Lugnet ski jumps is something I 'm pretty sure not many of you have done!

Sweden is a very pretty place to walk through and everyone we spoke to were friendly and helpful. It isn't everyday that you meet someone from another country, then end up camping in the garden behind their cafe or sleeping in a spare room! We couldn't plan everything on the Explorer Belt because we just didn't know what we would encounter along the way!"

Sam Smyth said "When I heard that Coventry were looking to send an Explorer Belt Expedition to Sweden, I couldn't say yes fast enough.

I hadn't really heard of the Explorer Belt before, other than what Ash had said about his time in Tunisia - but I liked what I had heard and thought it might be something nice to do during the summer whilst I wasn't at Uni. It without a doubt turned out to be one of the best things I've done.

It's one of those things that you remember forever, the people you meet, the friends you make - Beans, Matt and I have been invited back in the winter by the family we stayed with during the trip. There are things we did whilst we were there that I've never done before, and maybe didn't think I'd ever do - like go for 26 hours without seeing a single human being (other than Beans and Matt), or canoe down a river at sunset in a boat lent to us by a campsite owner!

One of the biggest things we found whilst we were there is that Scouting is very well respected in Sweden - as soon as people saw our neckers they just couldn't do enough to help us or try and make our time in Sweden just that little bit better.

Apparently the Explorer Belt is regarded as "Scouting's best kept secret" - and it really is. The one thing I would say is that anyone within the 16 - 25 age bracket, if you get the chance - just say yes, because you really won't regret it, wherever you go to do it.

County Commissioner' report

Successful summer

Once again it seems summer is over and we are now entering the next phase of the year. This is always an exciting time with many sections back from summer camps and activities.

You will read elsewhere in this bulletin of the tremendous experiences that our Jamboree unit had in Sweden and the efforts put in by a few engaging in the Explorer Belt also in Sweden.

I am sure that many of our members had similar experiences over the summer.

A BIG thank you to all our leaders who have been providing these exciting activities for our members.

New term, new recruits.

Another plus is gained as our young people return to school or college. This normally brings a surge in potential members from those who hear of the experiences our members have had over the summer.

Congratulations to the 62nd Group in Caludon District who are about to start their second Beaver Colony this September.

Over the summer our County Development Team has been busy with taking our 'Roadshow' to the Godiva Festival and many village and school events. The Godiva Festival alone drew interest from over 100 potential members.

Change of CC

Those of you who were at this year's Annual General Meeting will have heard that my five year term as your County Commissioner is coming to an end. A search group has been set up to find my successor.

It has been a great privilege to be County Commissioner of such a great County as Coventry. As I have said many times Coventry may be small geographically but it has tremendous heart and I earnestly hope that you will support whoever becomes our new County Commissioner. (see advertisement on back page)

Much has been achieved over the last 9 years with the work put in by the various County Teams started by Mark Waterstreet and hopefully continued by myself. It is essential that this work can continue to improve the lives of all the young people that belong to this great movement.

Nomination forms have been distributed throughout the county and you are reminded that you can play an important part in getting the correct new CC by

completing nomination forms for all the candidates that you think could take Coventry Scouts into the next phase of Scouting. The closing date for nominations is **October 21st 2011**. Please give this matter serious thought to enable the search group to consider the most appropriate individuals for this exciting role.

Activity Training

With changing times many of our rules and guidelines are reviewed in line with current good practice and legislation.

Not least of these is relating to how we run activities safely away from our meeting place.

During our leader training we incorporate modules relating to the running of our activities in a safe and sound manner. As there are changes introduced there is an ongoing need to remind our leaders of these changes.

During this autumn we intend to hold such training sessions for leaders who are currently working towards the Wood Beads and refresher training to those leaders who are continuing the good work in running exciting activities for our young people.

Training Diary 2011

October 1st & 2nd	Coventry Scouts Skills Weekend	Mclean Centre and Retreat
October 8th	Module 25 & Wood Beads Café	8th HQ
W/c October 10th	Getting Started	venue TBA
October 14th to 16th	Modules 17 to 19 & 38 Part 2 residential	Norton Cabin, Rough Close
November 12th	Module 21 Growing the Movement (Managers) and Wood Beads Cafe	George Sheppard Cabin
November 19th	Modules 20 and 22	George Sheppard Cabin
W/c November 21st	Getting Started	venue T.B.A.
December 3rd	Wood Beads Café	George Sheppard Cabin

First Aid Courses

First Response first aid Courses will be held on Sunday 16th October and a fuller course for those interested in furthering their skills 'Remote First Aid' Course will be held over the weekend of 26th and 27th October.

Please apply either through Pat Read or Bob Tansey.

Rough Close

Your campsite has again enjoyed a very busy summer with many young people taking part in the camping and activities provided.

We have had a lot more interest from Schools and Youth Groups which helps raise the profile of the site within the city.

The 65th Anniversary Celebration proved a big success with approximately 800 people attending on the day. Many were individuals who had camped at Rough Close many years ago and came for a nostalgic reminder of those days.

Work on the site has continued with our camping fields receiving treatment to continue the better growth of grass and drainage. Further work will be completed during the autumn.

When holding larger scale events on the main field it has been necessary to either hire generators or provide power by taking cables through the trees from the Retreat. It was felt that this could prove an inherent danger therefore a larger mains cable has been run underground to the edge of the field with the normal waterproof connections.

Following the normal reviews of our activities new lighter air rifles have been provided to replace the aging heavier model that we have been using. Further instructor training courses have been run in conjunction with the National Governing Body.

Since the introduction of Crate Stacking as an activity we have been trying to procure suitable harnesses for the wide range of people participating. We have now been found and a number obtained. Our Crate Stacking facility now comes under the new legislation for high rope activities and the necessary inspections and training will be incorporated.

Those of you who are regular visitors to Rough Close will have noticed the new look to the front of the Retreat and the side of the McClean Centre. The concrete blocks were beginning to show signs of wear so it has been wooden clad to match other buildings in that area.

On following the footpath from the car park to reception a new Notice Board has been erected this will eventually have up to date maps of Rough Close and the surrounding area as well as giving information for the site.

Again we are extremely grateful to all the people who work at Rough Close whether it be the weekend Service Crew and the mid-week crew. Without their continued support Rough Close would not be the popular place it is today. If you have some time to give to help the upkeep of the site please contact Nigel Stapleton.

Sky Blue Opportunity

Coventry Football Club have invited Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts from Coventry and Warwickshire together with members of GirlGuiding to attend a football match and take part in many exciting activities before and after the game.



Both the Warwickshire Guide County Commissioner and I attended an inaugural meeting to establish contact with the football club.

In order to give the maximum amount of time to plan the event the date will be March 10th when the Sky Blues play local rivals Birmingham City.

We will be allocated a section of the Ricoh Arena to ourselves and be able to take part in many pre-match activities. I am sure it will be a really exciting experience for our young people.

We are looking for one or two people who can take the plans forward, working with the football club to make the day a success.

If you are interested in helping with the organisation of the day please contact Dave Hart.

Dates for your diary

2011

October 15th	County Forum – ‘Proud to Scout’
October 16th	First Aid Course
November 13th	Remembrance Parade
November 26/27th	Remote First Aid Course

2012

March 10th	Sky Blue Scout Day
April 29th	St Georges Celebration
May 13th	Big Walk
July 11th	County Annual General Meeting



ACTIVITY TEAM EVENT

Mountain Experience Weekend 2012

The Mountain Experience Weekend will be based at The Woodlands Outdoor Centre, Betws-y-Coed in the Snowdonia National Park, from Friday 20th to 22nd April 2012.

Activities

The aim of the weekend is to give individuals the opportunity to work alongside qualified instructors enabling them to learn new or improve on existing hill-walking skills.

There is no pre-requisite level of experience or ability required for the weekend. Courses will be offered at all levels. Specific training for small groups can be arranged.

Accommodation



The accommodation is centrally heated with all catering equipment and bedding provided by the Centre. The Centre also has a Drying Room.

Cost / Deposit

The cost of the weekend will be £40. This covers accommodation and food but does not include packed lunches or transport.

If you are interested in joining us on the weekend, or would like any further information, please contact Colin or Elaine James on 02476 405331 or e-mail: colinandelaine@woodridgeave.freemove.co.uk.

The weekend will be a joint training exercise with Warwickshire County. To secure your booking we will require a deposit of £15.

Join the adventure

The Scout Association

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Godiva Festival – July 2nd and 3rd 2011.

Once again, this year, the first weekend in July saw the Development team out with the Road show promoting 'Scouting in Coventry.' The weather was good and we had lots of interest from the general public. Our stand was in the corner of the Life and Times marquee where we had activities for making badges, friendship bracelets, bookmarks and cards. We overflowed to the outside where we had a tent which proved popular with a large number of children but our main attraction was a kayak complete with paddle, life jacket and helmet. This not only attracted young children, who enjoyed pretending to paddle down river, but also adults who came along to share their memories and reminisce about the good times they had in scouting. Quite a number of young parents expressed their wish for their children to share the same experiences as they had whilst in the scouts and we were able to inform them of how scouting was moving with the times and new interests were being catered for as well as the traditional ones. Over the weekend we had a large number of enquiries and forms were completed for 121 youth members and 5 adults in Coventry and 23 other enquiries for surrounding counties. These were processed promptly and all have been put in touch with relevant sections in groups. They will shortly be followed up to see if they have been successful in joining. This was the first occasion when we were able to pass on our local membership enquiry number 0845 6431048 via our new promotional pens. This proved a great success and even those people who did not complete a form went away to think about it knowing that they were able to make contact.



During the Festival we were again supported by our Explorers who were a credit to us especially Sarah Purdy and Luke Packham who were there from start to finish on both days. As well as their role with the Road show, promoting scouting and dispelling the idea that 'Scouting is only for Boys.' The Explorers were asked to 'fetch and carry' for other organisations in the two marquees. They were responsible for helping to load and unload

goods from cars both at the beginning and end of each day as well as helping to securely store away equipment overnight in a lock-up. Another task involved fetching water for some animals. For this they were given a small fee and asked if they would come again next year. The organisers were delighted with their efforts and could not praise them highly enough. We were congratulated on their enthusiasm and attitude as well as the way in which they added to the overall atmosphere of the occasion.

Next year we will again be taking the Road show to a number of Local Festivals and it would be great if the teams numbers could be increased especially to include our younger members who would be able to promote Scouting in Coventry by passing on their experiences to the general public and encouraging more young people and adults to join.

If you are interested please get in touch.

Val Morris for the Development Team.

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Bear Grylls to Visit Coventry?

As part of a county-wide tour It is hoped that the Chief Scout will be visiting Coventry during October 2012 to see for himself what Scouting opportunities there are in the County. It is still in the planning and approval stages and the details of the visit will be published as soon as confirmed. Please check for details on website www.coventryscouts.org.uk

CRBs and all that!

At a recent County Executive it was agreed that from the end of October 2011 the frequency of resubmitting a CRB will be relaxed to every 5 years. This reflects the more up to date methods for offenders to be notified to CRB administrators. First Aid, Safeguarding training and appointment reviews will remain at the frequency of 3 years.

Proud to Scout Remember - 15th October 2011 for ALL leaders and executive members to update and prepare for growth of Scouting in Coventry.

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ARAGLIDING PARASCENDING PONY TREKING POTHOLING POWERBOATING RADIO
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CULLING SHOOTING SINGLEPITCH CLIMBING SKIING SNORKELLING SNOWBOARDING
TREETSPORTS SUBAQUA SURFING SWIMMING WATERSKIING WHITEWATER RAFTING
SURFING ZORBING ABSEILING AERIAL RUNWAY ARCHERY BALLOONING BANDS BOULDER

Join the Adventure!

Could you support and inspire 2,000 young people?

Would you enjoy sitting round a campfire as well as developing strategy?

Coventry Scouts are looking for a volunteer with management experience who wants to do more in their community, with good inter-personal skills and the ability to motivate and inspire others.

Who are we?

Coventry Scouts offer a vibrant, exciting and adventurous programme for young people aged 6-25 and exciting opportunities (and adventure) for adults. We have nearly 2,000 young people supported by 500 adults involved in local Scout groups. We are continuing to grow and reach out to more young people and adults. We are looking for someone to take forward this success story.

Who are you?

As County Commissioner you would be responsible for leading the Scout County ensuring that we provide good quality Scouting for young people, and taking us forward into the future as a growing organisation relevant to young people and adults alike. You would be capable of providing strategic direction, working with people of all ages and enabling change.

Are you up for the challenge? We want to hear from you.....

For further information contact Mike Pitham @ grainweyes@yahoo.co.uk - 0247 659 9689

The cut off date for nominations is **21st October**

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