

# Clwyd Scout Development

This newsletter has been created to help Scout Groups apply for development assistance.

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## Recently completed Projects



Carmel Cubs. Despite the atrocious weather earlier in the year, this project progressed and identified four new Cub Scout Leaders and a new assistant Scout Leader. All training was completed and the new leaders integrated into their sections. This project illustrated how good district and group support makes all the difference, thanks to Russell Williams and Andy Collin. Highlight of the project – a great open night, enjoyed by everyone, especially the snowballs!

Flint Beavers. A parent's open night identified three parents who expressed an interest in working in the existing section. Two of these elected to work as helpers, but the third Kerry Hughes has taken over as the new Beaver Scout Leader, best of luck to her. This should allow the existing BSL to move on, but not before thanks go to Judith Hughes for all her help with this project.



Chirk Cubs. This long standing project has finally been successful in recruiting a new section leader, welcome to Tony Butler and his two helpers, Hayley Jones and Tracey Butler. Tony has completed his training and is busy with the districts help, increasing numbers. Good luck to everyone here.

## Where to now...



New Beaver Colony in Shotton. A new colony destined for Shotton in Flintshire will be located in the local church rooms. As a result it has been offered a partnership by the local church of St Ethelwolds and school of St Ethelwolds, who both hope that the new group could be called 1<sup>st</sup> Shotton (St Ethelwolds). For this the group has been granted a lesser rental rate and the promise of support from the church. Work has started within two of the local schools by running taster sessions for the children and inviting them and parents to the forthcoming open evening.

In Corwen, work has already begun within the schools, to create a brand new Cub Scout Pack. This project sees the return of the development officer six months after the current Beaver Colony was created. The Beavers are now bursting at the seams with children ready to move on with their Scouting and it is hoped that this will be the case, adding other children who where too old last time.



1<sup>st</sup> Gresford Beavers, have called on the development team to help the existing leaders move on, by recruiting a new team to take the existing colony into the future. An open night for parents has already recruited two new leaders and three helpers that will hopefully go together with others from the local community after working with the nearby school. The existing BSL, Alison Gillespie is leaving a well attended and well managed colony, for which we owe her our thanks, she will also be assisting the new leader team to integrate with the boys and girls until they are confident and safe in what they are doing, very valuable work.



## Development Opportunities

**O2 Think Big Awards.** This programme offers grants of £300 to fund community projects that address problems identified by **young people**. Successful projects are eligible for a further £2,500. For further information visit [www.o2thinkbig.co.uk](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk)

**National Volunteers Week takes** place every year in June. Flintshire Volunteer Centre will be taking advantage of this opportunity, to thank all the volunteers for their commitment to volunteering, and are holding a "Thank you" event at St Marys Church Hall, Mold . This event will be hosted by staff from the Volunteer Centre.

### What's On in Denbighshire?

If you are looking for information on what's on in the county, the official events web-site for north Wales is: Click on >>>> [www.eventsnorthwales.co.uk/coastal](http://www.eventsnorthwales.co.uk/coastal) for events in the Rhyl and Prestatyn area, or on >>> [www.eventsnorthwales.co.uk/borderlands](http://www.eventsnorthwales.co.uk/borderlands) for events in the North Wales Borderlands which covers rest of Denbighshire.

**Denbighshire YouthGrants.** Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) has been awarded further funding to support volunteering projects, to be led and carried out by young people in Denbighshire to increase volunteering between 16-26years. Contact Gaynor Jones on 01824 702441 at DVSC.

**Voluntary Action Crew. (VAC).** Wrexham volunteer centre has set up the VAC for volunteers who are happy to be contacted sometimes at short notice, to help organisations with one off events and fundraising activities such as; supermarket bag-packing, event stewarding, fun runs,sports days or community clear ups. Maximise your coverage and earnings potential by using this ready made crew. For further info and to sign up your group or section, contact: Lynsey Edwards on 01978 312556

## NEW APPLICATIONS

Applications for me to come and work with you are now invited for the term beginning Sept 2010. If you complete the "Expression of interest form" at the end of this newsletter, I will make arrangements to visit you and talk about creating a new section to add to your group or recruiting additional leaders to boost existing sections. OR I can provide advice and resources to help you run a development project of your own, just give me a call. No at top of newsletter.



This is me, Mark Winson