

## Clwyd Scout Development

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

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This is the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of this newsletter. To date it has gone, on trial, only to those groups in Flintshire. Still being trialled, it is now being made available to all districts in Clwyd, so welcome to all new recipients and welcome back to everyone in Flintshire.



### NEW TARGETS FOR JAN – APRIL 2010.

The Area team concerned with development in your area, met this week and discussed all applications received from the area, for development assistance from the Welsh Scout Council and the attachment of the Development Officer from the new year.

Many projects were considered viable but the final decision made was as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Flint Beavers, 1<sup>st</sup> Carmel Cubs and 1<sup>st</sup> Chirk Cubs, all requiring the development officer to recruit new adult leaders into their existing sections. Well done to everyone that applied.

### EXISTING PROJECTS

Corwen Beavers. This brand new colony now numbers 15 boys and girls, it has a new BSL and administrator, a new ABSL and three sectional assistants. By making presentations in the three local schools followed a taster session for the children and another for children and adults, the community spirit and determination of the new team has won through. The leaders have now had their initial training and programme planning instruction and will be running the section (with only minimal support) as of next week. Well done everyone!



Rhyl Scouts have also been working with the local school in their efforts to recruit more leaders. To date two of their helpers have stepped up to sectional assistants roles and two new ASL's have been recruited through work done with the Denbighshire Volunteering Centre and mailings in outlying schools. It is hoped that the number of Scouts can now also be improved upon and that they may even attract some girls. Keep it going everyone.

Hanmer Scouts have also been working hard in development, they have recruited four new leaders, two of which have gone to help the Cub Pack and two new ASL's. Amazingly, work in four of the schools in this very rural area have attracted no new Scouts. But not distracted, the emphasis has been changed now and the group are running Scout activities for the graduating cubs in the cub pack and there are future plans to grow the new troop directly off the back of their already thriving cub pack. We got there in the end!



## NEW APPLICATIONS

My name is Mark Winson. I am your Local Development Officer (LDO). As I have explained in previous editions, I am part of the Welsh Scout Council development initiative. Funded from outside of the Scout Association, there are six LDO's that now cover Welsh Scouting, I work in Clwyd and Montgomeryshire.



This is me !

Applications for me to come and work with you are now invited for the term beginning April 2010. If you complete the "Expression of interest form" at the end of the newsletter, I will come to see you to do some research.

Alternatively, you could ask for help to run your a development project run by yourself. Just give me a call.

Address at top of newsletter.

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## DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Development Grants board funding is little understood. A summary has been provided here for you to organise your development funding. Further details can be obtained from the DGB Manager or Administrator at Gilwell Park. (Tel 020 8433 7100)

What do they fund?

- Start up grants for all new youth sections
- Supplement Grants for recipients of a Start up grant to support their first year membership fees
- Development planning events, where the outcome is a new Development Plan (for Districts, County/Area or Scottish Regional levels)
- Capital equipment for Districts/Counties/Areas/Regions to promote Scouting
- Training Adviser recruitment, retention and support
- Small projects aimed at the recruitment of new adult volunteers
- Major, long-term development projects, which include the employment of a paid Development Officer(s)
- Capital equipment to support the delivery of adult training

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- Training for Young Leaders, Executive and other committee members
- Training for trainers
- Support to support Activity Assessors training and updates
- Attendance at a Permit Assessment Course
- Support for members in need to attend camps/events both in the UK and abroad
- Explorer Belt Expeditions
- International community development projects
- Hosting a Group from abroad in the UK
- Support for members in need to purchase uniform
- Support for opening a new Group in a recognised area of social deprivation
- Support for minibus driver training and assessment (D1+E)
- Support for Sea Scout and Air Scout Groups, both 'recognised' and 'non-recognised'
- Support for the development of Special Needs scouting, and support for individual members with special needs to participate
- Support to provide access to Scouting premises for those with special needs, members and the public

### HQ Funds

The DGB manages a number of Funds on behalf of the Association, for the purpose of supporting the development of local Scouting. The summary details of each fund are as follows:

- The Benevolent Fund
  - "Supporting members, individuals and groups and focussing on areas of community development, particularly helping new groups in areas of deprivation."
  - -To support the establishment of new Groups in 'recognised' areas of deprivation
  - - To support the establishment of new Groups in other locally recognised 'community development' areas
  - - To support individual adult members for the costs of camps, events, travel, uniform and other out-of-pocket expenses (within the UK) when in personal financial hardship. Membership Fees and core training costs are excluded

Limits: The general maximum grant to be £2,000 at no more than 50% of total costs. In exceptional circumstances a single one-off grant of up to 100% funding could be awarded to a beneficiary Group up to a maximum of £3,500

- The Training and Development Grants Fund
  - "A fund covering all aspects of training and development for actual and potential Scout Leaders and encompassing the current remit of the Development Grants Board."
  - £100 Start up grants and Supplement Grants for new Sections
  - Small Development Grants to support: Development planning events for Groups/Districts/Counties, capital equipment to promote Scouting, Training Adviser recruitment/support, local adult recruitment initiatives (Limits: Maximum £2,000 on a matched funding basis)
  - Major Development Grants to support long term development projects focussing on the main priority areas of development, e.g. the employment of a local Development Officer to support the recruitment and retention of adult volunteers. (Limits: Grants over £2,000, matched funding required, initially for a 3 year period, extendable up to 6 years).

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- The Special Needs Fund
  - “The Special Needs Fund supports individuals Scouts with Special Needs and the development of special needs scouting in general.”
  - Improving physical building access, linked to the provision of an Accessibility Audit
  - Provision of portable equipment; ramps, wheelchairs, induction loop systems, play equipment and similar items and mobility or other equipment in order that individuals can participate in scouting activities
  - Translators, signers for large events or adult training, provision of appropriate signage and information systems at events
  - Limits: The maximum grant is £3,500 per application, on a matched funding basis, other than in exceptional circumstances. One application per Scout unit per year.
  
- The International Fund
  - “The International Fund provides financial support for any projects that are aimed to increase international friendship amongst Scouts and Scouters.”
  - To support individual members in financial hardship for International camps, visits and exchanges, Jamborees (not the World Jamboree)
  - To support International community development projects, and Explorer Belt Expeditions
  - Some limited funding is also available from this Fund, to support members of Girlguiding UK
  - Limits: Grants are normally not provided as a block grant to support a whole Group/Section or camp, with a preference for applications to be received in support of members in financial hardship.
  - A maximum grant is £200 per individual member, with only one application per year accepted per individual member.
  
- The King George VI Memorial Leadership Fund
  - “A fund for projects connected or associated with the training of Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members of the Scout Network, and potential and actual adults in Scouting upon application by Scout Districts, Counties, Areas, Regions, Countries or Headquarters of The Scout Association.
  - To support the provision of capital training equipment for adult training
  - To support Trainer training Modules, not core Wood Badge training
  - To support Young Leader training courses, Executive and other sub-Committee training, First Response and First Aid Trainer training
  - To support adult members with their own personal development with regards to adventurous activity training (this is a discretionary award, limited to available funds)
  - Limits: These are reviewed annually by the DGB against a set of common items requested, with upper limits set for different items of equipment, internal courses and external courses. Grants are usually a maximum of 50% of actual costs, or less, depending on set limits. Grants are agreed prior to expenditure, but paid on sight of receipts/invoices.
  
- The Ralph Reader Memorial Fund
  - “To assist deserving individual members of the Scout and Guide Movements under the age of 20 years. Grants may be given towards the costs of camp fees, Scout and Guide uniform, travel to Scout or Guide events, career training, convalescence after an illness, or any other purpose.”
  - Limited to youth members under the age of 20 years, from both Scout and Guide organisations
  - To support purchase of uniforms, camps and events in the UK and abroad (normally the International Fund will take up applications for camps abroad, where possible)
  - Support to costs of other events including travel costs both within and abroad, for individuals in financial hardship

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Any other purpose considered worthy of support by the Board, benefitting a youth member under the age of 20 years.

Limits: Maximum grants of £200 per individual for camp fees, or 50% of costs whichever is the lower amount. For other purposes a grant of 50% of costs is the norm.

- The Minibus Club Fund
- "To aid individual Scout Leaders for driving minibuses and other associated costs e.g. tachometer/seat belts."
  - To support individual adult leaders with MIDAS training
  - DVLA D1+ E training and assessment (for minibuses and trailers)
  - Safety equipment for minibuses
- Limits: 50% match funding, up to a maximum of £500 per individual. Grants to individuals for training and assessment can only ever be made once. (This Fund is limited in resources and the need maybe moved to another Fund in due course)

- Cornwell Memorial Fund

To use the interest in the form of an annual bravery award of 10 x £500 plus make an award of £1,000 when the (Cornwell) badge is awarded instead of applications." (This remit is currently under review by the DGB)

- The Development Fund (Designated) and The Future Growth Fund (Designated)

In the Annual report of 2007/8, it was noted that both funds were now administered by the Development Grants Board," to provide additional funds on top of those already available in the existing restricted fund" and "to finance a variety of projects relating to the medium/long term growth of Scouting". Grants for the current Building Project Pilot Project are being made from the Development Grants (Designated) Fund.

### General notes:

The majority of grants are provided on a matched funding basis, except in exceptional circumstances, with the exception of the £100 Start Up grant and Supplement grant. Some limits/restrictions are determined by external donors, whilst others are set by the DGB by way of maintaining a level of equality between similar Funds. The size and level of use of Funds also can determine the restrictions imposed in order to ensure a 'fair share' is maintained. Retrospective applications are never accepted and all applications generally require to be received a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the event or need. All applications require the support of the Line Manager to the applicant body e.g. DC for a Group application and so on.