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**Week commencing 24 January 2011**



***Cyngor Sgowtiaid Cymru—The Welsh Scout Council:  
Supporting the development of young people in Wales***

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

As ever this year should be crammed full of things to do and places to go. ScoutsWales can help a bit to fill your Diary:

- Already the Frostbite canoeing weekend has been and gone, was a great success and thanks to Eryl for taking over the reigns from Barry. Some of you have attended the Winter Camp at Gilwell and I'm sure a fantastic time was had by all, a little warmer than last year! Do look at the Water Activities 2011 Programme included with this edition of Sgowtiaid, and book early as events are popular.

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- Cub Fun Day on 25 June promises to be a mega event, so make sure you book your places as soon as possible, the dates for the on-line booking system are on page 9.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March is GSL/DC Forum day headed up by Gilwell. There are places left so please sign up if you are interested. ACs, AACs, DCs, ADCs, GSLs and anyone else who would like to attend are welcome. Please go to [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) click on Events and scroll down to Group Scout Leader and District Commissioner Forums. Click on Wales 5<sup>th</sup> March and complete the form accordingly. See you there.
- Hafod too have a good programme of events, for hill walking, so have a look at their website.
- Do make sure you look at the ScoutsWales calendar for updates. If you want to include some of your own Area or District events do let the office know as soon as possible.
- I'm looking forward to an even higher census figure this year. Have we attained the 16,000 mark?
- Do remember that once a child has joined Scouting they remain members until they actually leave. So a Beaver moving on to Cubs over the Christmas holidays, is still a member and due to pay membership subscription, even if they have not been enrolled as a Cub yet.
- Thank you to all who have sent donations to the office for Shelter Box. We have enough now for one box and are well on the way to a second. If you still want to contribute there is plenty of time, we might even extend the date as there seems no end to the need for shelter world wide.

All the best for an adventurous, safe and enjoyable 2011,

*Jill*



## 6 CELTIC PEAKS CHALLENGE

On Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> a team of 10 left Llanelli in South Wales to attempt to climb 6 Celtic peaks in 6 countries in 7 days in aid of two charities – Help for Heroes and Erb's Palsy.

The Team consisted of experienced hill walkers to complete novices; out of the 10 there were 4 Scout Leaders and a number of previous Scouts . . . all hoping the skills we all learned in Scouting would get us through the challenge!

We left a dark and wet Llanelli at 6 am and headed for our first hill—Cornwall's Brown Willy, at 1378ft, luckily the sun was shining for the first challenge, so it was a pleasant walk after a 4 hour journey. We spent a few minutes enjoying the view over Bodmin moor before



heading down and making our way to Portsmouth for the first of 6 ferry journeys and crossed to Roscoff in France and drove to a lovely town in Brittany where we spent the night in one of our Team's relatives gites.

It was yet again a dark foggy cold 6am as we headed for Roc'h Trevezel, the highest point in Brittany at 1260ft being our smallest peak of the week, after following the well walked path to the summit there was

time for a few pictures then back on the bus to catch ferry number 2.

Back on mainland UK and a dash to West Wales and Fishguard to catch the 3am ferry to Rosslare, Ireland. After grabbing a few hours sleep on the Irish Sea we arrived in Ireland and headed for Killarney. After arriving there a small group went to take a look at our first big challenge - Carrauntoohill -3406ft, we went as far as Devil's Ladder but the visibility was very poor, the winds were hitting 60mph and the rain came in so headed back for a Guinness.

**Tuesday** - heavy rain continued through the night which resulted in the paths turning into rivers and flooding everywhere. At Nags Teeth the stepping stones were totally submerged and unsafe to cross which resulted in a detour around the lake, a bit of scrambling and more river crossing and waterfall climbing.

On reaching the bottom of Devil's Ladder we were met by the sight of waterfalls cascading down the ladder which made the ascent quite challenging and interesting. On reaching the top, the weather started to improve which allowed us to reach the summit easily, peak number 3 done, time for a photo at the cross and

then headed back down where the support crew had some hot drinks waiting for us, back on the bus for a 7 hour journey to Belfast. Ferry number 4 over to Stranraer and a chance for a few hours sleep. We then had a further 5 hour journey to Fort William for the next challenge and the highest – Ben Nevis – 4409ft

At the camp site we took the opportunity to dry kit before our climb the next day.



**Thursday** – We woke to a decent day and headed off on the long path up Ben Nevis, conditions were good and all made it to the top to be the highest people in the UK, a few snow showers didn't stop us enjoying the incredible view from the top.

Back on the path and headed down for a quick dip in river Nevis before getting back on the bus to head for Haysham and an overnight ferry to the Isle of Man.

**Friday** - A dark cold windy Isle of Man morning greeted us and we headed for Snaefell, peak number 5 – 2034ft. As the sun was coming up to reveal a lovely day, we hit the top of Snaefell to the biggest winds we had on the tops all week. Time for a quick picture and headed down for a massive fried breakfast. We had a few hours to kill before the ferry out and found a leisure centre and made full use of Jacuzzi and saunas.... Lovely....

8 hours after arriving on Isle of Man we were back on the ferry and heading for Liverpool. Just had time for a quick look at the Liver building then headed for the Ogwen Valley in Snowdonia and the ScoutsWales Mountaineering Centre, Yr Hafod, where we were greeted with family and friends and lots of food!!!!

**Saturday** – The final peak, Snowdon – 3560ft, more family and friends joined us at Pen Y Pass to help us up the final peak, after a few hours on the PYG track we had made it to the top of our final peak - Snowdon. 6 Peaks, 6 Countries, 7 Days! We had done it!! What an amazing feeling!!! Many thought it was impossible, but after nearly 2500 road miles, 6 ferries, 16047ft of mountain, not a lot of sleep and a lot of laughs we had done it. What an experience!

You can still donate to this cause by visiting our web site - [www.sixcelticpeakschallenge.com](http://www.sixcelticpeakschallenge.com)





Many of you will remember this Award which helped young people in all Sections of Scouting to think about a healthy active life style.

Although it is sometime since the Award was launched it is still running. All resources for the Award were supplied direct to Areas, and you will find details relating to your Section from your Group Scout Leader; District Commissioner or Area Commissioner.

If you can't find the information locally, you can look at [www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk) or contact the ScoutsWales office. Badges will, in future, be supplied from the ScoutsWales office.

## WATERFRONT ADVENTURE GEAR

Steve at *WATERFRONT ADVENTURE GEAR* has a batch of used canoes/kayaks/sit on tops with associated equipment for sale.

Also 6 Scrub Rush Mountain boards in good condition with coiled leash. For further details please contact Steve on 07790298670.

Plus: beautiful Pembrokeshire. Holiday cottage. Sleeps 5 . Lovely coastal location with/without canoes etc. Ring for reduced rates for Scouters and their families. Steve—07790 298670



## SEAN WILLIAMS AND HUW BUTTERWORTH

Hello my name is Sean Williams. I am 10 years old and in 5<sup>th</sup> Carmarthen Scout Group. Over the last two years I have achieved my 33 Cub badges which was great fun, hard work and



something I am really proud of. My favourite activity badges were Skater and Hobbies as well as the Scientist badge. For the Scientist badge I had to do experiments including making circuits and using a bag to show hot air rising and I would like to be an inventor in the future. The hardest badge was Equestrian be-

cause I was a little bit scared of horses but now I have overcome my fear and can enjoy horse riding. Also, my friend Huw Butterworth and I had a little friendly rivalry to see who could get all their badges first. We started our rivalry when we had about twenty-five badges each and no one won because we got our last badges at the same time. I have now moved up into Scouts and have started working on Scout badges with my troop

*Their Leader has asked if they are the only two in Wales to achieve all the Cub Scout Badges—we don't know, but perhaps you do!! Please let ScoutsWales know if one or more of your Cubs has achieved all the Cub Scout Activity Badges.*

Many congratulations to Huw who also won the Scouts' Rolls Royce Science Competition this year with this science diary. He won £500 which is being used to fund a trip to Techniquet in Cardiff for all the Cubs in his Pack. Well done



## BEAVER SCOUT NEWS

A very Happy New Year to all Leaders and Beaver Scouts. I hope you survived the December snow, though I know a number of Carol Services and Colony concerts or parties had to be postponed, curtailed or even cancelled. Let's hope 2011 lets us address our programmes more easily.

But what a year 2011 promises to be. First of all there is our Silver Jubilee. Who could have envisaged the success that Beaver Scouting would become. We truly are the foundation, on which the membership depends, so make the most of your celebrations, and make sure everybody in the Group and beyond knows that Beavers are here to stay and are an important starting point for both adult and young people recruitment and retention. The Beaver Scout Team for Wales have agreed that throughout 2011 Beavers should celebrate their Silver Jubilee with Fun Days and parties, and we will try to get a page on the ScoutsWales website for a display of photographs and reports from colonies.

In the summer we shall all turn our thoughts to the World Jamboree in Sweden. You should all have received a programme resource pack for the year, and we recommend that Join in Jamboree activities are included in your programmes throughout the year. Use them as activities for the Global and Friendship Challenges, or join with other sections for a Group activity. Have your Group or District got people going to the Jamboree? Get them to talk to you about their preparations and expectations, and when they come back, they will be only too pleased to show you their photos, videos and souvenirs.

So there we are, another exciting year of programming ahead. Get planning now, (if you haven't already done so) and make 2011 the best 25<sup>th</sup> birthday possible for the section, and don't

forget to include a sleepover in your plans, after all, today's Beaver is 2019's Jamboree participant!

Good luck and good Scouting

**Barbara Turton**

Commissioner (Wales) Beaver Scouts

## BEAVER SCOUT AWARD FOR WALES

From time to time Beaver Scout Colonies 'over the border' take part in this Award and we are very grateful to a Beaver Scout Colony for sharing their experience of the Award. This is what the 1st/36th Doncaster St Peter's Beavers have done, and they have nearly completed the Award!:

They have obviously done lots of things and had huge fun, but some of the activities that are specifically Welsh are as follows:

- They had a sleep-over and made some Welsh cakes,
- They made bunting with daffodils and leeks on and have them hanging with the Welsh flags they made to decorate their hall..
- They made collages using the Award badge.
- They made Christmas Cards with a Welsh greeting inside. (We loved the ones they sent us in the ScoutsWales office!)
- Somebody came to talk to them about lovespoons, and then they made their own (out of card!)
- They drew around themselves and labelled the parts of their body on one side in English and the other in Welsh.



**WELL DONE, ST PETER'S BEAVER COLONY.**



## CAMPING AFLOAT

Have you ever thought of having a change from camping? Then why not take your Pack, Troop or Unit on a canal boat and explore the rivers and canals of England and Wales. When you hire a canal boat you can choose the route you take. The routes available will depend on the starting base. You will normally have to return the boat to the starting base.

**Rings** - A Ring is a circular route covering a number of canals. Often there are a number of possible starting bases on the Ring, but the route taken always returns you to the base from which you started. A Ring route takes at least a week. The most popular Rings are: Four Counties Ring, Stourport Ring, Cheshire Ring, Avon Ring, Warwickshire Ring, Leicester Ring.

**Out and Back**—On many sections of canal there are no possible Ring routes, so the Out and Back journey returns along the same canal to the starting point. Some sections of Rings make ideal Out and Back routes - all short breaks are 'out and back'. Not only do the canal features look different in the opposite direction, but the return route gives a chance to stop at places missed on the outgoing journey. The most popular Out and Back routes are: Llangollen Canal, Kennet and Avon Canal, Leeds-Liverpool Canal, Oxford Canal, Grand Union Canal, River Wey, Mon and Brecon Canal. You can also take a canal narrow boat on the River Thames.

Short breaks are an ideal way to introduce your members to the waterways and this could lead to the challenge of completing one of the rings which would be more suitable for the older Scouts or Explorer Scouts. The largest Narrow Boat is 70 ft long and can sleep up to twelve people, they come complete with two toilets, shower and fully fitted kitchen. Please note that the training offered by the hire companies is not enough to gain your



permit and at least one adult for each boat will need to be Scout Association authorised to take charge. If you would like to book on a course or have the necessary qualifications to qualify for the permit then please contact **Geoff Powell**, on 01492 532349 or email [mail@ghpowell.co.uk](mailto:mail@ghpowell.co.uk)

## TARGET SHOOTING

A new book on the shelves at the NSRA on target shooting sports designed as an introduction for young people in archery as well as rifle and pistol shooting. "Learning Shooting Sports" has 152 pages and is excellent value at £8.50, includes hints, exercises and games as well as having liberal use of graphics. It is being used in schools as an introductory programme for young people taking up shooting for the first time. Published by Meyer & Meyer Sport, ISBN 978-1-84126-294-9

### NSRA Youth Proficiency Scheme Tutor

If you are exploring funding to attend a course then you should ensure that you put your application in to your Group Executive Committee in good time for their approval and for financial consideration, it is no good applying in retrospect after your attendance at the course as you will probably be disappointed and be off to a bad start with your new project.

### National Events

Well done to all our Leaders and Scouts who took part in the National Scout Air Rifle Shooting Competition at Bisley in October and competed for The Connaught Shield which is one of the oldest and most distinguished trophies in Scouting having being presented by the Duke of Connaught. KG. in 1911. You will observe Target Shooting is not a new sport in Scouting by its Centenary next year, will you and your Scouts be taking part next year I wonder?

There were over 750 entries this year and, of course, this takes a lot of man power on the weekend so are you able to help with this and perhaps Gilwell 24 where airgun shooting takes place round the clock for the Explorer Scout Camp? Don't worry you will not have to do the whole 24hrs at Gilwell24 as YPS Tutors are squadded in for sessions.

**Nigel Cole; Wales Shooting Adviser.**

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## LOOKING TO TAKE YOUR TROOP AWAY FOR A WEEKEND OR EVEN A WEEK?

Longtown is located in a superb rural setting on the edge of the Black Mountains of the Brecon Beacon's National Park.

Here at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre we have all the facilities you would need from camping facilities to sleep around 100, to indoor accommodation which sleeps 50.

Our camping facilities include:

- A fantastic drying room
- An outside Toilet and Shower block
- A utility area providing drinking water and washing up facilities.
- A mobile classroom and barn for a small amount of inside space.
- Campfire circle
- Special reduced price for Scout users @ £3.50 per person

Our fully catered, indoor accommodation consists of:

- Bedrooms to sleep between two and six.
- A dining room
- Two social areas
- Use of the Toilet, Shower and Drying rooms.
- WiFi internet access

### Looking for adventurous Activities.

At Longtown we have a small team of qualified instructors who would be able to enhance your Scout camp offering offsite activities including caving, canoeing or gorge walking.

We also have onsite activities including team building challenges, a high ropes course and climbing tower.

For more information please contact us on:

**Tel: 01873 860225**

**Website: [www.longtownoec.co.uk](http://www.longtownoec.co.uk)**

**Email: [longtown@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:longtown@northamptonshire.gov.uk)**

## CORRIS MINE EXPLORERS, CORRIS CRAFT CENTRE, NEAR MACHYNLLETH

Getting kitted up with a miner's helmet, cap lamp, lamp belt and safety clips makes an exciting start to this awesome underground exploration. With one of Wales' most experienced mine explorers, Corris Mine Explorers takes you into the darkness of the abandoned workings of an old Welsh Slate Mine.

Dark, damp and virtually untouched since the day the miners left, your exploration can be tailored to meet the needs of your Scout group. Some groups like lots of clambering up slate heaps and crawling through holes, others enjoy the shocking tales of mining tragedies, or maybe having a go at winding a winch will appeal to your group. Call us to talk about what your group likes and we can tailor our explorations to fit.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Norley Scout Troop from Cheshire explored in November and one of the Scouts wrote a comment in our Explorers' Book "An interesting place to visit, great climbing and awesome fun. Thanks."

Corris Mine Explorers is open all year round.

For further information visit the website [www.corrismineexplorers.co.uk](http://www.corrismineexplorers.co.uk) or telephone 01654 761244.



*Photo: 3rd Gidea Park Scout Group, Essex*



## THE 2011 CENSUS IS COMING

... And not just the annual Scout Association census either!!

The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on 27 March 2011. The 2011 Census will produce a high quality estimate of the population. It is a count of the people and households in England and Wales. The census is carried out by the Office for National Statistics. Everyone is asked the same questions in order to take a snapshot of the population at one moment in time. The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are (young, old, married, single): their characteristics. This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details.

Census population estimates are used in so many ways. Local authorities use census statistics to help forecast the number of pupils who'll be going to school. The forecasts are then used to ensure there are enough school places within the area.

### **A census counts everybody and describes society**

The population's characteristics are always changing. A census collects and shares facts about society's make up. Society is changing, everyone knows that it's happening, but a census is currently the only way to accurately measure change across the whole population

Everyone needs to take part in the census so that services and facilities that their community and family use can be identified. These services include schools, hospitals and emergency services. Census statistics help work out the amount of funding allocated to facilities in communities.

### **Census answers are confidential**

Personal census information is never shared with any other government department, nationally, regionally, or locally. The information collected is kept confidential by ONS for 100 years and protected by law.

The statistics produced by the census provide credible, factual, recognised data that can be used by community, special interest and charity groups for grant applications and other purposes.

More information is available at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDERS' BIRTHDAY, CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERING

The arrangements for celebrating Founders' Day will change in 2011 in light of the number of opportunities for local celebrations.

**Tuesday, 22nd February, 2011:** the joint birthdays of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell will be recognised by a short ceremony of special prayers and the laying of flowers at their Memorial in Westminster Abbey. This will immediately follow the public service of Evensong, which usually commences at 16.45 hrs. This service is open to all without tickets.

**Saturday, 5th November, 2011:** A special service focussing on giving thanks to and for the service of adult volunteers. Invitations for this service, will, in the first instance be for leaders and adult volunteers who have been recognised with significant Good Service Awards or who have achieved significant Long Service Awards. This service will be in Westminster Abbey, but will be ecumenical and inclusive for leaders and volunteers from all faiths. This will also be the date for an invitation luncheon for those awarded the Silver Wolf in 2010 and 2011 St Georges' Day Awards.





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD  
GWOBR DUG CAEREDIN

## GOLD AWARDS

**VIKKI BOOTH—Pembrokeshire**

**CHRISTOPHER HUGH—CATVOG**

**OWEN MATHER—CATVOG**

Congratulations to Vikki, Christopher and Owen on their considerable achievements, as the Award record book says 'this is a marathon, not a sprint!' To achieve the Gold Award requires a substantial commitment, demanding persistence and commitment. Well done to all three!

**MIKE BREAKWELL**  
**D OF E ADVISER FOR WALES**

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD – OPEN GOLD EXPEDITION

In August 2010 ScoutsWales ran it's first Duke of Edinburgh Award Open Gold expedition based at Yr Hafod in Snowdonia. An open expedition is intended for DofE participants who are not able to form an expedition team themselves and need to join up with others in the same position to complete their expedition.

On this occasion 6 participants came together from Scouting and Guiding in Wales and beyond, four were undertaking their final expedition with the others were completing their training including a practice expedition. The week was a great success with all participants completing their expeditions.



**Are you looking for an opportunity to complete either training for, or your final gold DofE expedition?**

If so we will be running a further Open expedition from **29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011** again based at Hafod. The cost is £150 which includes all food and accommodation etc– you just have to get there.

To book or to obtain further information contact:

Wyn or Alison Owen on 01269-844029, e-mail [wyn.owen@talktalk.net](mailto:wyn.owen@talktalk.net) or visit the Hafod website [www.yr-hafod.org.uk](http://www.yr-hafod.org.uk)



## PENPALS WANTED

KaCe is a Cub Scout Leader in the States and is looking for penpals for his Cub Scout Pack in Rock Spring, GA, USA. If you are interested please contact him on [lawriekace@yahoo.com](mailto:lawriekace@yahoo.com)

*(Please note that while ScoutsWales have received this request we have no knowledge of this Leader or the Pack.)*



## ALL-WALES CUB FUNDAY - 25TH JUNE 2011

### THE NEXT ALL-WALES CUB FUN DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND, BUILTH WELLS.

The theme for this year is "At The Movies" and each Area has chosen an individual theme to base their activities on:

- Brecknock - Wizard of Oz
- Carmarthenshire - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Ceredigion - Toy Story
- Clwyd - Alice in Wonderland
- Gwent - to be confirmed
- Eryri a Mon - Bend it Like Beckham
- Montgomeryshire - Master and Commander
- Pembrokeshire - to be confirmed
- Radnorshire - to be confirmed
- Mid Glamorgan - Jungle Book
- CATVOG - Harry Potter
- Glamorgan West - Pirates of the Caribbean\ Shrek

As well as the usual Leader run bases additional activities will also be provided. Currently confirmed are:

- Bouldering Walls
- Climbing Walls
- Spider Mountain
- Skate Park
- Mini Fencing
- Circus Skills
- Radio Team

We also have many organisations confirmed to attend who will be providing information and activities. These include:

- London Science Museum
- Tenovus
- Tata Steel
- Welsh Water
- Shelterbox

- OMSCo
- Powys County Council Road Safety Unit
- British Geological Survey
- Institute of Physics
- Hot air balloon museum

The cost to attend the Fun Day will be £5.00 per Cub and £2.50 per Leader/Helper. The on-line booking system will open on the 31st January 2011 and will close on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

In the mean time if you are thinking about attending, please fill in the Expression of Interest form on the ScoutsWales website

[www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk)



## NEW HOME FOR NEATH SCOUTS!

They met every week in a building which was literally crumbling around them. Now, thanks to a grant of over £234,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, the Scout Troop, Cub Pack and Beaver Colony have a new home to be proud of. The funding paid for the 5th Neath (Bryncoch) Scout Group to demolish the old scout hut, built in 1938, and make way for a fantastic new building with all mod cons on Farmers Road. Neath Group Scout Leader, Geoffrey Loyns, was glad to see the back of the old zinc shed. "The old building was in an extremely poor state of repair," he says. "It had a leaking roof, damp everywhere and no hot water, toilet or kitchen. Some parents wouldn't let their children attend due to the condition of the place." The new hall is now available for use by the wider community as well as the Scout Group. "The Scouts are over the moon and the facilities are brilliant," says Geoffrey. "It's a good modern facility and has a large hall. It can be used for anything."

**BEFORE!!**



**AFTER!!**



Congratulations to 5th Neath Scouts on achieving funding to help them build their new Headquarters.

*The article and photographs above are taken from BIG magazine.*

## SCOUT ASSOCIATION CENSUS AND YOUNG LEADERS

Just a reminder that Young Leaders have to pay the annual Membership Subscription, unless they are from another youth organisation and have become a YL for a limited period for the purpose of completing the service requirement of an award.

They must be registered with the District Explorer Scout Administrator. If they are already a member of another Explorer Scout Unit then they will be registered with the District Explorer Scout Administrator and pay the District Explorer Scout subscription.

If he/she is **only** a Young Leader (i.e. not a member of a Explorer Scout Unit), the matter of who pays the membership subscription (i.e. the Young Leader, the Group or District) is for local arrangement.

**NOTE:** a Young Leader who is from another youth organisation and has become a Young Leader for a limited time for the purpose of completing an award, does not need to wear uniform or make the Promise. However, they must still be registered with the Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) and therefore be a member of the Young Leader Unit and complete Module A from *Young Leaders' Essentials*.

## DofE ASSESSOR ACCREDITATION COURSE

A Scout course is being held on Sunday, 20 March at the Quay Centre, Carmarthen SA31 3LN

This course is open to anyone in Scouting and the course fee is £20 (a great reduction!) which includes the £5 registration fee.

There is quite a bit of paperwork to complete which must be done PRIOR to attending the course, so contact Alison sooner rather than later!!

To book contact: Alison Owen-Yeates  
01269 844029 or:  
alisonowenyeates@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

## YOUNG PERSON'S VOLUNTEERING FUND

Young Person's Volunteering Fund is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme to support volunteering projects which transform community amenities and green spaces. Projects must be led and delivered by 14-25 year olds. SITA Trust can support projects in England and Wales and can provide up to £10,000 towards agreed project costs. This fund has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance recreation or leisure facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

SITA Trust can provide funding towards the resources required by young volunteers to transform a derelict piece of land into a community green space or give a local community centre a much needed 'make-over'. Funding can be sought to provide necessary equipment such as tools, paint, plants, fencing and materials.

What sort of project can be funded?

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that young people will be fully involved in the design and development of the project.
- Projects must be compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund – see the application guide for full details.

What we can't fund:

- Projects that are not significantly driven by young people
- Improvement projects that are not carried out by young volunteers

An application must also demonstrate that it takes into account the 9 principles of volunteering as set out by the Youth Action Network\_a national charity whose vision is for all young people to have the opportunity to participate in youth action volunteering and develop their own solutions to community needs.

Successful projects must commence within six months of funding being awarded and finish within a year of this date.

### Application deadlines for 2011:

10am on 21st February (notification of decision by 19th April)

10am on 18th April (notification of decision by 17th June)

10am on 20th June (notification of decision by 19th August)

10am on 22nd August (notification of decision by 21st October)

## A GREAT NIGHTS AWAY VENUE NEAR THE SEA

Rhos on Sea Scout Headquarters is a modern building with central heating, hot and cold water, three toilets, shower, kitchen complete with pots, pans, microwave, cooker and fridge plus a spacious main hall complete with climbing wall, a small meeting room and leaders room.

The Headquarters is suitable for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts who need a floor for the night. Camping is not allowed, however, tents can be put up for training purposes during the daytime on the park field.

The HQ is situated on Church road next to Tucky Park. The park has an all weather pitch which is free to use.

We are five minutes walks from the sea and ten minutes walk from Rhos on Sea which is a popular holiday spot. The traffic free coastal cycle/ walking track starts from Rhos on Sea, you could ride or walk as far as Prestatyn.

The cost is £3.00 per person per night which is inclusive.

Main Attraction:  
Erias Park,  
Colwyn Garden  
Railway, Welsh  
Mountain Zoo

To book please  
contact Geoff  
Powell Tel 01492  
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**Don't forget:**

- Deadline for next edition: **MONDAY 4TH APRIL** If your Area, District or Group would like to share an idea or an event please send in details by this date.
- If you receive this copy of 'Sgowtiau' but are no longer in Scouting, make sure your name is removed from the Headquarters membership database (Backpack) and hand on your copy to someone else.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**31 January:** On-line booking for All-Wales Cub Fun Day open.

**19 February:** Board of Trustees.

**5 March:** DC/GSL Conference at Builth Wells.

**6 March:** Team Day/DAS Day, Builth Wells.

**25 April:** On-line booking for All-Wales Cub Fun Day closes.

**29 April to 2 May:** Wye Canoe Cruise.

**1 May:** Queen's Scout Parade & Service, Windsor.

**28 & 29 May:** Sail Training, Brenig.



**LOOKING FOR A NEW ACTIVITY?  
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