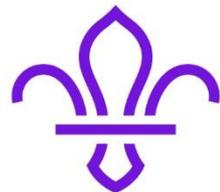




**Use your skills to
help young people
gain theirs.**

Deputy District Commissioner



Scouts

Pinner & Headstone

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About us

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'Scouts made me a do-er and a give it a go-er. Made me question and listen and have a wide-open mind. Scouts made me take a deep breath and speak up. Made me think on my feet, made me see the big picture, made me ignore the butterflies and go for it. Scouts made me get back up and try again. Made me think about what's next, and plan for it. Made me jump in, get muddy, give back and get set.'



What do Scouts do?

Scouts take part in a wide range of activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing. As a Scout you can learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming or even how to fly a plane. There's something for everyone. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world.

What do volunteers do?

Helping young people develop skills for life is only possible thanks to our team of adult volunteers, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a local community based Group, to being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

Our award winning training scheme for volunteers means that adults get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer. Over 90% of Scout volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

Our strategic plan

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders who deliver an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Society is changing. In often fragmented communities, the pressures and expectations on young people are increasing. The future is uncertain. Scouts has never been so important in helping young people prepare for the future, developing the skills they need to succeed in a changing world. Each week almost half a million young people enjoy fun, friendship and outdoor adventure. They develop a sense of optimism and strong values as well as the leadership and team working skills that are more valuable today than ever.

Our movement achieves remarkable things. Our previous plan, Scouting for All, inspired new Groups and sections to start in an additional 834 areas of deprivation since 2013. We now help over 460,000 young people aged 6-18 (including the highest number of girls in our history) get the best possible start in life.

Now we want to go further. Skills for Life is a strategy that supports and empowers our volunteers who are the people that make Scouts a reality. It's a strategy to bring communities together and contribute towards a better society. But most of all, it's a strategy for young people. They deserve the best skills, the best support, and the best possible futures.

Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures 2018-2023

Our vision

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Our mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Our goals

We will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

Growth

- 50k more young people
- 10k more Section Leaders
- 5k more Young Leaders

Inclusivity

- The demographic of adult volunteers reflects society
- In 500 more areas of deprivation

Youth Shaped

- 250k young people shape their Scouting each year
- 50% young people achieve top awards

Community Impact

- 250k young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year
- 50% young people achieve top awards

Our three pillars of work

To meet these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme

A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.

People

More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.

Perception

Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

'I believe that Scouts empowers young people. It gives them skills to achieve the remarkable, and opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the rapidly changing world.'

Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner

Our values

Integrity

We say what we mean and when we make a promise, we keep it.

Respect

We listen to others, explore our differences and work to find common ground.

Care

Scouts are friends to all and think of others before themselves.

Belief

We believe passionately in improving the lives and life chances of young people and helping them explore and develop their beliefs and attitudes.

Cooperation

Scouting is about teamwork. We believe that when we work together we achieve more than we can on our own.

Our key policies

All members follow our key policies. The policies cover:

Child Protection, Equal Opportunities, Religion & Safety.

These policies are fully explained on our website at <http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/key-policies/>

Did you know?

- 9 out of 10 parents think their children would benefit from learning skills for life
- 83% of parents think Scouts helps young people develop skills for life
- 9 out of 10 UK adults think Scouts develop empathy
- 9 out of 10 UK adults think Scouts develop active listening skills 11 of the 12 people to walk on the moon were Scouts.
- Scouts have stood on the summit of Everest and at the South Pole.
- Scouts are public spirited – all our leaders are volunteers and nearly half (47%) volunteer outside of Scouts too.
- Over 160,000 adult volunteers in Scouting learn new skills, make new friends and make a positive impact in their communities.
- We offer over 200 activities from abseiling and coding to drama and water-zorbing.
- Over a quarter of UK Scouting's membership is female.



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The role

Overview

To work in partnership with the District Commissioner with managing and supporting the Scout District to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the District develops in accordance with the rules and policies of the Scout Association so that the District provides good quality Scouting for young people and proactively supports and manages adults in the District.

Role description

Appointed by: County Appointments Committee

Responsible to: District Commissioner

Responsible for: Group Scout Leaders & ADCs as agreed on appointment. The role will champion development in the District and look to recruit volunteers to assist in certain areas.

Internal contacts: County Commissioner, District Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners, District Executive Committee Members, Local Training Manager, Volunteers.

External contacts: Members of the local community, schools and other youth organisations.

Key tasks:

- Assist the District Commissioner in implementing the District's development plan to meet the District's vision.
- Work with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioners to ensure Scouting in the District is attractive to young people and adults from all backgrounds.
- Provide line management and support to the adults in the District that directly report to you including setting objectives for their work and holding regular reviews and one-to-one meetings.
- Ensure that problems with your District area are resolved so that excellent Scouting is provided to young people in the District; escalating issues that cannot be resolved to the District Commissioner.
- When requested by the District Commissioner work with the County Commissioner and other District Commissioners in the County to ensure Scouting in the County thrives.

Time commitment: Flexible, however at least 2 hours a week administration time and 1 hour a week face to face. (on average)

Terms of appointment: Must complete the relevant training (a wood badge) within three years of taking up the role. Understand and accept The Scout Association's policies. Maintain a satisfactory DBS Clearance. Maintain Safeguarding, Safety and First Aid training

Expenses: Travel & reasonable expenses approved by District Commissioner.

Person specification

Skills and abilities:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Provide advice and guidance effectively to others
- Provide inspirational leadership for the District
- Provide strategic direction for the District
- Motivate adults volunteering in the District
- Build, maintain and facilitate effective working relationships with a wide range of people

- Enable others to identify issues, clarify objectives, develop attainable objectives and gain the necessary skills and confidence to work as an effective team
- Ability to negotiate compromises
- Plan, manage and monitor own tasks and time
- Construct and implement long-term plans that improve and expand the Scouting offered to young people and identify any training, resources and other needs required to undertake this work
- Use basic computer software

Knowledge and experience:

- Ability to manage adults effectively
- Understanding of the challenges of working in the voluntary sector
- Experience of working with young people and/or community work with adult groups (desirable)

Personal qualities:

- An understanding of the needs of adult volunteers
- Flexible approach
- Self-motivated
- Able to work as part of a team and promote good teamwork
- Resourceful, energetic and enthusiastic about the job
- Acceptance of the fundamentals of the Scout Movement



How to apply

Key dates

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 29th September**

Process

To apply, contact either:

Tyler Skerton (District Commissioner) at tyler@pandhscouts.org.uk; or,

Geoff Vanderplank (Deputy County Commissioner) at Geoff.Vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk