

# RESULTS OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE SURVEY

Feedback from our leaders on events, support,  
skills, permits, training and communication

County Programme Conference  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012



## Summary of Responses

### How long have you held a role in Scouting as an adult?

Less than 1 year	17 15%
1 - 2 years	10 9%
2 - 5 years	10 9%
5 - 10 years	10 9%
10 - 15 years	9 8%
15+ years	33 29%

### District

Barnet	47 42%
Camden, City & Islington	23 21%
Enfield	20 18%
Haringey	8 7%
Southgate	14 13%

## District/County Activities (Section 1 of 5)

### Which of the following do you think are important aspects of District/County events

Competing against other groups.	41 37%
Helping inexperienced leaders offer activities they don't feel able to.	80 72%
Participating alongside people from other groups.	87 78%
Offer activities that leaders are not able to offer themselves.	93 84%
Activities that cant be run during weekly section meetings.	73 66%
Working together to reduce costs.	53 48%
Other	9 8%

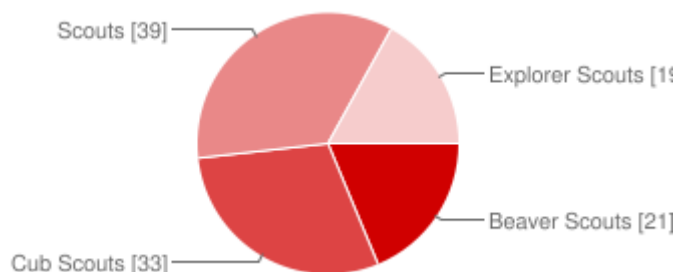
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### When you don't attend District/County events, which of the following are common reasons for not attending

Don't receive information.	34 33%
The event is poorly run (or has been previously)	21 21%
Not relevant to any badge requirement.	6 6%
Not of interest to my members.	51 50%
I already run enough of my own events	12 12%
District/County events don't currently offer something "different" to what I can offer myself	16 16%
Clashes with a Group/District event already planned	47 46%
The information I receive is unhelpful, incomplete or difficult to re-type for young people	8 8%
I already run a similar event in my section	14 14%
Other	31 30%

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### Which section do you primarily work with?



Beaver Scouts	21 19%
Cub Scouts	33 29%
Scouts	39 35%
Explorer Scouts	19 17%

## Beaver Scouts (Section 2 of 5)

Please tick which of the following resources/support would help you deliver a wider range of activities:

Air Activities Badge: resources to plan a visit to RAF Hendon	14	54%
Science Badge: A worksheet with basic experiments using everyday items.	23	88%
Beaver Sleepover Plans (including a theme and related activities)	7	27%
Other	3	12%

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Thinking to section leader meetings (if you attend them), how well do they achieve the following objectives

### Meeting other leaders

Very well	8	7%
OK	11	10%
Not very well	2	2%
I don't know	0	0%

### Learning new skills/ideas

Very well	5	4%
OK	7	6%
Not very well	9	8%
I don't know	0	0%

### Detailed planning of events

Very well	7	6%
OK	11	10%
Not very well	3	3%
I don't know	0	0%

### Passing on information about County/national events (which you haven't already received directly)

Very well	7	6%
OK	10	9%
Not very well	2	2%
I don't know	2	2%

### Passing on experience from other leaders

Very well	8	7%
OK	9	8%
Not very well	3	3%
I don't know	1	1%

### Discussing ideas for new activities

Very well	9	8%
OK	7	6%
Not very well	4	4%
I don't know	1	1%

### Sharing ideas between leaders

Very well	10	9%
OK	6	5%
Not very well	4	4%
I don't know	1	1%

### Support for dealing with difficult situations (behaviour, inclusiveness etc)

Very well	5	4%
OK	10	9%
Not very well	4	4%
I don't know	2	2%

### Any other suggestions?

- Visits, district/county sleepover or camp to enable those leaders who don't feel able to run their own so the children don't miss out. Training not excluding beaver leaders from the more adventurous practical skills. We need confidence to show beaver scouts there is more to scouting than craft.
- More county run events
- "air and share" where each leader brings program ideas, rather than the district team
- run some events in the holidays
- Have experience with Scouts, but now I am now a new Beaver Leader
- Resources for the trickier badges to facilitate in a colony with 30 beavers (e.g. musicians, experiment, air activities)
- County or District days on a theme to pass a particular badge
- Templates for events etc just for Beavers.
- Being able to give them an understanding of right attitude towards other people, including knowing to respect rather than just being told it without explaining it to them. And being able to correct poor behaviour to let them know and understand what the problems are.
- Think there should be a quarterly 'swap shop' of skills and idea sharing in the beaver sections. Some beaver leaders come from new into scouting and lack basic skills. Other scouters that are set in routine would benefit from this with new ideas and refreshed thoughts on badges.  
Also, would be good to include basic skills in BL training as those that don't work in other sections often miss out on these skills. Very simplistic tracking, fire lighting and knots could then be incorporated in a very light way into programming.

## Cub Scouts (Section 2 of 5)

Please tick which of the following resources/support would help you deliver a wider range of activities:

DIY Badge: A selection of basic power tools and designs	19	50%
Global Conservation Badge: Being in touch with local conservation organisation	14	37%
Local Knowledge Badge: Being in touch with local Historian/local emergency station.	12	32%
Navigator Badge: A quantity of maps	15	39%
Scientist Badge: Various items to make a switch, prisms, etc	26	68%
Water Activity Badge: Events	25	66%
Other	1	3%

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Thinking to section leader meetings (if you attend them), how well do they achieve the following objectives

### Meeting other leaders

Very well	11	10%
OK	16	14%
Not very well	3	3%
I don't know	3	3%

### Support for dealing with difficult situations (behaviour, inclusiveness etc)

Very well	3	3%
OK	4	4%
Not very well	14	13%
I don't know	12	11%

### Detailed planning of events

Very well	9	8%
OK	16	14%
Not very well	3	3%
I don't know	5	4%

### Learning new skills/ideas

Very well	1	1%
OK	10	9%
Not very well	17	15%
I don't know	5	4%

### Passing on experience from other leaders

Very well	5	4%
OK	9	8%
Not very well	14	13%
I don't know	5	4%

### Passing on information about County/national events (which you haven't already received directly)

Very well	9	8%
OK	13	12%
Not very well	6	5%
I don't know	5	4%

### Sharing ideas between leaders

Very well	6	5%
OK	16	14%
Not very well	6	5%
I don't know	5	4%

### Discussing ideas for new activities

Very well	6	5%
OK	16	14%
Not very well	6	5%
I don't know	5	4%

### Any other suggestions on support we could offer the Cub Scout section?

- "Know longer attend: Personally, and this is not a take on our Group or anyone in our Group, but in the past I've found all the sectional meetings a waste of an evening. I understand the importance them but it tends to be the usual leaders that are happy to shaping the usual annual events. I'm happy for them to continue to do this on behalf of the District. However, there's nothing gained from my presence that I couldn't of learnt via an email following the meeting."
- "more big county events such as theme park trips or activity days where the districts or groups could not put on the event due to scale of numbers.
- "information sent out as early as possible with costs. due to work commitments.
- suggestion sheets, for ideas for new events. sent to leaders individually."
- more leader help
- District to offer one session per term to support either Activity Badge or Challenge Badge?
- "Can't respond to question above as I do not attend such meetings.
- Would be nice if there was an event where all new leaders could meet and discuss issues. People may open up more with new ideas and suggestions. I think often when people are new they tend to be more reserved, especially when in a room of people who they do not know, who have been leaders for a long time. Also they may be more inclined at such an event to ask some basic questions that perhaps they should know but would feel a bit silly to ask in a wider setting. Maybe you should think about having a new leader co-ordinator separate from the training co-ordinator. Possibly someone quite new themselves, so they can share there own experiences.

- Also I think programme ideas and especially contacts should be shared more. Additionally it would be useful to know of places visited and ideas that have been tried which didn't work that well or how an event could have been improved. "
- "The companies that sponsor badges should contribute to the cost of buying those badges i.e. the badges with a sponsorship should be at a reduced price.
- Other a network of people who can come along one evening and assist with a particular badge, e.g. sports trainers, community leaders, emergency services workers. So there is a directory of people/organisations to contact should you wish an expert to come and talk to the cubs."
- Learning new skills and discussing behavioural situations is more likely to be dealt with at an annual/biennial District Cub Leaders' Training Day/Weekend. I think there is one coming up this spring.

## Scouts (Section 2 of 5)

Please tick which of the following resources/support would help you deliver a wider range of activities:

Navigator Badge: GPS Units and instructions for geocaching	26	63%
Circus Skills Badge: A selection of circus skills equipment and instructions	15	37%
Pioneering Badge: A large number of staves, lashing ropes and designs	15	37%
Pioneering Badge: Pioneering poles and lashing ropes available at local campsite	12	29%
Astronomer Badge: Binoculars, planet sheres	9	22%
Caver: Event with others	21	51%
Chef Badge: Use of premises with cooking facilities	9	22%
Communicator Badge: Put in touch with local Amateur Radio operators	13	32%
DIY Badge: A selection of basic power tools and designs	11	27%
Dragon Boating Badge: Event with others	18	44%
Electronics: PCB boards, soldering iron, worksheets of simple circuits	13	32%
Hiker Badge: Compass' /First Aid Teacher	6	15%
Interpreter Badge: List of leaders who are bi-lingual	7	17%
Orienteer Badge: Practice Maps, Compass' mariner compass' GPS systems	13	32%
Photographer Badge: Cameras	10	24%
Public Relations Badge: Video Recorder	8	20%
Pulling Badge: Event with others	10	24%
Other	2	5%

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**Thinking to section leader meetings (if you attend them), how well do they achieve the following Meeting other leaders Support for dealing with difficult situations (behaviour, inclusiveness etc)**

Very well	7	6%
OK	13	12%
Not very well	2	2%
I don't know	8	7%

Very well	0	0%
OK	10	9%
Not very well	7	6%
I don't know	13	12%

**Detailed planning of events**

Very well	2	2%
OK	12	11%
Not very well	7	6%
I don't know	9	8%

**Learning new skills/ideas**

Very well	0	0%
OK	10	9%
Not very well	12	11%
I don't know	8	7%

**Passing on experience from other leaders**

Very well	2	2%
OK	13	12%
Not very well	8	7%
I don't know	7	6%

**Passing on information about County/national events (which you haven't already received directly)**

Very well	4	4%
OK	15	13%
Not very well	5	4%
I don't know	6	5%

**Sharing ideas between leaders**

Very well	2	2%
OK	14	13%
Not very well	8	7%
I don't know	6	5%

**Discussing ideas for new activities**

Very well	2	2%
OK	18	16%
Not very well	2	2%
I don't know	8	7%

**Any other suggestions on support we could offer the Scout section?**

- Adventurous activity weekends which require specific permits caving etc which I can bring a group of young people to.
- "Expedition Challenge (to offer more opportunities) Hill Walking (we have no access to this at all!) Climbing ( Training to permit level!)
- I have been SL for a year now and there has not been a scout leaders meeting, would be happy to help organise district events.
- Ensure section leader meetings are held on different days of the week so that it is not always the same people whose regular troop meetings clash and thus leaders can't attend
- How about a county representative visiting scout groups to show them the county exist and explain how they can help the group?

- They need to give more notice of the meeting and try not to have them on Scout nights.
- If you can run a skills weekend training, mainly outdoor activities
- "I would to request for information on what the scouts will be doing when they move on to the Explorer Scouts."
- Keep in touch more so that leaders know you're there to help them all the time
- Never Attended any section leader meeting. Not aware that any have been held
- At district & county level I'm unaware of any leader meetings nor do I know the county scout section person(s). Perhaps this would be a good start"
- "Information on County events send directly to Leaders.
- Skills days/ ideas sharing at meetings "
- It would be useful to make a list of groups / Scouters and contact details, to make it easier to communicate with other groups.

## Explorer Scouts (Section 2 of 5)

Please tick which of the following resources/support would help you deliver a wider range of activities:

Activity Centre Service Badge: List of local Activity Centre's contact for young leaders.	9	41%
Caving Badge: Event with others/contact of suitable companies	12	55%
Climbing Badge: Event with others/contact of suitable companies	13	59%
Motor Sports Badge: Event with others/contact of suitable companies	11	50%
Mountain Biking Badge: Event with others/contact of suitable companies	12	55%
Navigation Badge: Practice Maps, Compass'	13	59%
Skiing Badge: Event with others/contact of suitable companies	10	45%
Other	3	14%

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Thinking to section leader meetings (if you attend them), how well do they achieve the following objectives

### Meeting other leaders

Very well	7	6%
OK	7	6%
Not very well	0	0%
I don't know	1	1%

### Support for dealing with difficult situations (behaviour, inclusiveness etc)

Very well	2	2%
OK	9	8%
Not very well	3	3%
I don't know	1	1%

### Detailed planning of events

Very well	1	1%
OK	11	10%
Not very well	2	2%
I don't know	1	1%

### Learning new skills/ideas

Very well	2	2%
OK	6	5%
Not very well	6	5%
I don't know	1	1%

### Passing on experience from other leaders

Very well	4	4%
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Not very well	4	4%
I don't know	1	1%

### Passing on information about County/national events (which you haven't already received directly)

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### Sharing ideas between leaders

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### Discussing ideas for new activities

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Any other suggestions on support we could offer the Explorer Scout section?

- Get DCs to show more bottle and instruct Scout Leaders not to hold on to their older Scouts and allow them to move on to Explorer Scouting. Get linked activities arranged.
- More county and district run events
- Make the values faith and environment listing easier to find on the website for when your working on the chief scout awards
- I think the offering is OK - a central county camp would be good
- Leader training, recruitment assistance leaders and members.
- How about retraining all the GSLs and scout leaders etc who have no idea what explorer scouts are and how encouraging their 14 year olds to join will pay back dividends to them in the short and long term (young leaders, DofE skills, network and adult appointment at 18 etc). Maybe the question should be how can explorers support groups and the future of scouting.
- Support that the Explorer Scout Section needs is on the awards, Chief Scout and DofE.
- A more open process to discuss the option of opening Explorer Scout Units – can I ask, do I have to wait to be offered...?
- I could write an essay on why these awards are so important and so difficult but I will cut it down to three points.
  1. The activity badges are so diverse and often so difficult to get that presenting them is never a big part of the programme, however presenting the DofE awards and Chief Scout Awards is massive and all the Explorers recognise the significance. Achieving these big awards is the best way to show people that you can achieve through Scouting, and secure future Leaders. You can't put Mountain Biking Activity Badge on your CV, but your QSA is another matter.

2. Every individual needs 1 on 1 help from a knowledgeable Leader to achieve their awards. The awards are very complicated and chasing up Explorers on their awards is time consuming and requires someone who has the time. All too often section leaders do not have the time and could do with a monthly visit to the Unit to chivvy Explorers along - so the first sort of support I would like is a DofE Advisor in my District.
  3. Leaders need support to get their Explorers through awards. They need activity permits (in the case of my Unit they would benefit from me having T1, T2, Camping and Canoeing permits along with the Accredited DofE Supervisors Qualification. Mostly support in this area is fine but a database or directory of People-Who-Know and who could be called in who have the permit would be great."
- how to deal with conflicts between the explorers
  - either better information of county explorer events or some county explorer events.
  - A list of DoE assessors within the County would be useful.
  - It would be nice if we were not constantly challenged and that some attention was paid to the quality of our programme not just numbers. All of our members are working on DoE, most have achieved at least one - this is great news, the fact that we have a small number of members is not so good but hardly the end of the world - the young people we work with get a huge amount of what we do - yet what do the district and the county choose to focus on...

# Adult Training (Section 3 of 5)

## How do you hear about training opportunities?

Training advisor	31	30%
Group Scout Leader	46	44%
District Newsletter	23	22%
North Circular email	56	53%
I look on the County website	10	10%
Direct from local Training Manager	30	29%
Other	9	9%

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## Which would be easiest for you?

Direct notification (by email) when a course you need is available	87	78%
Direct notification (by phone/SMS) when a course you need is available	10	9%
Monthly summary of upcoming courses by email	67	60%
Looking on a website for a list of courses	15	13%

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## Which of the following venues are you happy to attend for a half day/evening training session?

Scout Park, Bounds Green	93	84%
Frith Grange, Mill Hill	66	59%
Holloway Road, Holloway	45	41%
Turkey Street, Enfield	52	47%
Danemead, Broxbourne	33	30%
Edmonton HQ, Edmonton	48	43%

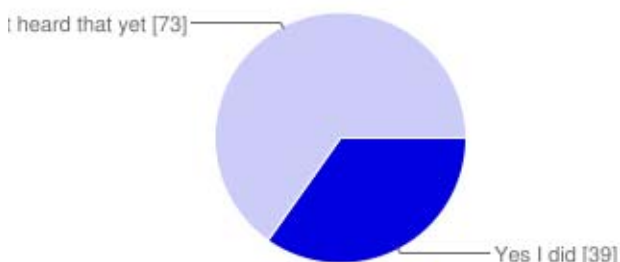
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## Would you be interested in training run during the day (subject to the availability of the trainers)

Monday morning	20	45%
Monday afternoon	23	52%
Tuesday morning	20	45%
Tuesday afternoon	21	48%
Wednesday morning	24	55%
Wednesday afternoon	24	55%
Thursday morning	23	52%
Thursday afternoon	25	57%
Friday morning	22	50%
Friday afternoon	20	45%

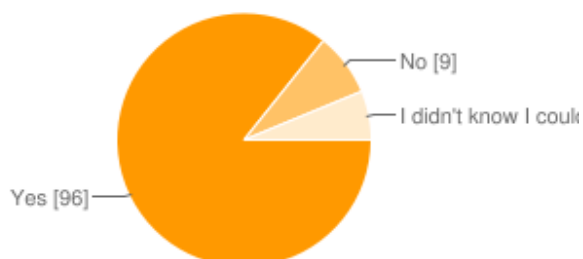
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## Did you know that all courses are listed at [www.gln-scouts.org.uk/training/](http://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/training/)?



Yes I did	39	35%
I hadn't heard that yet	73	65%

## Have you registered on [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) so that you can access your record on the national membership database?



Yes	96	86%
No	9	8%
I didn't know I could - please send me details on how to do this	7	6%

## Have you checked your own records within the last six months?

Yes and its up to date	58	52%
Yes but it is not up to date	14	13%
No	26	23%
No (because I don't know how)	14	13%

The County is looking to expand the number of people willing and able to run each of the modules.

### 5 - Fundamental Values of Scouting

I have run this module before	7	6%
I would consider running this module	13	12%

### 6 - Changes in Scouting

I have run this module before	7	6%
I would consider running this module	13	12%

### 7 - Valuing Diversity

I have run this module before	8	7%
I would consider running this module	13	12%

### 8 - Skills of Leadership

I have run this module before	6	5%
I would consider running this module	17	15%

### 9 - Working with Adults

I have run this module before	5	4%
I would consider running this module	11	10%

### 10 - First Aid

I have run this module before	6	5%
I would consider running this module	11	10%

### 11 - Administration (Section Leaders)

I have run this module before	5	4%
I would consider running this module	11	10%

### 12 - Providing a Balanced Programme

I have run this module before	6	5%
I would consider running this module	14	13%

### 13 - Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)

I have run this module before	5	4%
I would consider running this module	8	7%

### 14 - Young People Today

I have run this module before	6	5%
I would consider running this module	13	12%

### 15 - Challenging Behaviour

I have run this module before	5	4%
I would consider running this module	11	10%

### 16 - Introduction to Residential Activities

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	9	8%

### 17 - Activities Outdoors

I have run this module before	5	4%
I would consider running this module	16	14%

### 18 - Practical Skills

I have run this module before	6	5%
I would consider running this module	17	15%

### 19 - International

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	13	12%

### 20 - Administration (Managers)

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	5	4%

### 21 - Growing the Movement (Managers)

I have run this module before	3	3%
I would consider running this module	3	3%

### 22 - Section Support

I have run this module before	3	3%
I would consider running this module	8	7%

### 23 - Safety for Managers and Supporters

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	4	4%

### 24 - Managing Adults

I have run this module before	3	3%
I would consider running this module	4	4%

### 25 - Assessing Learning

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	5	4%

### 26 - Supporting Adults

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	7	6%

### 29 - Presenting

I have run this module before	1	1%
I would consider running this module	9	8%

### 36 - Special Needs

I have run this module before	4	4%
I would consider running this module	9	8%

### 38 - Skills for Residential Activities

I have run this module before	2	2%
I would consider running this module	4	4%

### Ongoing Learning - Effective Recruiters

I have run this module before	2	2%
I would consider running this module	2	2%

## Any other suggestions on how we could improve Adult Training?

- All courses (all Districts) in one place, possibility to book online
- Where did Module 25 go???
- More frequent short courses. Top up courses. I am interested in scouting skills (outdoor stuff) and was not allowed to do these at the courses I attended because I am a beaver leader, and beavers can't do that.
- I am interested in scouting skills (outdoor stuff) and was not allowed to do these at the courses I attend because I am a beaver leader, and beavers can't do that.
- Make the trainers less dull ;) Some are great, some are awful so the provision is patchy
- Would be happy to run a module if had help to prepare the content
- Get training advisers that keep an eye on trainees, show an interest and push for results. Do not ask trainees to attend courses on things they already can demonstrate an understanding of.
- send new leaders, to another groups camp, to learn different skills, and different ways of approaching problems, etc.
- Encourage and utilise the internet training system already in place. A lot of busy people can do this in a bit of spare time and then be validated as opposed to having to attend courses. I suspect that this could be the answer in raising the training overall in the county in the shortest time.
- make it clearer in one place to see the whole process from starting as a leader to completing the wood badge. I keep hearing about odd modules being offered but as a trained leader I have lost touch with the whole process and would help my assistants more if I could see on one page the complete process
- Try and get training done as a Group (or two or three Groups together)- all leaders will be familiar with each other, will show a commitment to the training as a group and the training can then take place at own Scout Hall so more will attend. Also training done as a group generally promotes good follow up discussions between the leaders rather than if attended alone in my experience.
- It's often not practical for leaders to run training sessions as most of their free time is taken up with running their own section. Family, work and social commitments also take up valuable time.
- I have completed module 25 up to now have only been a trainer for leaders within my own group, which seems to be the norm, I feel that a more balanced training would be if trainers worked outside their own groups.
- No willing at the moment
- Making it easier for individuals to do it within their group, instead of as a district or county
- don't internally train - use other leaders from other groups to train other leaders - ie Be not allowed to train your own leaders
- It often seems too tied to just providing required information in linear format rather than presenting information in an engaging and stimulating way. A recent 1st Aid course could have been condensed into a one hour practical session then, perhaps, online diagnostic exercise. As it was, a whole Sunday was taken up.
- The issue I have with my team is child care, they only commit to 1 hour a week which is for our session, training is very difficult and costly to them, planning meetings are done but they do not want to commit to more,
- If you provided childcare at say Frith, they could then attend an afternoon training event
- More information about instructor courses for the activities that need them
- More safeguarding courses. This is the most important and hardest to get a place on.
- I don't actually train first aiders myself but am an active AFA (advanced first aider) with St John Ambulance volunteer section and IEC (immediate emergency care) certified through LFB, which is a course developed with and sanctioned by LAS. I would like to get involved in training at some point, but as I don't have any formal training experience, perhaps I would be more suited to assist with courses if someone was needed in that capacity.
- Would be nice if training person telephoned you now and again to see if you are on track or got any questions.
- Do more day events when you can cover more than one module and meet more people.
- Ensure that training is available at various times to suit all and does not take too much extra time. Make sure the trainers stay focused on what they are there to teach.
- More on-line training.
- There never seems to be enough opportunities to undertake training, or at least I'm unaware of the sessions that are offered.
- Giving young adult leaders greater support, particularly those who have just come from Explorers or Young Leaders. For these volunteers, Training Modules need to have a different emphasis to those aimed at leaders in their 30's and 40's. Perhaps all those between 18-25 should be signed up to Network to give them immediate access to others across the County in similar situations of transition to adult roles in Scouting while at the same time exposing them to the wider Scouting community and the opportunities it offers.
- A weekly e-mail that just identified courses for the modules I needed to do would be good. It really depends on having good TAs though and LTMs that are helpful not pushy and annoying - please remember that we are all volunteers.
- Remember that some people have trouble juggling home/work/family commitments - particularly those with younger children
- The district training weekends are a good thing. Having the forum for basic skills or refresher training is great.
- Would be good to get all leaders back in for something like CPD sessions, where refresher sessions at various intervals are offered, so that those with bad habits are updated or reminded, if not re-enthused to constantly strive to do a better job and those already doing a good job can be encouraged to continue engaging in the best way possible.
- A central booking secretary who co-ordinates everyone's training requirements and availability of courses....

## Non Wood Badge Training (Section 4 of 5)

### Which of the following skills would you like to learn?

Stoves & Cookers	20	37%
Tent pitching	10	19%
Pioneering	24	44%
Fire Lighting	16	30%
Wood Chopping & Collecting	22	41%
Backwoods Cooking	29	54%
Map Reading	27	50%
Orienteering	32	59%
Other	10	19%

*People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.*

### Which of the following skills could you help train others in?

Stoves & Cookers	22	49%
Tent pitching	36	80%
Pioneering	13	29%
Fire Lighting	28	62%
Wood Chopping & Collecting	18	40%
Backwoods Cooking	18	40%
Map Reading	20	44%
Orienteering	9	20%
Other	6	13%

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### Which of the following permits would you be interested in if a course were available locally:

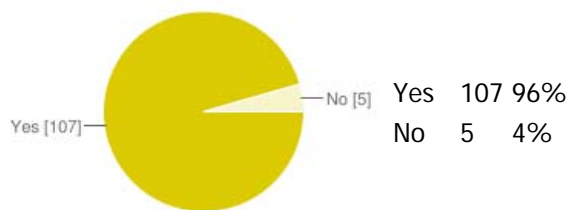
Hill walking	30	45%	Dingy Sailing	5	7%
Kayaking	16	24%	Dragon Boating	8	12%
Mountaineering	18	27%	Bell Boating	4	6%
Off Road Cycling	15	22%	Narrow Boating	14	21%
Climbing & Single Pitch Abseiling	23	34%	Motor Cruising	8	12%
Caving	8	12%	Scuba Diving	13	19%
Hover crafting	14	21%	Pulling	5	7%
Keel boating	3	4%	Power Boating	11	16%
Kite Surfing	5	7%	Yachting	8	12%
Water Skiing	5	7%	Mine Exploration	7	10%
Snorkelling	8	12%	Snow Boarding	4	6%
White Water Rafting	15	22%	Skiing	13	19%
Windsurfing	5	7%	Climbing (Multi pitch)	8	12%
Personal Watercraft	6	9%	Ice Climbing	9	13%
Rafting	12	18%	Mountain Biking	12	18%
Rowing & Sculling	8	12%	Archery	38	57%
Canoeing	11	16%	Air Rifle Shooting	38	57%
			Other	4	6%

### Would you be prepared to run activities for other Scout Groups in return for part-funding of the training?

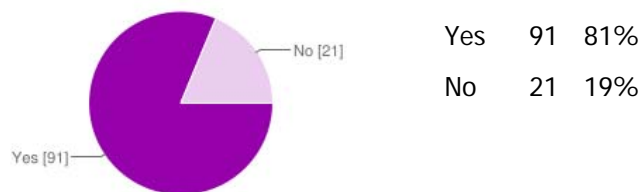
I wouldn't mind doing it even if there were no funding	23	21%
I would happily run sessions for other groups in return for part-funding	34	30%
I would prefer to find my own funding and not have to run sessions for others	8	7%
Other	47	42%

# Communication (Section 5 of 5)

Do you receive the North Circular every week?



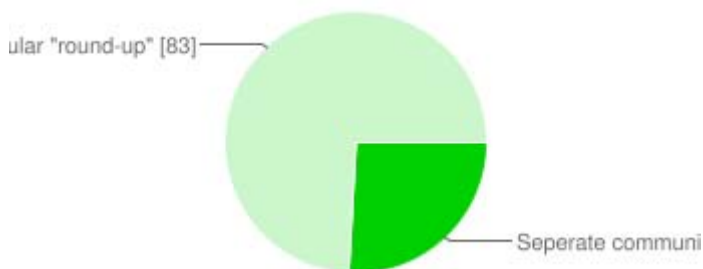
Do you receive ScoutingPlus every week?



Do you have any comments about North Circular?

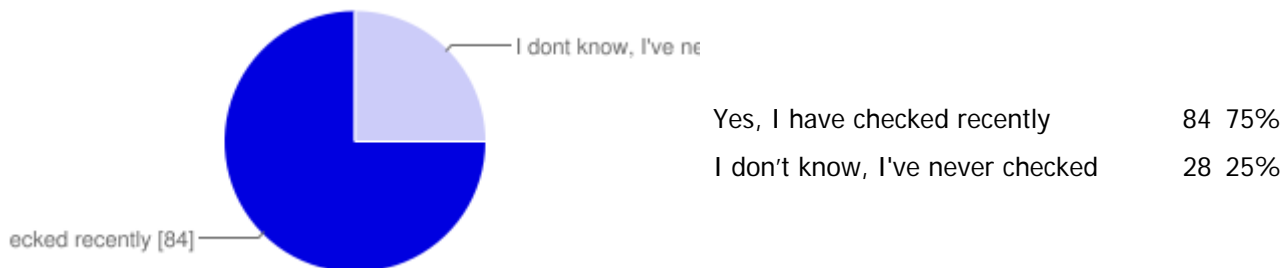
- Sometimes it's hard to spot certain information when there are three or four other stories.
- Maybe it would be useful to send one-off mailings for things which require me to act upon them?
- I think it is really good, and useful.
- Very useful.
- I like the new style.
- Best County weekly circular in the UK.
- It is more informative and I think works better weekly as the information gets out there to leaders much quicker
- Not every week. (?) I get update regular update emails (maybe this is it!) but which the formatting is poor.
- Brilliant form of communication - a pity more do not know about it / use it I do...
- I do lots within scouting and can't always read it, then I am told that it's tough when i miss something, I don't find the north circular very clear and had to be told this survey was on it.
- not really its quite informative and I like reading about what's going on
- Its good and useful.
- very good news letter well done the team
- it is very good
- I like receiving it by email.
- Often it is too late to circulate dates of events to Explorers and get replies to book or stimulate interest in activities.
- although i receive this i do not all ways open
- It's good.
- A useful memory jogger - will read it and often click through to website straight away.
- It provides lots of useful information about what is going on, in a short concise way.
- Some information could do with being sent out earlier - We plan our programme on a termly basis, but also do a yearly overview in which we put dates (particularly if they are not normal troop night) for our leaders. We are all very busy and if dates are not in well in advance, we are often not free.
- With regards to point below, I think a monthly training opportunities email should be separate from North Circular, but otherwise everything would be included in the main weekly newsletter.
- It's a really good way of getting info out. It would be good if it could come as a PDF/be available on the web as a PDF so GSL's (or others) can print it for leaders with no access to e-mail.
- Does it go to YL's? Can we register YL's for it?
- It is very useful to me and is pact with good information to know.
- Home page unattractive

Would you prefer to receive separate communications regarding County events or have everything in North Circular once a week?



Separate communication	29	26%
Everything in a weekly North Circular "round-up"	83	74%

## Is your email address up to date on the National Database?



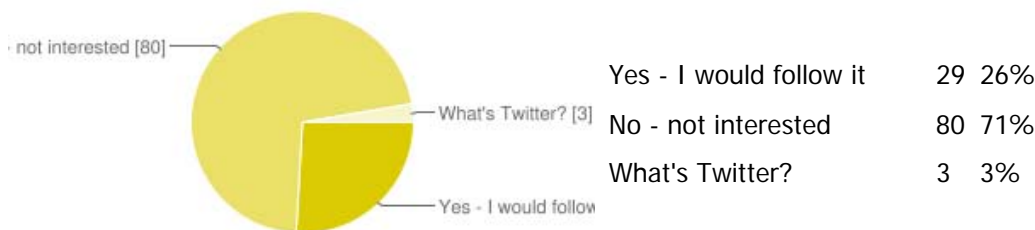
## Do you read the County Website?

I check the site regularly	7	6%
Sometimes - I check the site unprompted	26	23%
Sometimes - when i'm prompted (North Circular, Facebook etc)	47	42%
Never/very rarely	32	29%

## Do you read the County Facebook page which often has additional items of short-term interest?

Yes - regularly	9	8%
Occasionally	21	19%
No - I use Facebook but do not follow the County page	52	46%
No - I don't have Facebook	30	27%

## Would a GLN County Twitter feed be of interest to you?



## Have you any comments regarding the way County communicates information about events and opportunities that can help or benefit you as a leader?

- Definitely better in 2011 than previously!
- I am happy with it as it has worked well for me when I have had to get information into it
- "Our Group has one! Have been waiting for the District and County to Catch-up with the 21st Century."
- Contact direct rather than us having to look everything that may or may not be going on.
- don't rely on GSL because then we won't get it.
- No - info from county usually very good.
- If we miss information in North circular due to holidays etc there is often not enough time to get replies back from Explorers, they need nagging!
- "I have requested for information on how to qualify as an instructor in Archery and Air Rifle shooting for the last 2 years but never received any response."
- "the only information via email I receive from county is north circular
- it's my understanding that information is passed down the chain - county to district, to leaders.... would it be possible to send information direct to section leaders
- although I am lucky to have a very good district commissioner, it is possible that information does not get passed down from the ADC to the sections"
- "I seem to get so much information and am not always entirely sure what is county, district, or GLN - in fact I thought GLN was the county? I think sometimes the messages get lost in all the information, especially as some are repeated. In fact I don't think I consciously make the distinction between the bits of information whether it is county or otherwise.
- I think you need a clearer way of outlining what training is available and when and who to contact. "
- Whenever I've looked only minimal events are listed. Stopped checking it because of this. Not really looked in last 12 months.
- I didn't even know we had a Facebook page!
- A Twitter feed would also allow the County to have a better idea of what is going on in all its groups. We have just started an account, and it makes it much easier for us to keep people informed about what we are doing, so I think it might also help the Communication team keep abreast with all the things going on in the County.
- I hear there are plans for a County Water Activities Day in 2012 for Cubs and know from previous experience that it is vital to book early. Has any info been sent out yet via North Circular - and I've missed it/got memory loss??!
- I think how it is run at the moment is not bad.