



# Scouts

## Staffordshire

# Top Awards



# Name the Top Award



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1. Young Leader adult recognition



2. Explorer Belt



3. Wood beads



10. Scouts of the World award



4. CSA Diamond



5. CSA Platinum



6. King's Scout Award



7. DofE Bronze



8. DofE Gold



9. DofE Silver



12. CSA Acorn



11. Belt Buckles – YL & Explorer Belt



# Top Awards Team

- Phil Hassall
- Laura Goodhew
- Bruce Field
- Sion Hughes



# Top Award Journey ~ 4 to 25



# King's Scout Award

- Builds on CS Platinum & Diamond Awards

## Currently

- 18 months membership in Explorers/Network
- 18 nights away (of which 12 must be camping)
- 6 International, Community & Values activities
- Gold DofE Award or 5 KSA Challenges
- Presentation to audience
- Sign off at County, but approval by HQ

## HQ Proposals (following increase in uptake for KSA, to make it more accessible)

- Network membership – just membership
- Increase in nights away but double counting possible
- Jamboree can count as both ICV and nights away
- Refresh of ICV activities including new activities
- Staged ICV activities with clear requirements.



## Logbooks

- Use the most recent logbook available
- Please complete and send to Bruce for checking before organising date for presentation
- Ask for guidance, particularly on ICV activities
- KSA activities are more challenging – compare with other activities in same topic area e.g. Community
- ICV activities wording – needs about 100 words to explain **what they have done** to meet the activity
- Cut-off for Windsor may be moving forward from end of December to end of October.

# Explorer Belt & SOWA



## Explorer Belt

- 10-day expedition in another country
- 50 hours travelling by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy
- 1 Major Project and 10 Minor Projects
- 16-17 year olds – as part of organised EB with in-country leadership team
- Planning & Training for about 6 months before
- Debrief & Presentation after.

## Key points

- 18 in 2015/16 (Lichfield/Tamworth), 2 in 2022 (Stafford)
- Aim to experience and immerse themselves in life & culture of country – not a touring holiday
- Passing through towns and villages – can buy food and fuel
- Public transport can be used to visit attractions off the planned route
- Accommodation – camping, hostels, Scout groups.

## Scouts of the World Award

- Network only – available in 50 countries
- Global issues – Peace, Environment, Sustainability
- 14 hours – Discovery course (online or face-to-face)
- 80 hours – Project – locally, elsewhere in UK, or abroad
- 3 hours – evaluation, reflection & presentation
- Supported by SOWA Mentor.

## Key points

- 2 in 2017 (Tamworth), 1 in 2019 (Moorlands)
- About 20 Network members done Discovery course
- Discovery courses run by Counties by SOWA Trainers – open to all Network members, not just in County
- Next courses are listed on HQ website.

# Gold DofE & KSA in Staffordshire



District	KSAs Ytd	Gold DofE Ytd	Last K/QSA	YP Feb23	2014-24 KSA	2014-24 Gold DofE
Burton	2	4	Dec-23	884	11	10
Cannock	0	0	Feb-17	755	1	3
Lichfield	1	8	Nov-23	1,158	7	36
Moorlands	1	0	Aug-23	321	5	8
Newcastle	0	1	Dec-22	738	12	18
Potteries North	2	2	Sep-23	831	20	23
Stafford	0	1	Feb-23	857	8	9
Stone	0	0	Jul-14	313	2	4
Tamworth	0	0	Dec-17	576	3	12
Three Towns	0	0	Dec-20	496	3	4
Uttoxeter	1	0	Jul-23	222	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>7,151</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>130</b>



# Discussions

- What support do you need?
- How can we increase Top Awards?
- How do we present Top Awards?
- Other Feedback