



Awards

During your time in Explorer Scouts you will be encouraged to earn your Chief Scouts Platinum and Diamond Awards and ultimately your Queen's Scout Award – the highest award in Scouting.



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Additionally, you will have the opportunity to use your Scouting Activities to work towards the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Helping Out

Many Explorers choose to assist with the Younger Scouting Sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) as Young Leaders.



This allows Explorers to maintain strong links with their groups and give something back to help train the next generations of Scouts.

You will have the opportunity to complete extra training to help you in your role and in doing so work towards major Scouting Awards.

Choose your own path



During your time in Explorer Scouts you will have the opportunity to try many new activities and to improve your knowledge in areas you are already confident.

We have a dedicated team of leaders who will guide and assist you and maybe even push you to achieve the goals you set for yourself.

If ever you need help - don't be afraid to ask. We wish you every success in your time with us.

I have questions

If you would like to know more, please speak to your Explorer Leaders or contact Ben Hudson, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

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What's changing?

Technically nothing. Explorers are the fourth section within Scouting for young people aged 14 to 18. It is run as a District provision allowing for flexibility and sharing of resources and opportunities. Many units continue to meet at the same locations as Scout groups allowing for strong links to be maintained.



We want to encourage Units to work more closely together to allow all Explorers to access a wider range of opportunities at District, County and National level.

Why now?

This has been an ongoing process but over the last twelve months several Units have begun to share more programs and work together on preparing for and running activities that couldn't be achieved with smaller groups or fewer leaders.



Did you know there are over 30 Explorers in Sunderland District meeting on different nights in different locations?

We want to ensure all Explorers can access the same opportunities regardless of where they meet.

What's been happening?



We have been running District Explorer meetings to which all Explorers have been invited. We want you to feel that even though you meet in different parts of the city that you are part of a larger group working towards common goals.

We have discussed future activities, competitions, communication and a District Identity.

What does this mean?



We have taken onboard feedback from Explorers in different groups and put together a program of activities that meet certain criteria:

- Support personal development of Explorers
- Support access to top awards in Scouting
- Provide training
- Allow Explorers to meet and work together
- Access the wider District, County and UK program

This should provide you with more opportunities to get the most out of Scouting.

It's not an exhaustive list and there is room for development – the vision will adapt to meet the needs of all Explorers.

Have your say

We want to encourage all Explorers in Sunderland to be part of this vision. We want your voices to be heard and your opinions shared and discussed so we can keep developing the program.

Come to Camp



We have arranged a camp at Moor House to celebrate the end of the Summer Holidays and allow Sunderland Explorers to get together, take part in a range of activities and get to know each other better.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so we have an opportunity to discuss the next year of Explorer Scouting in Sunderland and help us to continue to grow and develop.