GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

A Guide to completing the Chief Scout's Platinum, Diamond, Queen's Scout Award and Duke of Edinburgh awards in Greater London South East

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The Awards

There are six awards available to complete in the Explorer Scout and Network Sections: the Scouting awards

- Chief Scout's Diamond
- Chief Scout's Platinum
- Queen's Scout Award

Also the External Duke of Edinburgh Awards

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

These awards are not based on competition, and instead focus on teamwork, commitment and determination.

The awards can be started from 14 years old and take between 6– 18 months to complete depending on the level of the award.

What Award can I do?

Age 14 or older	Age 15 or older	Age 16 or older
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This booklet is a Guide only, you should be able to speak you unit leaders or to the awards panel for more specific information.

What's involved?

Skill A hobby, or activity such as web design, learning to drive or playing in a band, that you should show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be existing or something new

Volunteering Providing a service to a group or community, you should have briefing and training to gain the necessary skills, volunteering can include being a Young leader in the Scout Association

Physical Recreation Completing an agreed programme of sport , complete an agreed programme of taking part and achievement

Expedition On foot, dinghy, Canoe, Boat, Cycle

Residential A Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award and Queen's Scout award ONLY trip in a setting away from home with people whom you do not know.

International, Environmental and Values List The Scouting awards require you to complete two items from this list

Nights Away Experiences The Scouting awards require you to complete a certain amount of nights away for each level of the award.

HOW CAN I START?

Find an Award Group
Find an Explorer Scout or Scout Network unit which runs the Scout Awards, or the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, so that you can register and gain support

Find out about the different levels of the award
Have a look through this leaflet and work out what award you would like to start on, talk to people who have gained the award, or talk to the advisor who's details are in this leaflet.

Decide on the Activities that you wish to complete
Remember these cannot be repeated, e.g. your skill and sport cannot be rifle shooting, It also must not be an activity you do at school or work

Duke of Edinburgh too?
As the awards are so similar you may want to also register for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, to do this you will need to sign up with The Duke of Edinburgh Award Advisor, who's details are in this leaflet. You may find that your Section leader will help you with this.

For how long?
The awards are not a sprint, they are instead designed to show dedication, commitment and effort.

Make a Personal plan
Meet up with your Unit/ Award group leader (Or QSA Panel, in the case of the Queen's Scout Award) to decide what activities you will be doing, how often and for how long.

Do and Record
Complete the Activities that you have agreed with your Section leader or the Queen's Scout Award panel. If you are completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award you need to complete your DofE record book, if not, you could use the pages in here to record your award.

How do I find a group the runs the Duke of Edinburgh's award or the Scout awards?
Speak to your unit leaders, if your unit does not do these awards then your leaders should be able to point you in the direction of a unit who does! If you wish to complete the Queens Scout Award you must arrange to meet the county QSA panel when you register.

Too Old?
If you are looking at registering after you are 23 1/2 you will be too old to complete the Gold DofE and the Queen's Scout award. Please speak to your local advisor for more information.

CHIEF SCOUT'S PLATINUM AND BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Age you can begin the Awards 14 years old

Minimum time Spa 6 months

Registration Process Duke of Edinburgh's via County Adviser
Chief Scouts Platinum Award – Section Leader

Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award/ Chief Scout's Platinum			
Volunteering	**Physical**	**Skill**	**Expedition**
3 months	3 months	3 months	2 Day 1 night
You must undertake a further 3 months in either Skills, Physical or Volunteering			

Chief Scout's Platinum Award (Additional Requirements)

1. Be a member of Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network for at least 6 months
2. Complete 6 Nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which 4 must be camping
3. Complete Two activities from the International, Environment and Values List, the two activities should come from different areas.

CHIEF SCOUT'S DIAMOND AND SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Age at Which you can begin the Awards 15 years old

Minimum time Span 6 months as an entrant who has completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, 12 Months as a direct entrant

Registration Process– Duke of Edinburgh's via County Adviser /Chief Scouts Diamond Award– Section Leader

Silver Duke Of Edinburgh Award/ diamond Challenges			
Volunteering	Physical	Skill	Expedition
6 Months	One Section for 6 months, one section for three months		3 days 2 Nights
Direct Entrants must undertake a further 6 months in the Volunteering or the longer of the physical or skills section			

Chief Scout's Diamond Award (Additional Requirements)

1. Be a member of Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network for at least 12 months, this can include time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award
2. Complete 12 Nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which 8 must be camping, this can include time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award
3. Complete two activities from the International, Environment and Values List, the two activities should come from different areas and should not be the same as the ones completed for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD AND GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Age at Which you can begin the Awards 16 Years old

Minimum time Span 12 months if you have completed your Silver Duke of Edinburgh, 18 Months as a direct entrant

Registration Process Duke of Edinburgh's via County Adviser /Queen's Scout Award via The County Queens Scout Award panel

Gold Duke Of Edinburgh Award/ Queen's Scout Award Challenges				
Volunteering	**Physical**	**Skill**	**Expedition**	**Residential**
12 months	**One Section for 12 months, one section for 6 months**		**4 days 3 Nights**	Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting, away from home for 5 days and 4
Direct Entrants must undertake a further 6 months in the Volunteering or the longer of the physical or skills section				

Queen's Scout Award (Additional Requirements)

1. Be a member of Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network for at least 18 months, this can include time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Award
2. Complete 18 Nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which 12 must be camping, this can include time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Award
3. Complete Two activities from the International, Environment and Values List, the two activities should come from different areas and should not be the same as the ones completed for the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Award

Being Assessed for Scouting Awards

Platinum and Diamond Chief Scout's Award– This will be assessed within your section– by your section leaders when you think you are done you will need to show them all of your evidence

Queen's Scout Award This will be assessed by a County Queen's Scout Award panel. When you decide to complete this award you will need to fill in the record form, then arrange to meet the Queen's Scout Award Panel, who will support you through your award, meeting with you at various stages through the award process, including before you complete the expedition section of this award. You will find the panels contact details at the back of this booklet

Being Assessed for Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award This will be assessed within your award group, by your award unit leaders, your record book will then be sent off to your Borough County Duke of Edinburgh awards advisor.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award This will be assessed, within your group, you will need to forward your completed record book to the County Advisor, who's details you will find in this booklet, who will forward this for final review to the awards team at Gilwell

Who are the Queen's Scout Panel?

The Queen's Scout Working Group is formed of 3 Queen's Scout 's and the County Explorer and Network Scout Commissioner and the Deputy County Commissioner for Programme. The Chair of this Working Group will be one of the Queen's Scout s. The Working Groups details are available in this booklet.

Why do we have an Awards Working Group?

The GLSE awards team believe that with awards such as the Queen's Scout award every member of the County has the opportunity to achieve the award on a level playing field, to the highest standard The other role of the awards panel is to provide support for you whilst you are gaining your award.

CHIEF SCOUT'S PLATINUM AWARD RECORD

6 Months membership in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network

Start___/___/___ Finish___/___/___

6 Nights away in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network (4 Camping)

1 ___/___/___ 4 ___/___/___

2 ___/___/___ 5 ___/___/___

3 ___/___/___ 6 ___/___/___

Hold the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, or complete the four platinum challenges:

Skill:_____

Time: 3 / 6 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Date Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Signed _____

Physical Recreation_____

Time: 3 / 6 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Date Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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CHIEF SCOUT'S PLATINUM AWARD RECORD

Service:_____

Time: 3 / 6 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Date Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Signed _____

Expedition– 2 Days 1 Night

Training completed_____

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Practice Expedition, Venue_____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Qualifying Expedition, Venue _____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Assessor's Signature_____

International, Environmental and Values Activities

1_____

2_____

CHIEF SCOUT'S DIAMOND AWARD RECORD

12 Months membership in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network

Start___/___/___ Finish___/___/___

12 Nights away in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network (8 Camping)

1 ___/___/___ 4 ___/___/___ 7 ___/___/___ 10 ___/___/___

2 ___/___/___ 5 ___/___/___ 8 ___/___/___ 11 ___/___/___

3 ___/___/___ 6 ___/___/___ 9 ___/___/___ 12 ___/___/___

Hold the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, or complete the four platinum challenges:

Skill:_____

Time: 3 / 6 / 9 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Signed _____

Physical Recreation_____

Time: 3 / 6 / 9 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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CHIEF SCOUT'S DIAMOND AWARD RECORD

Service:_____

Time: 3 / 6 / 9 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Signed _____

Expedition– 3 days 2 Nights

Training completed_____

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Practice Expedition, Venue_____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Qualifying Expedition, Venue _____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Assessor's Signature_____

International, Environmental and Values Activities

1_____

2_____

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD RECORD

18 Months membership in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network

Start___/___/___ Finish___/___/___

18 Nights away in Explorer Scouts/ Scout Network (18 Camping)

1 ___/___/___ 6 ___/___/___ 11 ___/___/____ 15 ___/___/___

2 ___/___/___ 7 ___/___/___ 12 ___/___/___ 16 ___/___/___

3 ___/___/___ 8 ___/___/___ 13 ___/___/___ 17 ___/___/___

4 ___/___/___ 9 ___/___/___ 14 ___/___/___ 18 ___/___/___

5 ___/___/___ 10___/___/___

Hold the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, or complete the four QSA challenges:

Skill:_____

Time: 6 / 12 / 18 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Physical Recreation_____

Time:6/ 12 / 18 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD RECORD

Service:_____

Time: 6/ 12 / 18 months **Date Started** ___/___/___ **Complete** ___/___/___

Assessor's Report_____

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Signed _____

Expedition– 4 days 3 Nights

Training completed_____

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Practice Expedition, Venue_____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Qualifying Expedition, Venue _____

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Date Started ___/___/___ Date Completed ___/___/___

Assessor's Signature_____

International, Environmental and Values Activities

1_____

THE EXPEDITION

The expeditions are probably the hardest part of the awards, they require training, skill, determination and teamwork. The amount of time you need to spend on expeditions depends on what level of the award you are.

Platinum and Diamond Teams
Will need to be a member of an Explorer or Network Section to participate in an expedition. Your leader will need have the appropriate qualifications, equipment and knowledge in line with Scouting Rules

Queen's Scout Award Teams Will need to obtain advise from the appropriate panel (Details available in this booklet) on what support they need in regards to advisors, training, supervisors etc

Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Teams Will need to be a member of an Explorer or Network Section to participate in an expedition. Your leader will need to have the appropriate qualifications, equipment and knowledge

Gold Duke of Edinburghs Award Teams Will need to be a member of an Explorer or Scout Network Section, to participate in an expedition. Your leader will need to have the appropriate qualifications, equipment and knowledge, you will also need to contact your county advisor to discuss the appropriate forms being returned, and gaining of an expedition notification number.

Expeditions		
Bronze/ Platinum	Silver/ Diamond	Gold/ QSA
2 Days 1 Night	3 Days 2 nights	4 Days 3 Nights
Normal Rural country	Normal rural/ open Country	Wild/ Adventurous country

A DIFFERENT ADVENTURE– EXPLORER BELT

The Explorer Belt is the challenge of a lifetime, open to Explorer Scouts aged 16 and over and members of the Scout Network.

It is a chance to take part in a ten day expedition that brings a real understanding of a different country, its people and way of life. Sometimes described as 'the antidote to the package holiday', it is designed to help you develop a real understanding of another country by travelling through it.

You complete a main project and 10 surprise minor projects by working as a small team gaining opportunities to meet local people.

To complete the Explorer Belt Award, an Explorer Scout or Scout Network member must:

- be over 16 years old
- be a member of either Explorer or the Scout Network
- plan and train for an international expedition as part of a small team
- travel to another country and travel through that country over ten days
- complete a self selected major project
- complete about ten smaller projects
- keep a notebook or diary during the expedition
- take part in a debriefing after the expedition
- Present a presentation about the expedition

Travel

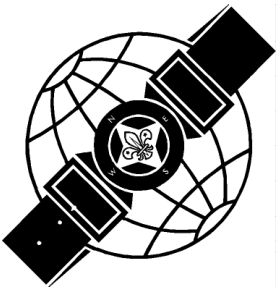
Most Explorer Belt expeditions are undertaken on foot, although other forms of transport including canoe, bicycle and horseback are equally acceptable.
Some teams may wish to use local public transport as part of their expedition and, as long as this provides real opportunities to meet and talk with local people, then it is acceptable.

Duration

The expedition should last for at least ten days. It is more of a marathon than a sprint! During this time, the team should spend at least 30 hours travelling from place to place and visit at least four different towns or villages. For a typical team travelling mainly on foot, this would suggest a route of about 100 miles (160km).

Further information

For further information please contact the Assistant County Commissioner for International international@glsescouts.org.uk



NEED TO KNOW MORE?

If you get stuck on a section and think you need more help or advice, or maybe you want to join and cant find out how to?, or perhaps you would like to register? Contact one of these people:

Paul Amass– Deputy County Commissioner Programme

Email: programme@glsescouts.org.uk

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Caroline Hicks– County Duke of Edinburgh Advisor– Bexley Borough

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Lewis Taylor – County Duke of Edinburgh Advisor– Bromley Borough

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The Queen's Scout Award Panel

QSApanel@glsescouts.org.uk

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