

# **GOT WHAT IT TAKES?**

**A GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE CHIEF  
SCOUT'S PLATINUM, DIAMOND, QUEEN'S  
SCOUT AWARD AND DUKE OF EDIN-  
BURGH 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



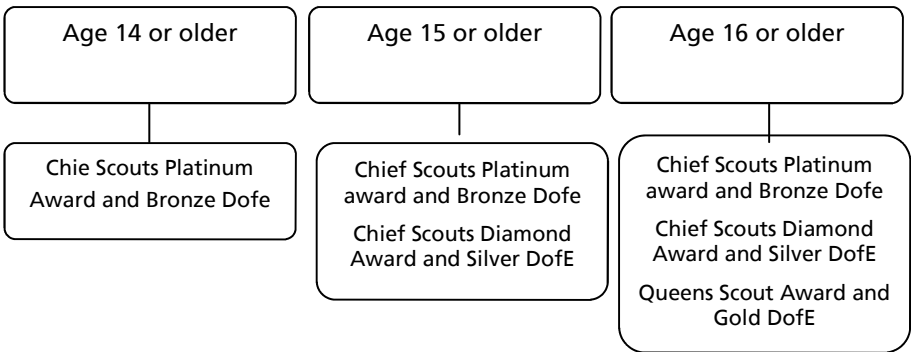
Also the External Duke of Edinburgh Awards

- 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?



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				
Volunteer- ing	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 Volunteer- ing 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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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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## 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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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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## 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

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# 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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Activity

# QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD RECORD

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** 6/ 12 / 18 months **Date Started** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ **Complete** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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## Expedition– 4 days 3 Nights

Training completed \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Expedition, Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      Date Completed \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Qualifying Expedition, Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      Date Completed \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Assessor's Signa-  
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## International, Environmental and Values Activities

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# 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@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:international@glscouts.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 can't 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](mailto:programme@glsescouts.org.uk)

Mobile: 07740350401

Caroline Hicks– County Duke of Edinburgh Advisor– Bexley Borough

Email: [bexleydofe@glsescouts.org.uk](mailto:bexleydofe@glsescouts.org.uk)

Mobile: 07858874659

Lewis Taylor – County Duke of Edinburgh Advisor– Bromley Borough

Email: [bromleydofe@glsescouts.org.uk](mailto:bromleydofe@glsescouts.org.uk)

Mobile: 0771 589 3989

The Queen's Scout Award Panel

[QSApanel@glsescouts.org.uk](mailto:QSApanel@glsescouts.org.uk)



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