

What is an Network Scout Leader / Helper?

How do Network Scouts Operate ?

NETWORK Network Scouts are aged between 18 and 25. Although this section has a designated leader, the units tend to be self organised and develop their own way of operating. The frequency and content of their meetings will be based on the availability and interest of the members and will often take place at weekends or other holiday periods. They can gain a range of badges with the main (Chief Scout's Platinum, Chief Scout's Diamond and Queen's Scout) awards being closely linked with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

What do Network Scouts do?

Whatever they want – within reason. The content of their meetings and activities will be developed by the members and will include many traditional Scouting items plus others appropriate to their age and increased mobility. Camping remains a strong attraction for Network Units and they also tend to join events locally, nationally and internationally.

The activities and badges available cover a very broad spectrum to meet the needs of the Network Scouts and they will often become the experts for the more adventurous activities such as Climbing, Hill Walking, Water Sports, Archery etc. Community Service represents a key element of their activities either as part of the award scheme or built on their previous experience.

What is the Commitment ?

The commitment for Network Leaders is difficult to define as it will be dependent on the programme and timing of activities and events that are determined by the members. The Leader's prime role is to provide a check and balance and use their own experience to ensure that the safety and welfare of the unit are paramount in all plans.

What Skills do I need?

The main skills required to help Network Scouts are enthusiasm, a sense of fun and some basic common sense. You will be surprised how much of your own life experience will be of benefit to the Scouts and how quickly you will learn new skills by working with other adults and the Scouts themselves. Previous Scouting and Guiding experience is not necessary.

What will I do?

You will be part of the Leadership team but also an extensions to the Network Unit. Guidance and Advice are probably the two main contributions you will need to make, plus perhaps helping with the organisation of activities.

But I don't know what to do!

Don't Worry! We all had to start somewhere and others in the Leadership team will have varying amount of experience to help you. There are also a number of books and online resources to provide ideas that will be available to you when you are ready to read them!