

DURHAM NETWORK

Durham Scout Network Committee Meeting
Tuesday 29th November 2005
7:30pm Moor House

Present: Mike Moran, Mark Atkinson, Phil Harnby, Ian Hammond, John Metcalf, Vicky 'George' Chetwood

Apologies: Darren Arbon, Rachel Philips, Jane Winter

1. Action Points from previous meeting
 - a. AP/Oct05/01 – Ian to pass comments about Confido to Graeme.

Done – Graeme stated that Stephen Ramsay should brief everyone when they arrive but that this is not always achieved. **Closed**
 - b. AP/Oct/03 – Mike to include Lyke Wake walk in Network update

Network Update is written and ready to send when information about Christmas Extravaganza and Beaver/Cub chill out day are confirmed. **Closed**
 - c. AP/Oct/04 – Mike to talk at next county meeting about setting up local networks.

Mike briefly discussed at the ACC meeting but the next DC meeting is not until the new year. Mike suggested that he holds a session at the County away weekend in April. Other items which were discussed in the ACC meeting:
 - i. There will be a new county level CRB policy put in place in the coming months.
 - ii. 2007 contingent leader currently being recruited.
 - iii. 3 groups are interested in completing their Explorer Belt – Mark volunteered to give a presentation.
 - iv. County treasurer position advertised.
 - d. AP/Oct05/04 – Ian to find out if Network help is required.
Yes - **Closed**
2. Review of recent events
 - a. Network Ale Weekend – The event was enjoyed by all but it was a shame more people didn't attend and that gliding had to be cancelled. It was decided that Barrassford is probably a more suitable location.
 - b. Sunderland Dogs – Another good night.
 - c. Regular Network Meeting – Not many people attended the first event but we will continue to see how popular it is and review in the future.

3. Forthcoming Events

- a. Christmas Extravaganza – 3rd December, 7pm at Moor House. Tickets are £5.50 which includes a buffet meal, entertainment and accommodation. Tickets from Graeme (info@durhamscouts.org.uk).
- b. Beaver/Cub Chill Out Day – 4th December, 10:30am at Moor House. More details from Stephen Ramsay (activites@durhamscouts.org.uk)
- c. Curry Night – 10th December, South Shields. Please email Darren before Saturday (3rd December) if you would like to come and details will be circulated w/c 5th December. George will book a taxi back to Durham after numbers are known.

4. Major Events

- a. Tall Ships 2006 – Eight people are interested in the tall ships but 18 people are required to fill a boat. Mike is currently investigating costs and flights and suggested that Paul Middlemass may be interested in organising this event.

AP/Nov/01 – Mike to ask Paul Middlemass about organising the Tall Ships 2006.

- b. EuroTrek 2006

AP/Oct05/10 – Mike to continue to investigate and advertise this event.

Mike is currently planning a trip to Amsterdam towards the end of August after the tall ships. There is still a £26 return offer with DFDS but there are also direct daily flights. Mike has confirmed availability with the campsite.

- c. Explorer Activity Day – 8th April 2006

AP/Oct05/13 – Jane to organise this event

Jane has asked Moor House about availability and prices. The quoted price for 3.5 hours of Climbing, Abseiling and Crates is £192.50, assuming Network members staff the activities. The committee decided this was acceptable and that planning should continue.

- d. National Network Weekend

AP/Oct05/02 – Ian to find out the date for this and forward to the committee.

This event will take place at Gillwell park between the 3rd-5th March 2006. The committee was not sure how many people would be interested in attending but agreed to advertise the event to get a indication of interest.

Closed

5. Event Planning – The following events were added to the calendar:

- a. 7th January – Walking in Northumberland
- b. 14-15th January – Network Service Weekend
- c. 20-22nd January – Keswick YHA Weekend.
- d. 4th February – Xscape Leeds
- e. End of February – Day at the Races
AP/Nov05/02 – Mike to research possible dates.
- f. 11-12th March – Network Service Weekend – Link event with explorers.
AP/Nov05/03 – Ian to advertise this in the Durham Post.
- g. 8-9th April – Network Service Weekend
- h. 14-16th April – Great Tower Weekend

6. Treasurers Business
 - a. Phil asked people to pay for the Network Ale weekend if they hadn't already.
 - b. Phil is attending a budget meeting on 30 November.
 - c. Membership to stay the same for 2006 (£26 non-members, £6 members).

[Mark Atkinson left the meeting]

7. Network Strategy

The committee briefly discussed the Network Strategy produced at the Network Ale weekend and will discuss it in more detail at the next meeting. Items noted:

 - a. Remove "Produce a Network Newsletter" – the purpose is already served by the Network Update.
 - b. Add "Link Events once a quarter" to the "Increased Membership" section – advertise Network Service as a linked event with Explorer Scouts.
 - c. The committee decided to appoint someone to the position of County Network Administrator. Mike will approach the person nominated to ask if they would like to take on the role.

AP/Nov/04 – Mike to appoint Network Administrator.

AP/Nov/05 – Ian to make updates to Strategy.

8. Local Networks – Not discussed.

AP/Oct05/07 – Mike to send letter to Dertwentside Network.
9. AOB
 - a. Mike informed the committee that the national Network review has been delayed until April 2006.
 - b. RoverWay 2006 has been announced and could have been a good alternative to the Tall Ships/EuroTrek, however maximum age is 22.
 - c. Mike is meeting up with the Northumbria Network Commissioner shortly.
10. Next Meeting – 31st January 2006, 7:30pm at Moor House