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Gateway Qualifications

Alongside the Adult Training Scheme, it is possible for Members to work towards external recognition through the training and work they do as an adult in Scouting. One organisation which The Scout Association has a partnership with to do this is Gateway Qualifications.

Gateway Qualifications is the new name for Open College Network Eastern Region and replaces The Scout Association's previous partnership with the Open College Network (OCN).

This certificate provides adult learners in relevant roles across the UK an opportunity to complete a credit-based qualification, which is flexible and accessible to all. Externally recognised accreditation can be beneficial to individuals who wish to demonstrate to someone outside of Scouting (such as an employer) the skills and knowledge that they have gained within their role in Scouting.

The information below is intended to provide basic to prospective candidates. More information is provided on registration.

Level 2 Certificate in Providing Voluntary Youth Services in The Scout Association (QCF)

The Scout Association currently offers one qualification with Gateway Qualifications, the Level 2 Certificate in Providing Voluntary Youth Services in The Scout Association (QCF.) All adults in Scouting who hold a Section Leader or Assistant Section Leader role are eligible to undertake this certificate.

This qualification is made up of 5 units which have all been assessed at level 2 on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF.) Level 2 certification is the equivalent of a GCSE (grade A-C) or an NVQ level 2. The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) recognises qualifications and units by awarding credits, thus mapping qualifications of similar standards. The credit system offers learners increased flexibility with learning pace and transfer of credit values.

Completing the Certificate

The qualification has been designed to ensure that the assessment is practical and reflects the learning and validation criteria of modules within the Adult Training Scheme. Learners working towards their Wood Badge should be able to access both in tandem. The Gateway Qualifications units do not exactly match The Scout Association's training modules, as one or more modules have been combined to form single units. However, they do cover the same content.

All candidates will need to discuss the completion of this qualification with a Training Adviser, as they will be responsible for supporting them through this process and signing off their units. For learners currently taking part in the Adult Training Scheme, their current Training Adviser can support and assess them. If a learner has already completed their Wood Badge for the relevant role, they will need to ask their Local or County/Area/Regional Training Manager to allocate a Training Adviser to them.

To complete the award, candidates must provide evidence of how they meet the assessment criteria for each unit. This is done by submitting a portfolio of evidence. More information about the assessment criteria and the evidence required are provided upon registration.

Cost

There is a one off £40 fee which is required to complete this external award. This must be paid at the point of registration.

For further information please email

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Local Training Manager

Just a thought!

I am increasingly aware of the number of Groups in the District who operate their own website, and I have enjoyed reading a few recently.

I wonder if Leaders would appreciate having their web address published – as are the District and County at the head of this newsletter? Publication probably would be in the body of the letter – not the heading – but it could be a way of extending your 'reach'.

Thoughts, bids & offers would be welcome.

Brian – Ed.

Waterside Lodge Bookings for 2016 Season

The Booking Diary for 2016 is not yet 'Open' – and is unlikely to be until September – BUT several annual District events have had dates reserved for them.

In accordance with our practice in recent years, we shall initially be accepting bookings from Southport Scout Groups only – for a period of 4 to 6 weeks from September. Leaders are invited to be thinking/planning NOW what dates & activities they wish to reserve dates for when the booking diary becomes available.



100 years of Cub Scouts is worth celebrating with something special. **Cub-fest** promises to be an unforgettable weekend packed full of fun. Based in a French château, your Cubs will take part in exciting activities, experience French culture, take part in a First World War activity experience and even visit the Belgian city of Bruges.

A GREAT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES!

- ✓ Sand Yachting
- ✓ Team games in the grounds of Le Château d'Ebblinghem
- ✓ See a local baker and chocolatier at work and taste their wares!
- ✓ Sample some French delicacies of crêpes and snails
- ✓ Enjoy a First World War activity experience



Just a 45 minute drive from Calais, Le Château d'Ebblinghem is the perfect base for Cub-Fest.

- ✓ Safe, secure indoor accommodation. Perfect whatever the weather!
- ✓ Four hectares of private, outdoor space = lots of space to play!
- ✓ Location – typically French villages on its doorstep, and it's just 90 minutes from Bruges in Belgium

There are more reasons why we love Le Château on our [website](#).

PERFECT FOR GROUPS OF ANY SIZE

Whether 4 or 40 of your members want to go, we can accommodate you! We will arrange for smaller groups to share coaches so that no one has to miss out on the adventure

If you'll be travelling with your pack for the first time, take a look at our recent blog for some tips on taking the plunge!

Call our team now on 01332 342 050, or get in touch via our [website](#).

Waterside Lodge Activity Diary – August 2015

- Aug 1 Wedding Reception
- 2 Baptism Party
- 4 Stanley High School, Water Activities
R.Y.A. Instructors' Assessment
Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Pyro Explorers, Meeting
- 5 Stanley High School, Water Activities
Southport District Scouts, Wet Night
- 6 Meols Cop High School, Water Activities
Southport District Scouts, Shooting
Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
- 8 Diamond Anniversary Party
- 12 Southport District Scouts, Wet Night
- 13 Ceramics Club, Painting Day
Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Southport District Scouts, Shooting
- 18 British Gas, Meeting
Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Pyro Explorers, Meeting
- 19 Southport District Scouts, Wet Night
- 20 Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Southport District Scouts, Shooting
- 21/28 1st Weaverham Scout Group, Resident, Water Activ.
- 24/26 Painting Seminars
25 Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Pyro Explorers, Meeting
- 26 Southport District Scouts, Wet Night
- 27 Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Southport District Scouts, Shooting
- 28 Birthday Party – Water Activities
- 29 17th Stretford Scout Group, Water Activities
- Sept 1 Southport Sea Cadets, Water Activities
Pyro Explorers, Meeting

Discontinued Badges

for sale at Waterside Lodge for 30p each

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| 2 x Fitness Challenge | 15 x Air Activity |
| 4 x Friendship Challenge | 14 x Navigation |
| 4 x Global Challenge | 19 x Health & Fitness |
| 1 x Outdoor Challenge | |
| 8 x Discovery Challenge | |

Cubs

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| 23 x Caring Challenge | 6 x Camper |
| 3 x Outdoor Challenge | 28 x Navigator |
| 7 x Global Challenge | 35 x Global Conservation |

Scouts

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| 7 x Adventure Challenge | 15 x Hiker |
| 15 x Expedition Challenge | 2 x Canoeist |
| 3 x Outdoor Challenge | 1 x Dinghy Sailor |
| 11 x Promise Challenge | 3 x Interpreter |
| | 6 x Master at Arms |
| | 7 x Navigator |
| | 18 x Camp Cook |
| | 1 x Water Sports |
| | 11 x Arts Enthusiast |
| | 15 x World Faith |

Waterside Lodge News

Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority (AALA)

Every 2 years we have to be inspected by AALA and issued a licence. This means that groups like schools and colleges can use WL without having to do all the risk assessments etc. We had the paperwork/equipment check in February and passed with flying colours. Last Saturday the inspector came to see us 'in action'. We had a group of Cubs from the 3rd Urmston on the water. The morning was extremely windy so we had to dispense with the sailing and alter the other activities, kayaking, bell boating and Kata Kanu's to the island accordingly. The inspector was impressed as he said many other centres he visits would simply have cancelled the whole event. He came on the water for an hour spending time with both Safety Boats. Overall he was very happy with everything we did; he gave us some tips gained from his experiences at other centres. He was very happy to renew our licence for 2 years.

Well done and thanks to all our instructors on the day and I know that any of our people would have done equally well.

Argyle and Sutherland Army Cadets

Over the last two weeks we have had around 240 Army Cadets, who were staying at Altcar Camp, visit WL over 4 days. This battalion stay at Altcar

every 4 years and came to us in 2007 and 2011. We provided Sailing, Canoeing and Bell boating. We had visits from the Commandant and Deputy Commandant from Altcar both of whom were impressed with the activities. On the Wednesday one or two of our instructors were heard to say 'that was the best water fight we've ever had!' We also had a visit from the Commanding Officers of the Black Watch and a Battalion from Dundee.

They will have camps in 2016 and 2017. Both were similarly impressed and will be making bookings for when they are at Altcar.

This shows how good we are at providing these water days. This is only possible because of our Instructors and helpers. Thank you very much to everybody who got involved, once again you proved how good you are!

Sefton Guides Bellboat Racing event

2 weeks ago we had around 120 Guides plus leaders and parents from all over Sefton at WL. We had 3 Bellboats on the water and ran 18 races over the day. We were lucky with the weather and the event took place without incident. Once again we demonstrated to a large audience what we can do; I think they'll be booking for next year. We look forward to seeing you at Waterside Lodge.

Doccy Morton