

International Matters – Summer 2016

For all Leaders and Network members

Where will you be in 2017, 2018, 2019.....

Hertfordshire Scouts have travelled far and wide over the last few years. The most rewarding expeditions have been those involving projects working with local Scouts to improve community facilities in deprived regions.

We have three such unfinished projects awaiting some TLC – but we do need energetic leaders to step forward to join the leader team for a particular project.

Rodrigues



The first is on the island of Rodrigues, an autonomous outer island of the Republic of Mauritius. There are 19 Scout Groups on this tropical island in the Indian Ocean, equipped with a rundown central hostel with bunk beds, known as Paul Cathan House.



There is also an interesting project involving the production of honey by families with special needs. Opportunities to dive on the unique coral reef and take a few days stopover on the island of Mauritius are possible.

Lesotho



This is the rondavel that Hertfordshire Scouts started and the Lesotho Scouts completed. It is located on the lower slopes of the Lesotho highlands and stands on the national training ground along with a potential chicken farm and fresh water well.



There is much to be done in the area but time can be taken off to go pony-trekking in the Highlands and visit an African safari park to see the Big Five and many more.

Brich Gunj, near Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Island Territory, Bay of Bengal



A site has been identified by the Education Department for a Scout & Guide adventure and refuge centre not far from the capital Port Blair. A team needs to visit Port Blair and kick start the project. Opportunities to visit the city of Kolkata en route, experience tropical rain forests and the best scuba diving in South East Asia.

All three locations lend themselves to the possibility of gaining Explorer Belts and achieving elements of the Queen's Scout Award and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

There are funds available to support any of the three projects and plenty of help available from the County International Team.



This could be you with a team of Explorer Scouts & Network members enjoying the Lesotho highlands – only access to this village is by pony.

If you are interested in leading or supporting a County Expedition why not join our next **Expedition Planning Seminar**

19:45hrs Wednesday 28 September 2016 at Well End Activity Centre
Open to all leaders, Network and ASU members.

Our young people gain much from adventurous visits abroad. Come and find out how to lead and support expeditions in a foreign country – grants, travel, linking, malaria.....

No charge – email expeditions@kcited.demon.co.uk or call Mike on 01707 658644 to book a place.

For all Scout & Explorer Scout Leaders



There's a great opportunity to take part or take Scouts to a Swedish National Jamboree in 2017

In 2017 Sweden will organise their next national jamboree aiming at 20,000 participants on one large campsite. They very much welcome Guide and Scout units from abroad to take part and individual Scout leaders to come as staff.

This national jamboree will take place from the 5th to the 12th of August 2017 at Rinkaby, the site of the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. Rinkaby is situated close to the city of Kristianstad.

More information will be uploaded as their preparations progress.

Specific enquiries for international participants aiming to come to the Swedish national jamboree 2017 can be emailed to jamboree17@scouterna.se or visit <http://www.scouterna.se/jamboree/english/>

For all members aged 18 - 25

WORLD SCOUT MOOT 2017

Do you want to meet scouts from around the world?

Do you want to make a change to your life or other's?

Have you thought about representing the UK on an international adventure?

If the answer is yes then The Moot is for you!

[Participant applications are now open! Apply now!](#)



Magical Iceland

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in the dramatic landscape of Iceland 25th July to 2nd August 2017. The event is for young people aged between 18 and 25 inclusive with IST aged 26+. 5000 participants and 1000 IST from 80 countries around the world will join together in Summer 2017 to embark on 9 days of adventure, fun and discovery.

If you are a Scout or Guide in the UK and if you were born on or between the dates of 2nd August 1991 and 25th July 1999 you are eligible to be a participant with the UK Contingent. If you were born on or before 1st August 1991 you are eligible to join the Moot's International Service Team (IST).

The UK contingent will include 500 participants and 200 International Service Team (IST).

Click here for more information on the [cost of Moot 2017](#).

For everyone

Over the next few weeks we are wishing '**Bon Voyage**' to intrepid Hertfordshire Scouts who will be hoping to gain their Explorer Belts in **Croatia**, building a community centre in **Swaziland**, travelling through **Laos** to **Viet Nam**, mountain walking in the Picos de Europa in **Spain**, camping in **Austria** or discovering interesting things about **Calais**. Wherever they end up, they will have tales to tell, new friends in foreign lands and will carry the good wishes of Hertfordshire Scouting to some astonishing places.