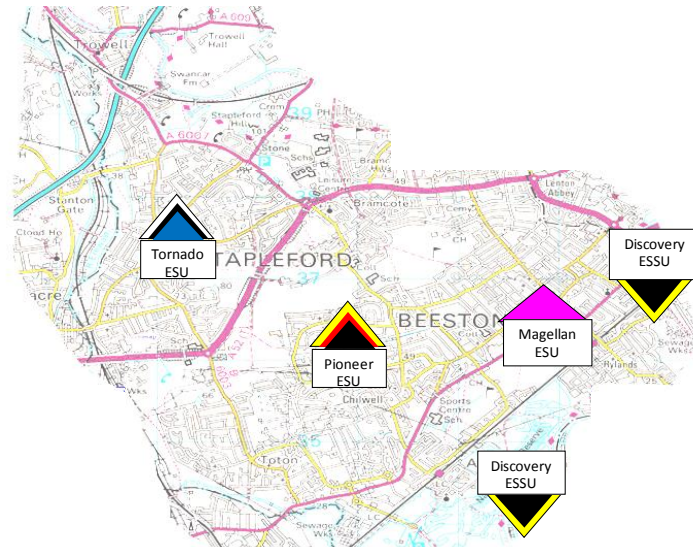




When and where do Explorers meet?



South West Notts District Explorer Scouts
Registered Charity no. 1073964

introducing EXPLORER SCOUTS

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Unit	Day	Where
Pioneer	Monday	Inham Nook
Tornado	Monday	Stapleford
Magellan	Thursday	Beeston
Discovery (Water Activities)	Thursday	Beeston Rylands or on Barton Island in the Trent

How do I find out more?

Speak to any Leader in the District, or contact the District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Chris Coats, on 0115 9522849 or drop a note to: coatscg@gmail.com or visit: <http://explorers.swnotts-scouts.org.uk/> or visit: <http://www.notts-scouts.com/explorerscouts/index.html>



Who are Explorer Scouts?

Explorer Scouts are young people, usually aged between 14 and 18 years old. They make up the fourth Section of the Scouting family, and form Explorer Scout Units (ESUs).

See the back page for normal meeting places, but ESUs often meet for activities elsewhere. Explorers can go to any or all of the meetings in the District.

My parents are worried Explorers will affect my school work

All young people have exams, and Leaders recognise that being an Explorer Scout will have to fit around these.

What do Explorers do?

That's up to the Explorers, really - the young people in each Unit will help to plan their own programme of activities, and will also get involved in organising events. Here are some examples of the activities that units have enjoyed as part of a varied programme: Pioneering, Swimming, Climbing, Wide games, Debating, 10-pin bowling, Sailing, and helping out at the District Scout Camp. A feature of the last few years has been participation in international activities.

Are there some District and County activities?

Yes - as an Explorer Scout, you will get the chance to work with other Explorer Scouts in your District and County, not just your own Unit. By doing this, you will get the chance to do many more activities, not just the ones your Unit organises. For instance, endurance go-karting and canoeing courses.

What about Badges and stuff?

Through the weekly programme, you will work towards obtaining the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards and of course, the Queen's Scout Award - the highest award for young people in Scouting. (The photograph on the front page shows Queen's Scouts meeting Her Majesty at Windsor Castle.) While you're achieving these awards, you can also complete the requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Then there are 28 Activity Badges to have a go at, and several more Group Awards to earn. Some badges (such as Nights Away) carry on from Scouts.

How much does it cost?

Uniform – you'll need a new beige shirt or blouse; your Leader will present you with the Unit scarf. Subs vary between the Units, £8 - £10 per calendar month. Other activities – camps, bowling, etc., will be extra.

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