

For information:

Northumberland Scouts D of E Accredited Expedition Assessor Team

Our County has for many years successfully maintained a team of about 25 Accredited Expedition Assessors enabling the vast majority of all expeditions to be assessed in-house. Our team is made up of a cross section of active Leaders as well as a number of ex Leaders and supporters holding other roles within our movement. All of them are experienced in their mode of travel and some have chosen to maintain Scout Adventurous Activity Permits. However, others have opted not to obtain (or maintain) a Permit as they no longer wish to Lead or Supervise activities but are very happy to use their considerable experience to the benefit of Scouting and D of E.

Within Northumberland the vast majority of expeditions take place within Wild Country so all of our Assessors are registered for Bronze, Silver and Gold. From the instigation of the Accredited Assessor scheme we have ensured that Teams are matched with a suitably Qualified or Experienced Assessor for their particular expedition through a process managed by our County Expedition Coordinator and County D of E Advisor. All Assessors are known to these individuals so we have been able to successfully ensure that no Assessor has ever been tasked with working in an environment in which they are not competent to operate in.

Some of our Team are able to commit to Assessing on a frequent and regular basis whereas others cannot always assist regularly. Many are Explorer Scout Leaders who act as Supervisors for their own Unit as well Assessor's for other Units so their availability can be restricted. Most are able to do at least one assessment per year but occasionally other commitments prevent this. We monitor how frequently team members Assess for us and anyone not able to complete an assessment within 5 years would be removed from our team.

Anyone who does not meet the criteria outlined above would not be put forward for Accreditation or Re-Accreditation by our County. I trust this information will be taken into consideration when processing this application.

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