

Northumberland Scouts- Duke of Edinburgh's Award

SPOT Gen 4 Tracker Device Information

Before you can take the devices out on your expedition you need to complete the County Office tracker booking form, to provide information regarding your expedition including **dates**, names/contact information for your **Supervisor and Home Contacts**, and to **arrange collection/drop off dates** for the expedition itself.

County Office will set up a shared view map, and email you the link & password to you in advance of the expedition. You can forward this link and password to your **Home Contact** and everyone in your **Supervising Team**. They will need a 3G or 4G signal to access the location on the map.

Messages

SOS – Goes to Supervisor and Home Contact – Initial call from International Rescue Centre – will quote Pamela Iley – if they receive no response they will call Police.

Help – “We need help” – Will go to **Supervisor and Home Contact** by **Text** and **Email**.

Custom Message – “At our campsite/finish.” Will go to **Supervisor and Home Contact** by **Text** and **Email**.

Check In – “All OK.” - Will go to **Supervisor and Home Contact** by **Text** and **Email**

Updates

Each tracker will update every 5 minutes as long as it can see satellites, if it is buried in the sack it won't work. Make sure it is kept just under the skin of the top pocket looking up. – **it goes to sleep when stationary**, so it won't transmit another location until it moves again.

Rechargeable batteries should last up to **6 days**. They will be fully charged on collection from Scout House. If you pick up from the previous user you might need to purchase AAA Energizer® Ultimate Lithium 8x batteries (L92). You will need an 800mAh Charger if you want to recharge the batteries that are in.

We suggest powering on the Tracker at the start of the expedition and leave it on until the end.

After pressing the **ON/OFF** button (green power light comes on) **press and hold the Track button** (lights flash then Green GPS light should flash,) if GPS light is flashing Red then the unit is not seeing satellites, you need to move your position.

For best results the team should carry the Tracker upright in the top pocket of their rucksack.

You will need to brief the expedition Team on how to use the devices– **Don't press SOS unless you would phone 999** – has the same effect. Issue laminated cards and collect at end.