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Dear Leaders and Supporters,

### **Training Special**

As you all should be aware training is going to be a key internal focus across the District for the next 12 months, starting in September. This has been mentioned in both our Time4Change plan and repeated by Hamish, the County Commissioner, at the AGM earlier this month.

Hamish stated that it was "our duty of care" to make sure our adult members are suitably trained for their role and is expected by Parents, who entrust their children to us.

We are very aware that there is a poor level of understanding around the Movements training process and some of you have had poor experiences with courses. We hope to address both of these areas.

### **The Training Scheme:**

The current scheme is based around a number of modules. Some of these are compulsory and others optional. The number of modules you are eligible for depends on your role - ASL, SL, ADC, Chair, Treasurer etc.

These modules can be delivered by DVD, e-workbook, paper or classroom style. All modules need to be validated by a Training Advisor either at a one to one level or at a group validation session.

*So how do I know which modules I need to do?*

This is part of the profiling process where you sit down, normally with a TA, and look at your Scouting role, your professional job, any outside experience you may have and map it to your learning plan.

For example if you are a Marketing Manager during the day and a St John's member at the weekends we could sign off the First Aid, management and working with people roles - providing you can validate these activities by showing "evidence" such as St John's First Aid certificate etc...

So you could complete most of your modules by providing "evidence" at a Validation session.

At a District level we will be working with the TA's and Groups to make sure every leader has a profile established and as part of that map the older training programme to the new scheme.

County are also helping us by offering a fast track route by providing a number of weekends covering blocks of modules. The document attached covers these courses which is a great way of also meeting similar people doing the same jobs as you.

*So what happens next !?*

1. Please mark on the calendar the dates for the course weekends

30/07/2008

2. In a few weeks you will be sent a simple form to collect your training data for either the current or old programme. This will be used to drive course demand in the Wokingham area and help create your Learning Plan.
3. Visit <http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/adultsupport/index.html> to see what is on offer from County.

Our goal, as Hamish said was an increase in Wood Badge Awards - 48 being the stretch.

Thank you in advance for your help

Andy and Steph

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