

**Autumn
2018**

Scouts



Newsletter Glenrothes & Levenmouth

Blair Atholl

International Jamborette 2018. Nine explorers from our District went to jamborrette.org.uk a 2 week international camp held in Blair Atholl. Explorer Ellie (3rd from the right, top row) gave an insight to her experience—

” Blair Atholl International Jamborette was one of the greatest experiences I’ve ever had. As all the Scottish scouts checked in to the melody of bagpipes, you could already feel the Blair Atholl spirit buzzing through the sea of tartan. Throughout the week the patrols that arrived as strangers, from both over seas and Scotland, soon became some of our closest friends as we sang songs (mainly ‘Loch Lomond’) at the top of our lungs, cooked together, took part in activities together, shared cultures and laughs.

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Some of the best activities were The ‘Athol Experience’ a Game of Thrones themed mud assault course, kayaking, canyoning and rock climbing. Although by far the best activity was the visit to Pitlochry where our International patrol got to experience fine Scottish cuisine (Greggs) and pick up a few gifts for back home and we treated ourselves to some ice cream and Im Bru.

The food at Blair Athol was very well varied giving us a different dinner every night and was extremely well organised by the QM and Subcamp staff so we never went hungry. The all-round favourite dinner would have to be the Burns supper before the ceilidh as it was so homely and fuelled as all up for a night of dancing.

Overall all of us would like to thank all the wonderful staff on site and especially the subcamp staff for giving us such a wonderful experience and providing so much care throughout the camp. Although leaving camp was really emotional saying good by to our friends we made, looking back now all I can do is smile as it was such a wonder-filled adventure. I would recommend that if any one has the chance to go to the Jamborette at Blair Athol in the future to take it as quick as you can as you will never regret it. “

#Skills For Life

Scouts already offer adventure, and the programme we offer is as good as it’s ever been so what is this “Skills For Life” all about? The Scout Association is now promoting our ability to give

the adults of the future the skills they will need. Over the next 5 years we will prepare more young people with *skills for life*. By supporting the amazing section leaders who will deliver an

inspiring programme. Aiding *employability skills* (like teamwork, leadership and problem solving), the character skills (like resilience, tenacity and confidence) and the practical skills

(like first aid, navigation and coding) that young people need to succeed.

See page 2 for more information.

New Chief

We are delighted to announce Andrew Sharkey will lead over 50,000 Scottish members as Chief Commissioner of Scotland. Andrew, known as “Sharkey” to many in the Movement, joined Scouting as a Cub Scout.

Sharkey is taking up the role vacated by Graham Haddock who had a very successful term as Chief Commissioner for Scotland

In his professional life, Andrew is the Headteacher of a large secondary school. Andrew said: “I’m so proud to be part of Scouting and genuinely excited about working with our team of volunteers to further develop our Movement, ensuring that more young people are able to access the great adventures we offer.



Our plan to prepare better futures in Scotland

Scouting encourages young people to be the best they can be. We give young people the confidence to dream big and the determination and drive to achieve their goals. Now we want to do more.

Our strategy for 2018-2023 supports and empowers our volunteers to deliver an amazing programme. It is our plan to contribute to a better society. Above all, it's a plan for young peo-



Yes,
we're still
adventurous
as well

ple who deserve the best skills, the best support and the best possible futures.

Our Vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Our mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others beliefs.

"We believe that Scouting empowers young people to give them skills to achieve the remarkable, and opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the rapidly changing world."

**MORAY
MACDONALD,
CHAIR,
SCOTTISH
BOARD**

Our Goals In Scotland

Growth

In Scotland we have been growing for over a decade, and want to continue that trend so we can bring skills for life to more young people across Scotland. By 2023 we will have:
5,000 more young people aged 6-25 in Scouting
1,000 more Section Leaders
500 more Young Leaders

Inclusivity

Scouting is open to all. We now have over 7,000 female members, with

Scout groups are opening and thriving in new communities across the whole of Scotland. (including 200 new sections). By 2023 we want to see:
Scouting membership reflect society in Scotland

Youth Shaped

Young people are at the heart of Scouting. We support young people to shape their experiences and take on leadership roles at Scouts. By 2023 we'll have: young people shaping their

Scouting experience with 50% of Groups and 75% of Districts and Regions earning Youth Approved Awards

Community Impact

We want to provide even more opportunities for young people to be active citizens and have a positive impact in their communities. By 2023 we will have: 50% of youth members taking part in community impact projects
50% of young people achieving top awards.

Our Three Pillars of Work

To achieve our objectives we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme

A fun, enjoyable, high-quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple tools.

People

Scouting will be delivered to more young people from different backgrounds by more, well trained, better

supported, motivated adult volunteers from different backgrounds.

Perception

Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

Find out more

You can find out more and download our strategy booklet at -

scouts.scot/about-us/skills-for-life/



"By building on our successes in recent years we know we can make an even bigger impact"

**GRAHAM HADDOCK, FORMER
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF SCOTLAND**

Awards

At our District AGM 7 awards were presented by Regional Commissioner Callum Farquhar. This is the first newsletter since then therefore an excellent opportunity to congratulate the recipients once again.

SILVER ACORN, Lesley Pirie

“The Silver Acorn is awarded for not less than 20 years service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.”



Award for Merit Ali Smith, Andrew Donald, Janette Whyte, Andrew Crumpton, Teresa Creed and Kirsty Strachan.

The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service of not less than 12 years and 10 years ex-

ceptionally. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.

GDPR

General Data Protection Regulations were the hot topic in May. Scout Groups are responsible for holding you and your child's data in accordance with the data protection principles. Over the coming months Groups will begin to tell you how they manage your data. In summary the information will include:

Why are we processing your data?
To allow us to safely deliver scouting within the Group,

What data will we process? The data we will process will include: Names, Addresses, telephone numbers etc

Who will have access to this data?
The members of the leadership team and the Executive Committee will hold this information.

Where will the data be held? Your data will be processed and stored in a number of ways e.g. by the leadership team on record cards or on a computer database.

How long do we retain the data for?
We will retain your data for as long as the your child remains a part of the Group.

Speak to your Group Executive committee if you would like more information.
Some groups are taking this opportunity to issue a “Welcome” pack to everyone where the details of GDPR are explained in relation to you and your Group.

GDPR-

“It’s simply good record keeping”

WHY DO YOU GET THAT LOOK WHENEVER WE TALK ABOUT GDPR COMPLIANCE?



Glenrothes Scout & Girlguiding Shop

**Glenrothes Scout & Girlguiding Shop,
Stenton Jubilee Centre,
Dunrobin Road,
Glenrothes, KY7 4SH.
Open Tues & Fri 6pm-7:30pm
Saturday 9am-4:00pm**

thescoutshop.co.uk

Run by volunteers to raise funds for local scouting and guiding

In November the shop will celebrate its 5th birthday.

It is becoming the ‘go to’ place for uniforms and badges in Fife.

The shop is about to expand into camping kit so that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts etc can be assured of getting the right kit at the right price (Amazon and Ebay have nothing on us!).

To quote one of the reviews on Google :

“Great shop with friendly staff and it is well stocked. Easy to find with lots of free parking...”



Group Spotlight



BLAIR ATHOLL. We're delighted to have raised £218.23 at our bingo fundraising night for our 2 Explorers who attended Blair Atholl Jamborette.

A huge thank you to those who attended our AGM. It was one of the best turn outs the Group has ever had for. We would like to thank those who have joined onto our committee It was an amazing response to help the group out and we can't wait to see you all at the first meeting.

58th Scouts and Explorers had an amazing summer camp this year. A full week of greenfield camping allowing everyone to get stuck in with the different activities organized; such as hiking to Grand Tully castle ruins, swimming in the River Tay and at Perth pool, pioneering projects and many more fun activities. We as a group will offer this experience to the District Scouts/Explorers in the near future so watch this space!



The Youth Find Their Voice



District Diary

- * September—Alton Towers
- * October -Jamboree On The Internet
- * November Fireworks Display
- * Remembrance Sunday Parade

Enabling members under the age of 25 to have a real influence in Scouting is one of our aims. Various phrases are being promoted "Youth Led", "Youth Approved" "Youth Shaped", However it's all about giving the people that matter a voice. One of our explorers, Ryan, is our Youth Commissioner and he was asked to give feedback on his role in Scouting -

"The youth involvement scheme has created a great opportunity for myself to try and help get more of the young people through Scouting and getting more activities done throughout the district. It is good to be able to make decisions as I am able to find out more as to what the other Scouts are interested in

making them have a more enjoyable time at Scouts as it is activities that they have enjoyed doing and have chosen to do. This has also helped improve my Scouting experience as it has got me more involved and more confident in being able to ask for things that are needed and getting to help improve other peoples experiences. "

Each group can receive awards based on how well they are involving the 6-25 year olds on making decisions. Go to -

glenlevenscouts.org.uk

and click on your groups page to see the Youth Approved awards they have received so far.



Ryan at Blair Atholl