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**Climbing High:** David, Jacob and Joe climbing at Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.

## Scouts honour for trio, who joins Queen's club

TWO Explorer Scouts from the Horncastle area have achieved the movement's top award for personal achievement.

Joe Lindley, 18, from Horncastle and David Hewitt, 17, from Bardney, members of the Nomads Explorer Scout Unit, have secured the Queen's Scout Award.

Now, they will be privileged to attend the National Scout Service and St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle next April.

To gain the award, they had to demonstrate high standards of self-discipline and success in community service, activities and interests, and acquiring new skills.

Joe spent time playing the drums and swimming and David chose water polo and bell ringing.

David, a former student at Branston Community College, said: "It's nice to have received recognition for the hard work that we put in.

"I chose to try bell ringing as it was something different and I'd imagined it to be quite hard but it was actually quite easy and great fun. I'm now teaching other people to have a go."

For a residential element of the programme, Joe and David attended the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Guildford. Meanwhile, an environmental project saw them taking part in the development of a new wood at Wragby.

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School pupil and fellow member of the Nomad Explorer Unit Jacob Kirk, from Spilsby, also achieved the Queens Scout award.

The trio have also gained their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Jacob, Joe and David were presented with their awards at Horncastle College by Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Tony Worth.