



HEALTHY EATING

Beavers learn how to make healthy meals and snacks and list unhealthy foods and their knowledge of them.



SNOWBOARDING

Able to demonstrate safety tips along with knowledge on temperatures and their effects. Show moves and explain dangers to an adult.

AERONAUTICS

Talk about the purpose of space exploration. Projects on how satellites work, how rocket engines work and building models.



STREET SPORT

Demonstrate BMX, skateboarding or skating skills. Use equipment for six months and learn how to repair and maintain it.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Give a presentation about Scouting to another organisation. Secure media coverage for an event and prepare a press release. Write a short article for the Scouting magazine.



MOTORSPORTS

Participate in a motor sport activity such as karting, quad bike racing or scrambling. Knowledge of safety rules, techniques and skills and scouts must take part in at least two competitions or demonstrations.



WHAT UNUSUAL SCOUTING BADGE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INTRODUCED?

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DO YOUR BEST

...at astronautics, snowboarding, healthy eating, street sports and PR

SCOUTS are celebrating their organisation's centenary by launching 40 new badges to reflect the modern age.

The badges include healthy eating, parascending, street sports, imagination and public relations, to name a few.

These now feature among more traditional badges such as orienteering, hobbies, librarian and camper.

Alexander Dearden (14), of the 10th Lincoln, 1st Waddington Scouts, said: "It is really relevant to get kids coming in because there are more badges for more things."

"They are the new things that everyone wants to do. I am quite excited to try and get these badges and I like flying so I will definitely want to do the parascending."

It is the first time the Scouting Association has offered these types of badges which are mainly aimed at Explorer and Beaver Scouts.

Lincolnshire Scouts spokesman Ian Cashmore said the association hoped to reflect the changing demands and interests of today's young people.

"This continuous evolution of the Scout programme enables the movement to continue to empower young people, helping them learn new and useful skills, giving them the opportunity to experience adventure, take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility," he said.

The new badges illustrate the range of activities on offer during Scouting sessions and it is hoped that a move to-



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wards healthier diet and lifestyle will be embraced by Beavers, who the healthy eating badge is aimed at.

Activities such as street sports and parascending are aimed at Scouts and Explorer Scouts w aged 10 and above.

Some of the existing badges have been given a facelift such as the emergency aid badge which encourages younger scouts to recognise dangerous situations and older ones to deal with a range of situations from head injuries to epilepsy.

Veteran Scout member Jean Revill (78) has been committed to Scouting for 72 years and continues working with the Saxilby troop.

"I think if all the kids can do all of these sorts of things it is very good," she said. "It could be a good way of attracting more people but we have never been short at Saxilby - it is leaders we are short of. I hope they let the leaders have a good look through everything so they can be one step ahead because a lot of leaders are my age group and the kids know a lot more than we do."

"You do not get many young leaders though so this might be good to get some younger leaders interested."

What do you think of these new badges?



Scouting can be important for children as now families don't have the same strong values as they used to have.

Mehdi Sofiane (21)
Portland Street,
Lincoln



For kids who aren't academic, I think these vocational movements are fantastic and it gives them something to do with their time.

Joyce Wallhead (33)
Rufford Green,
Lincoln



It's good - it teaches youngsters skills they might not otherwise learn.

John Carter (26),
St Andrew's Street,
Lincoln.



It's great for kids to learn about these skills - I think it's a brilliant idea.

Tina Newbury (45)
Westbank,
Saxilby.

Train attacked by vandals

VANDALS are being hunted by police after attacking a train as it pulled away from a village station.

The incident happened at around 3.30pm on Sunday at the railway station at Saxilby, near Lincoln.

The train was leaving for Sheffield when the vandals struck.

An unknown object was thrown at the train

window, smashing an outer pane.

British Transport Police are now looking for any witnesses to the attack in a bid to trace four people who were seen on the platform shortly before the incident.

Sergeant Steve Broughton of the Lincoln British Transport Police said it was lucky no passengers were injured.

"There was a group of

four people hanging out in the shadows on the platform," he said.

"Fortunately the object, which could have been a stone, only smashed the outer skin of the window so nobody was hurt."

Anyone with information is asked to call the British Transport Police on (01472) 266319 quoting incident number 226 of January 13.

Students targeted

TWO laptop computers, a digital camera and a ring have been stolen from a student property.

Police want to trace a white woman aged around 18 with long black hair, skinny jeans and a puffa jacket who was seen going into a bedroom carrying a bag.

The incident happened at a house in Whitehall Terrace, off Newland Street West, Lincoln, at around

9.45pm on Friday, January 11.

Police are now urging students to register their valuables at www.immobilise.com - a free property register that could reunite them with their goods if stolen and later recovered by police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Chris Nowell on (01522) 832222, with incident number 35 of January 11

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