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Explorer Kirsty to receive the highest honour in Scouting

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AN explorer Scout from Grantham will receive the highest honour in Scouting, The Queen's Scout Award, tomorrow (Saturday).

Kirsty Goodwin will be one of 100 Scouts from across the country and one of only four in Lincolnshire to be presented with the award by Chief Scout Peter Duncan in a ceremony at London Zoo.

The award is presented to Scouts aged 16 to 25 who have completed a range of challenges, including community service, an expedition, learning a new skill and a five-day residential course.

For her challenges, Kirsty helped people gain first aid qualifications with St John Ambulance and went on an expedition to Whitby. The 19-year-old who attends Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln said: "Gaining my



Explorer Scout Kirsty Goodwin (right) with some of her fellow Scouts on one of their expeditions.

Queen's Scout award was a tremendous challenge.

"Part of Scouting has always been about doing work for your community and I feel like I made a real difference.

"I had a real adventure undertaking my expedition and walked what seemed like hundreds of miles. I have taken part in many adventurous expeditions and have

been fortunate enough to learn the survival and first aid skills needed for mountain climbs."

Chief Scout Peter Duncan said: "Scouting is all about opportunity - the opportunity to challenge yourself through adventure, meet new people, and go to new places.

"The Queen's Scout Award is the epitome of this. Kirsty is a true inspiration to others."