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HM The Queen to recognise local Scout in St George's Day Ceremony at Windsor Castle

Her Majesty the Queen will be honouring local young Explorer Scout Leader, Adam Jacklin on Sunday 22nd April with an award for outstanding personal achievement, during the annual St George's Day National Queen's Scouts event, held at Windsor Castle.

The St George's Day event will see 500 Scouts from across the UK and the commonwealth being awarded the highest honour in Scouting - The Queen's Scout Award. Adam a Scouter from Horncastle will be part of this exclusive group.

This honour is achieved by young people aged between 16 and 25 who have completed a range of challenges, which includes service to their community, completing an expedition in wild country, completing a five-day residential project in an unfamiliar environment and learning a new skill or developing an existing talent.

Adam said "Gaining my Queen's Scout award was tremendous challenge. Part of Scouting has always been about doing work for your community. The community service I undertook to gain my Queens Scout award was working as an Explorer Scout Leader and supporting Leader training in our District. I had a real adventure undertaking my expedition in Derbyshire and walked over 70 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.

As Patron of the Scout Association, The Queen attends the gathering of Queens Scouts every few years at Windsor Castle. **This is the first time HM The Queen has attended this event since in 2002 on her 80th birthday.**



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This event has been held regularly since 1934 on the Sunday nearest to St. George's Day (23 April); St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouting. This event is a long-standing tradition, which has only been broken during the Second World War. **This year 500 Queen's Scouts from across The Commonwealth are coming together to meet the Sovereign.**

Commenting on Adam's achievements, 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*", He added Adam is a true inspiration to others and I am delighted that Scouting and Her Majesty have honoured him with a Queen's Scout award."

These awards demonstrate the findings of The Scout Association commissioned research, which was released at the beginning of 2007. The NfP report "**What makes young people thrive**" revealed that UK teenagers are more confident, respectful and caring about the world they live in than many of the stereotypes commonly applied to them.

Since the King's/Queen's Scout award was instigated, over 100,000 of these awards have been presented to young men and women for outstanding personal achievements and service to their local communities.

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Further Information:

For information on other Queen Scout Award Winners, or for further information on The Queen Scout Awards, The Scout Association or The NFP report please contact Ian Cashmore on 01406 359390, Fax: 01406 351899, or mobile: 07821 306640.

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Queen Scout Awards

Queen Scout Awards are achieved by completing the following requirements:

- Provide service to the community for 12 months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills.
- Learn a new skill for 12 months, and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be the development of an existing interest or something entirely new.
- Complete a four-day and three-night expedition in open or adventurous country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review demonstrating leadership and teamwork skills
- Complete a five-day and four-night residential project in an unfamiliar environment with people who are not known. This project should be environmental work, activity based, service to others or personal training
- Complete 18 nights away, of which 12 must be camping.
- Make a presentation, to a suitable audience, of your achievements so far in working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

Centenary of Scouting

- 2007 marks a hundred years of scouting, and will see nearly 500,000 young people in the UK joining in the Centenary celebrations. Events will run throughout the year at local, regional, national and international level. A key element of the celebrations will be 40,000 Scouts from over 200 countries meeting at the **World Scout Jamboree** in Essex on the **1st August**.
- Across the world, 2007 is likely to be the largest ever example of youth cooperation and one of the biggest global celebrations since the turn of the Millennium. The Centenary will signal a new age in Scouting, and will provide an opportunity to reflect on how the movement was founded, what it has achieved, but also where it is going.

About Scouting

- Adventure is at the core of Scouting. The Scout Association passionately believes in helping their members fulfil their full physical, intellectual social and spiritual potentials by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. The Centenary year will provide even more opportunities for members to do this, and to continue to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility.
- Over 200 activities are offered by Scouting around the UK, made possible by the efforts of 100,000 voluntary adult leaders. This has helped make Scouting the largest co-educational youth Movement in the country.
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- Adults working in Scouting contribute in excess of 364 million hours of voluntary work each year to their local communities.
- The number of volunteers working for Scouting is bigger than the combined workforces of the BBC (24,000) and McDonalds (67,000) put together.
- Worldwide Scouting has 28 million Members both male and female and operates in nearly every country in the world.

NfP Report

- nfpSynergy is a research consultancy for the not for profit sector. Nfp was commissioned by The Scout Association to conduct this research in order to mark the launch of the Scouts Centenary in 2007.
- The report involved quantitative and qualitative research of 1,004 13 – 18 year olds. Fieldwork was conducted during August and September 2006.

Image 1

Young Scout Leader Adam Jacklin accepts an invitation from UK Chief Scout – Peter Duncan to Windsor Castle for the presentation by HM The Queen of his much-coveted Queens Scout Award



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Image 2

Queens Scout Award recipient Adam Jacklin completing one of his “required elements”.



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