

# Venture Forth

## A Newsletter for Taunton Deane Venture Scouts .

### **Review:**

Details that have come out of Headquarters are included below:

The Committee spent most of its time considering the final report of the Programme Review Group, which is based on the receipt of over 17,000 responses to its questionnaire, and on further work with focus groups. On the basis of the recommendations in the report the Committee agreed:  
\* that Scouting for young people should in future be provided in five age ranges, or Sections, with core ages 6 - 8; 8 - 10 1/2; 10 1/2 - 14; 14 - 18; and 18 - 25, with considerable flexibility in transfer ages especially between the third and fourth sections;

There is still lots of discussion to take place along with the new proposed programme. We shall keep you up to date.

### ***Snorkelling and Sub-Aqua Diving:***

Have you tried it before? If you are interested in doing something slightly different then the person to contact is Mike Stewart of the Taunton Sub Aqua Club.

### ***Regional Moot:- Games in the Park MM.***

15th - 17th September 2000 at Woodhouse Park campsite Bristol. You should have had the information through in the last Drival pack. It's worth going. Find out more at [www.moot.8m.com](http://www.moot.8m.com).

### ***Getting the message across.***

Venture Scouting does work. Lets get the message across. Are you talking with your own troop, possibly running a programme every now and then? Are you talking to other Troops near to your Unit? It's worth talking to any neighbouring troops and running a programme for them as well. Lets try and get our numbers up. Lets show them what Venture Scouts is all about.

The bigger the Unit the better the programme and the more opportunities arise.

How about talking to other Units and arrange joint events. It doesn't matter what you do but it will be fun.

### ***The Hub Cap:***

Is currently held by Quantock, is there anybody out there interested in challenging them?

### ***Out and about:***

When you are not in your usual meeting place you need to have a home contact, who holds details of all who are taking part in the activity. Also please can you let the D.C. know where and when you are going.

### ***Explorer Belt:***

Explorer Belt Expedition 2001 Polish Project. Thinking about attempting your Explorer Belt expedition in 2001? If you are, Poland is a great place, it is reasonably inexpensive to get to and the cost of living is relatively low compared to the UK. A 19 day trip, inclusive of flights, is possible with the 'Explore Poland 2001' project.

### ***Caving:***

The new cave at Huish woods is open. Give it a go, it's fun but wear old clothes as the system is very realistic

## **Diary Dates**

Next District meeting 11th July @ 7.30 This is going to be an informal meeting with a Barbecue. Bring your own food. All members of your Unit are welcome to come along.

Venture Scouting Works!

So choose Scouting and lets prove it.