



# The Malverns



## Annual Report June 2009

This last year has been a good year for the Explorers with the number of units growing to four through the formation of Tigger ESU based in Colwall. We have also started to look at the formation of a structured Young Leaders Unit. The actual number of members has not grown very much but this is set to change during the next year.

All four Units have been active and we have certainly made ourselves well known in the County through events we have attended. In July Beacon, Leigh and Tigger ESU's had some of their members attending the annual Pathfinder Camp which is always good fun. During the summer holidays all the ESU's were able to do either a camp or at least some outside activities. Beacon ESU took part in a canoeing weekend and gained some grades. Leigh ESU went to France where they had a busy timetable. activities included - a bike ride with an overnight YHA stop, boating, pedlo boating, trip to St Malo, fishing, visits to local festivals and a part in an evening's entertainment at the campsite they stayed at. Western ESU had a camp at Lake Bala where they did walking, mountain biking and canoeing to name a few activities and Tigger ESU went with 1<sup>st</sup> Colwall Scouts and as well as helping out did a number of activities by themselves including mountain biking, canoeing and Go Ape.

Last autumn a couple of competitions were entered by teams from the Malverns. Tigger ESU entered their first competition - The Redditch Trek - and came away as overall winners.

Also five Explorer Scout teams from the District entered the Camp Cockerel Competition - 2 x from Beacon ESU, 2 x from Tigger ESU and one from Western ESU. A fantastic weekend with Western ESU winning one of the night bases, Tigger ESU winning two of the night bases and Beacon winning one of the night bases, the day bases trophy and the overall Camp Cockerel Trophy - yes, The Malvern's won over 50% of all there was to win.

Leigh ESU again were an import part of the Leigh Scout Group show and also helped out at a number of local events throughout the year.

But with all this in mind it has been a tough year for the Leaders and I would like to thank them for their continuing commitment. As in all sections we are in need of more Leaders. We need both male and female ESL's to help with the existing Units as well as setting up the Young Leader's Unit properly and also look at setting up a second ESU in Malvern Town to cope with the numbers.

I am still without a DESA to assist with the running of the District ES section but fingers crossed this will resolved in the next month or so. This will certainly be a great help to take the District forward and help to make sure that the training programme is better shared and the DOE scheme, which most of the ESU's take part in, is monitored better.

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