

KEY VALUES OF SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

- Practical
- Supportive
- Pro-active
- Adaptable
- Sociable
- Approachable

KEY MESSAGES OF SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

- We volunteer
- We support
- We belong

GSL, DC, CC ROLE IN TRANSITION TO SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

1. Decide when to move Scout Fellowship to Scout Active Support. This must be before 31 December 2010.
2. Appoint a Scout Active Support Manager for each Scout Active Support Unit.
3. Assist the Scout Active Support Manager to appoint one or more Scout Active Support Coordinators (if appropriate).
4. Work with the Scout Active Support Unit to write a service agreement to formalise how the Unit will support local Scouting.
5. Review the Service Agreement annually, ensuring Scouting is supported in the best way, and the Scout Active Support Unit is effective.

WHY CHANGE?

Fellowship to Scout Active Support:
Your Quick Reference Guide



scouts.org.uk/activesupport

WHY CHANGE?

The Scout Fellowship has played an important role in The Scout Association for over 30 years. During this time it has provided valuable support in a number of key areas. In 1998, Scout Fellowship adopted the motto 'providing active support'. However, as many members have acknowledged, Scout Fellowship has become associated with more mundane activities and less of the challenge and adventure of Scouting.

WHY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT?

Over the last ten years, the phrase 'active support' has run across all Fellowship communications, whether in the magazine, online, in resources or on merchandise. Although it is a new name, for this reason it should not feel new. It also describes the service Fellowship offers today much more accurately – a dynamic and practical support framework for local Scouting.

In taking Scout Active Support forward, it is important to retain the key strengths of the Scout Fellowship including, flexibility, experience and support.

NOTE: Although in some parts of the British Isles Scout Counties are known as Areas or Islands and in one case Bailiwick, for ease of reading this publication simply refers to County/Countries. In Scotland there is no direct equivalent to County/Area. Scotland is organised into Districts and Regions, each with distinct responsibilities. Some 'County' functions are the responsibility of Scottish Regions, while others lie with Scottish Districts. The focus of responsibility is outlined in Scottish variations from POR.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

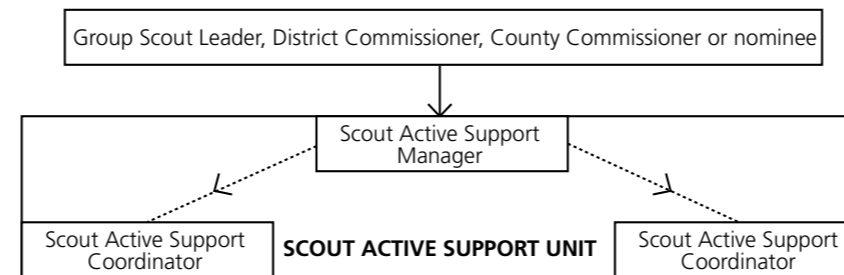
The name

The most obvious change is the new name. Scout Active Support reflects exactly what this group of adults do: support Scouting. The Fellowship name will no longer be in use after 31 December 2010.

The structure

Each Scout Active Support Unit is moving away from having a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Instead the Unit will be run by a Scout Active Support Manager who is appointed by the Group Scout Leader/relevant Commissioner through the usual appointment process. The Fellowship Chairman does not automatically become the Scout Active Support Manager.

The Scout Active Support Unit is clearly linked into the existing local structures to enable the effective promotion of the support it offers.



How Scout Active Support can be used within Scouting

A Scout Active Support Unit can be based at any level of Scouting, whether Group, District or County. A Unit should support Scouting at the level written in the service agreement.

How will the transition be supported?

The transition process is supported by the national Scout Active Support team, which can be contacted at active.support@scout.org.uk

Resources are also available online at www.scouts.org.uk/activesupport and print to order from the Scout Information Centre. A range of Scout Active Support merchandise is also available from www.scouts.org.uk/shop

TRANSITION TO SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

We understand that the transition from Fellowship to Scout Active Support may take some time to implement. These are guidelines to help with this transition.

Scout Active Support was launched on 5 September 2009. You have from then until 31 December 2010 by which time Scout Fellowships, in their current format will no longer exist.

Things to consider in planning the transition process:

- Group Scout Leaders, District or County Commissioners with a Scout Fellowship in their District or County will decide when it will change to a Scout Active Support Unit.
- Each Scout Active Support Unit must have a manager appointed by the Group Scout Leader, District Commissioner or County Commissioner as appropriate.
- If appropriate the Scout Active Support Manager can appoint one or more Scout Active Support Unit Coordinators.
- Each Scout Active Support Unit must have a service agreement created that sets out what the Unit will do to support Scouting.
- Ensure that the relevant Executive Committee has agreed the finances of the Scout Active Support Unit are integrated into local Scout Council accounts.
- Consider whether each existing Fellowship will convert into a Scout Active Support Unit or cease.
- The roles of ADC/ACC (SF) will end when Scout Active Support is introduced. Responsible commissioners need to think about how they match the current incumbents to the new roles.