

Moving on to Scout Network

Explorers is the Scout section for those aged 14 to 18. As you're nearing your 18th birthday, it's time to start thinking about moving on to the next section for 18 to 25s - Scout Network.

Organisation

There is typically only one Network Cell (as a group of Network members is known) in each District. However, Network members can join in with activities run by other Network Cells around the County, just as Explorers could join in with other units in the District. You may also move away for University and join in with a Network Cell nearer to where you are studying. There are regular camps and other events where all Networks in the County get together.

Although Network Cells have a leader, the leader's role is mainly to offer advice and guidance when required. The day-to-day running of the cell, including organising the programme, is mainly left to the members, lead by the coordinator who is theirself a Network member. Other members hold positions such as accountant and secretary.

Awards

Network don't have so many badges to work towards. The main awards in Network are the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, and the corresponding Chief Scout's Awards and the Queen's Scout Award. These are the same as the awards Explorer Scouts work towards, and in Network you can continue working towards them from where you got to in Explorers. You will probably need to keep your own record of the work you have done towards these awards, and let the coordinator know when you think you have completed an award.

Scout Network in Romsey

Romsey's Scout Network Cell, nicknamed "The Pirates", meets most weeks, including the school holidays when those away at University are able to attend. They vary which evening of the week they meet, giving those with regular evening work or other commitments the chance to take part.

For more information about joining Romsey Network, and their current programme of activities:

- Log on to www.romsey-snet.co.uk
- Email info-AT-romsey-snet.co.uk
- Contact Georgia (coordinator) or Chezzer

More about Network in general can be found at www.scouts.org.uk/network/

If you are going to be moving away to University, you might also like to check out SSAGO - the Student Scout And Guide Organisation - at www.ssago.org.uk