



15th December 2007

Subject: Nominations for the role of County Chairman

Following the sad and untimely death of Michael Nightingale, we are seeking to appoint a new County Chairman.

This letter invites nominations (note that self-nomination is encouraged too) for the role. I therefore ask you to give serious and urgent consideration to people with whom you work in Scouting, at work, or in the wider community, and to identify anyone (male or female) who you believe has the qualities to be the County Chairman. At this stage it is important to draw up a list with as wide a cross section of people as possible, so when considering a possible candidate please do not compare them against any previous County Chairman.

Nominations should be submitted, either using the enclosed form or by letter, in an envelope marked '*Personal and Confidential - County Chairman Nomination*' to *Hamish Stout* (at the address below). Email nominations are also welcomed – please send to hamish@stout.org.uk, with the subject titled 'County Chairman Nomination'.

Nominations should be received on or before **17th January 2008**. Note that nominees for this volunteer role may be male or female and need not be current or previous members of Scouting.

Please note that in order to ensure confidentiality, and prevent building up false hopes, nominations should be submitted without approaching the individual concerned.

In order to draw up a short list for the appointment, nominations for the role will be reviewed in January 2008 by members of the County Steering Group together with the County Secretary and the County Treasurer.

Yours sincerely,

Hamish Stout

County Commissioner

NOTE: In order to ensure the widest possible consultation I would be grateful if, in addition to submitting your own nomination, you would circulate this request for nominations to any person(s) who you think may wish to make a nomination. This may be verbally, by mail/email or via newsletters.

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About Berkshire Scouts and the role of County Chairman

The role of **County Chairman** is an exciting voluntary role. It involves leadership of the Charity Trustees to ensure appropriate control of risk and financial assets, and also management of key functions in support of the delivery of Scouting across Berkshire as part of the remit to extend the “reach” (both image and action) of Berkshire Scouting into the wider Community, including local government.

Berkshire Scouts is a vibrant charitable organisation which supports Scouting in over a hundred locations across Berkshire bringing the adventure, challenge and friendship of Scouting to over six thousand young people aged 6 to 25. It is part of a world-wide movement with over 28 million members across the world and about half a million members in the UK. The active Plan for the County provides a framework for the Development of Scouting across Berkshire for all volunteer adults in Groups, Units, Districts and County Teams and focuses on the structures, resources and activities to

- Promote both growth in Groups & Units and new ways of delivering Scouting throughout Berkshire;
- Transform the perception and awareness of Scouting in local communities across Berkshire;
- Value volunteer adults in Scouting in Berkshire;
- Enhance the quality of programme experienced by young people in Berkshire.

Berkshire Scouts, in partnership with Berkshire Scout Enterprises Limited and the Scout Association, is supporting a full-time Local Development Officer to develop further the provision of accessible Scouting to all areas of Berkshire, to continue to build a youth and adult membership which is more representative of the diversity across Berkshire and to develop effective outreach programmes in areas of greatest need.

If you wish further information about the County Chairman role prior to making your nomination, then please contact Hamish Stout.

Berkshire County Scout Council



Nomination for the Appointment as County Chairman

I wish to nominate:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/etc:

First Name:

Address:

Surname:

Postcode:

Current Scouting appointment (*if any*):

Telephone:

Please indicate why, in your opinion, this nominee is appropriate for appointment to this role (continue overleaf if necessary).

Your name *(please print)*

Your address:

Telephone No:

Please return to:- **Hamish Stout, 8 Sherwood Place, Purley on Thames, Reading RG8 8RZ**
by 17th January 2008.

In the interests of confidentiality, please do not make any approach to the person you wish to nominate. All nominations will be fully considered by the search group but as this is a selection process not all nominees will be in a position to enter into any communications.