

NEW ADULT AWARDS PROCESS

Who approves Awards?

New arrangements for adult awards have now been introduced.

Up until now, all awards were recommended by 'County' (often via Districts), and then approved by HQ.

The new system allows Districts and Counties to 'approve' certain awards as follows:

Level	Awards that can be approved	Awards that can be approved if the recipient only holds a role at that level
District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners' Commendation Award Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service Award for Merit 	
County (including DCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar to the Award for Merit Silver Acorn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners' Commendation Award Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service Award for Merit
National (HQ) via CC/CLAAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar to Silver Acorn Silver Wolf Gallantry Meritorious Conduct Cornwell Scout Badge Chief Scout's Personal Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners' Commendation Award Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service Award for merit Bar to the Award for Merit Silver Acorn

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=230,898>

How does this work?

Decision making for the Awards rests with the County or District Commissioner. To support them in this decision-making Commissioners are encouraged (but not required) to set up a Local Awards Advisory Group (LAAG).

We strongly recommend the setting up of LAAGs in Districts across Berkshire. There is a County LAAG.

Recommended terms of reference for a LAAG

Membership of LAAGs, recommended:

- Secretary of the LAAG
- A young person under 25
- Chair of Executive Committee or AAC
- Current Section Leader or similar
- Consider others, perhaps external, to give good balance

The DC may wish to appoint a Chair to co-ordinate matters (the County has appointed a Chair of the County LAAG).

The LAAG members will need to have their appointment registered on Compass as it is a formal 'appointment' (no AAC attendance or training obligations are required) as 'Awards Advisory Group Member'. The person to whom all certificates and awards are to be sent to in the District or County should also be entered on to Compass as 'County or District Award Certificate Recipient'. If no Awards Certificate Recipient is entered then all certificates and awards will be sent to the relevant CC or DC.

Appointment term: suggested some as two years and some as three years. Chair can serve max two terms of three years.

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Recommendations for an Award

Anyone can nominate any adult member or associate member for a Good Service Award, as the awards are progressive there are different methods to nominate someone depending on the previous awards they have been presented and the service they have given.

The Primary Role of the nominated person determines at which level the award is considered/processed.

The relevant forms to nominate adult members or associate members are included in the following link:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=419,892>

The form needs to be sent to the CC/DC or their nominated person on the LAAG, dependant on the level of the award – see chart above which clearly shows the level at which these are awarded.

The CC/DC will need to advise the County/District who the nominated person is, if it is not the CC/DC. Where a citation is required, guidance is given on how to do this in the link above.

Award Decisions

These are made by the relevant CC/DC or LAAG using the appropriate form – see link below from Scout Association website:

[Submit Good Service Award decision](#)

Before making a nomination the following criteria needs to be checked: the nominee must be a member or associate member; hold a valid DBS; training up to date; and have minimum length of service for the nominated award. If you are an LAAG member submitting these please ensure the CC/DC is aware.

Medals will need to be engraved before presentation.