

## **Bar to the Award for Merit – Example Citation 1**

Since Joe received the Award for Merit in 2002, he has been an active member of the District Scout Active Support Unit, working continuously to support events and activities in the District.

Joe has also been a fundamental link with the fundraising team, planning and organising activities within the District involving Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts. All sections have taken part in events such as plant sales, jumble sales, car washing and many other activities, which have collectively raised a total of £19,000 to date. Joe is integrally involved in the decision-making process to assess how this money can be invested wisely to provide much-needed equipment across the District.

One of Joe's regular initiatives is an annual plant sale, which attracts interest not only within the local community, but also from all Groups within the District. This benefits other causes beyond Scouting, as he grows and provides plants for local hospital charities.

Many Scouts and volunteers across the District can vouch for Joe's excellent organisational skills, which played a large part in his recent appointment as Chairman of the District Scout Active Support Unit. His service in this new role has been of the highest quality, and he has already made plans to reinstate Scout swimming galas and sports events within the District.

Joe is a dedicated leader who works extremely hard to develop Scouting in the District, fostering community engagement and interaction to raise the Movement's profile and grow local Scouting.

He has given so much to Scouting and provided further outstanding service. We therefore request that he is rewarded appropriately with the Bar to the Award for Merit.

## Bar to the Award for Merit – Example Citation 2

Richard has continually provided outstanding service, firstly as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and more recently as a Group Scout Leader. Since he received the Medal of Merit in 2004, he has consistently supported his thriving Group, which comprises 120 young people across in 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and a Scout Troop, not to mention the Explorer Scout Unit with which the Group has a seamless active partnership.

Richard ensures that the Group turnout at the District St George's Day Parade and Church Parades is always strong, partly due to the high esteem in which he is held.

He has recently undertaken specific training for his new role as a Training Adviser in order to maintain and progress the development of leaders with the Group. Richard accepts that he cannot do everything himself and has recently recruited an Assistant Group Scout Leader and Group Administrator, delegating some of the responsibilities inherent in the successful running of the Group. This has enabled the Group to grow further, with the recruitment of more than 40 Occasional Helpers from parents of young people within the Group. Richard has been able to maintain focus on essential tasks, developing and supporting his leadership team, leading section meetings where necessary and contributing to programme planning across all the sections.

Richard is still in touch with grassroots Scouting and remains an active volunteer in the Scout Troop and Explorer Scout Unit. He takes part in the twice-yearly walking weekends and regularly visits their camps and activities during evenings and weekends.

Within the wider community, Richard promotes an active partnership with the Scout Group's sponsoring authority, the local Church, and is the Group representative on the Church Council. He recently led the Group in delivering an inspirational service to the congregation. It was such a success that the Group now plan to make it an annual contribution.

Richard has given further outstanding service to Scouting and within the local community. His dedication and contribution is truly inspirational and we feel that he should be considered for a Good Service Award.