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Ltd***



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Berkshire Scout Enterprises
was formed in 1985
by Adult Members of the Scout Association
in response to growing unemployment
amongst young people

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

It was in 1985 that a group of Scout Fellowship members in Berkshire set up ***Berkshire Scout Enterprises***, in response to call from Sir William Gladstone, the then Chief Scout, for members of the movement to take practical action to help the increasing number of people, particularly young people, who were becoming unemployed.

Since that beginning, the nature and extent of our help and support has changed as circumstances and government policies dictated but I think it fair to say that we can be proud of the service we have provided to those who for one reason or another have become disadvantaged in the labour market.

We have also been pleased to use our resources over these thirty years to support Scouting and Guiding, not only locally and nationally but indeed internationally.

In this newsletter we record our present activities but we have added a supplement that shows some of our service to the community and our support to Scouting and Guiding over the past eventful thirty years.

Alan K B Beavis OBE - Chairman

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT WORKER LTD

.....for those working with a disability

The service we provide with this company is for people who have a disability that impairs their ability to fulfil all their tasks at their workplace or in some cases restricts their travel to work.

Our key role is to recruit competent, reliable and suitable support workers to enable these duties to be carried out so that the client can remain in employment.

We accept clients who personally or through the employers pay us direct but more normally payment for our services comes from the government's Access to Work Scheme. The present Minister for Disabled People envisages some changes to the scheme but with a general election looming it is unlikely to affect us at present.

The number of disabled people nationally helped by the scheme has increased but our clients have remained at a constant level



MODERN DAY APPRENTICESHIPS

We are in partnership with Buckingham County Council to provide training for apprenticeships. We offer apprentices Level Two and Three in Health and Social care as well as Team Leading, Customer Service and Management. Our clients must be in apprenticeship for at least a year. We have thirty eight learners carried over from the last academic year plus nineteen learners who have been recruited since 1st August 2014.

We are pleased to announce that our application has been accepted for a contract similar to that we are currently running, for the period 2015-2018.

SKILLS SUPPORT FOR REDUNDANCY

We are in partnership with Chichester College to provide programmes funded by the European Social Fund for those facing redundancy or unemployed for less than six months. We have recently run a course for twenty two people following the closure of the BHS store in Reading.

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SUPPORTING SCOUTING



Locally

Berkshire County Scout Council

We have provided office accommodation for two Local Development Officers, and an Administrator. They have now moved to new premises in Wokingham but we continue to supply employment services for them.

MIDAS

Thirty three people have successfully completed our courses for the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme this year, to achieve the MIDAS Certificate for Scout Leaders and other charity groups who transport people in minibuses.



Nationally

Toys for Smiles

We provided storage and packaging facilities, administrative assistance as well as marketing and publicity for this ISGF 60th anniversary project. We are pleased to report that in the course of the year over 17,000 toys were collected and sent to Syrian children in the refugee camps in Jordan.

Toys for Smiles



• Children receiving toys.

International Scout Active Support

We have supported this Unit in its work of supporting Scouts and Leaders participating in International Scouting. We have hosted meetings and provided an international café at Gilwell Reunion. We attended the ACC (International) Conference at Birmingham with a display.



National Scout and Guide Fellowship/Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

We continue to support these two organisations and their committees in facilitating membership of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF).

We were pleased to provide assistance in their participation in the ISGF project Toys for Smiles, the results of which were gratefully received by United Nations High Commission for Refugees and of course by the children whose lives have tragically left them little to smile about.



Internationally

Project Africa, Uganda

We are pleased to continue support for Scouts In Berkshire in their second working trip to Uganda.

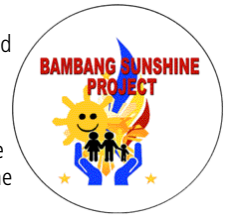
In 2011 they provided practical assistance to the Bukeka Children's Centre and Kavule School for the Deaf in Mbale.

This year they will be assisting at the Iwololo and Butagaya Primary Schools where they will be building and refurbishing classrooms for children in poor rural areas.



Bambang Sunshine Project

This charity provides much needed support for disabled children in the Philippines enabling them to lead a fuller and more meaningful life. We have produced for many years, and again this year, a newsletter to help with their fundraising. They now have one of the own members to fulfil this role. We wish them and the children every success.



Mityana Community Development Foundation, Uganda

We have continued to support this charity which works in partnership with the people of Mityana District to promote health, enterprise, education, Scouting and economic development.



UK Uganda Network

We continue to support many of the members of the network with their involvement in projects developing Scouting and community activities in Uganda.

Berkshire Scouts congratulate BSEL

Berkshire Scouts extend their congratulations to BSEL for 30 years of extraordinary service to Berkshire Scouting as well as to Scouting nationally and internationally.

BSEL have been providing a wide range of support and services to local Scouting since its formation 30 years ago. Supporting individual leaders and participants to have access to international experiences has been a long-standing feature of BSELs enthusiasm for international Scouting and many expeditions and international community projects, eg: Project Africa, have benefited from their knowledge and support. There has always been material support such as Minibus hire and training, van hire, equipment, and so on. Gravelly Court, the home of BSEL, has also been the 'home' for Local Development Officers, the leader training team, CEC Meetings, and many other meetings for many years.

BSEL have also provided support for the administration of the Scout County. Initially by providing an administration service which paved the way to Berkshire Scouts taking on its own County Administrator with BSEL providing office accommodation as well as the employment facility for all Berkshire Scouts paid staff – a facility that BSEL continues to provide.

Thanks to BSEL for providing all of the above support, and more, over the past 30 years! BSEL continues to be a tremendous 'behind the scenes' support for Berkshire and Scouting across the world.