

## **Staindrop and District ESU**

### **Report to District Executive for 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Keith Magnall has stepped down as ESL and leadership of the Unit has been handed over to Felicity and Gordon Hackett. Keith was thanked for his many years of hard work and commitment to Staindrop Scout Group and Explorer Unit and the Group AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012.

The Unit has currently got 11 Explorers, with a regular attendance of all. We are aware that this will vary over the next few weeks due to the current exam regime, which will put pressure on the explorers.

#### **Recent activities**

The unit entered a team of 6 (3 girl 3 boys) into the County Explorer competition 'The Geoffrey Gordon Cup' over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March. They came 11<sup>th</sup> out of 29 teams, which they were pleased with, as it improved their place on last year. They were based at Raven Gill Scout Campsite on the North Yorks Moors. They arrived on Friday evening, undertaking a 22K incident hike with full packs on Saturday and further tasks and navigation skills on Sunday.

The whole unit (bar 1) and leaders attended the St George's Day activity at The Hub. Everyone agrees that it was an excellent and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. We would like to thank the DC and Barnard Castle for their planning and organisation of the event. The Explorers enjoyed meeting up with the Barnard Castle Explorers and have requested further joint events.

A few Explorers were able to attend the Staindrop Scout Group AGM and reported to those attending the events of the previous year.

Programme planning is currently under way to ensure a balanced programme, which includes work towards awards and as much fun as possible! Several activities have been identified as possible joint activities with Barnard Castle Explorers.

Felicity and Gordon Hackett

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