

Situations vacant

STORESPERSON Required to create and maintain a record of all of the Group's equipment and to organise equipment in the storage spaces, the garage and individual section cupboards. To make Group equipment available to leaders whenever needed, to report damage and to suggest maintenance and replacements on an ad hoc basis.

CARETAKER Local person needed as first point of contact for a neglected Scout Hall. Primary keyholder would attend to the premises on an occasional basis only. No experience necessary. Responsible for clearing rubbish on a weekly basis.

HANDYMAN One Scout Hall, mature and in need of restoration would like to meet a handyman to love and care for it. Subsidence, old kitchen and decaying bathrooms mean the applicant will need GSOH. Group working parties are arranged on a regular basis, so the successful applicant will have a ready team of helpers to co-ordinate.

FUNDRAISERS Volunteers needed to join the Group's fundraising committee. Marketing or sales experience may be useful, but enthusiasm and time are much more important qualities. Internet-savvy research skills and form filling to apply for grants would be particularly useful.

PUBLICITY OFFICER Scouting is a good new story and the 5th Dartford deserve to make headlines. We are seeking a budding Max or Maxine Clifford to establish relationships with the local press, to place articles and pictures and to create posters and even leaflets. Fundraising works best when projects and Groups are publicized and this role is a very important part of our fundraising plans.

BLUE VAN MAN All we need is big, dirty hands and your own set of spanners for our Blue Van Man. Expertise in keeping things running that should have long given up would be a bonus. The ability to conjure power miraculously from a flat battery, the breath to blow up tyres and access to hot water to give our beloved blue van the occasional clean would also help.

FIRST AIDER Training can be given to create a first aid officer capable of managing the first aid cover for the whole Group. Nursing experience not necessarily essential, but we are a uniformed Group, so bringing your own uniform might help. Once trained, the role would be to co-ordinate and maintain a first aid training programme and to keep first aid boxes stocked appropriately.

TRAINING MANAGER All Leaders follow Scout training programmes and all of the activity leaders and helpers require training. Must be able to safely run those activities. We need a good administrator to keep a record of training undertaken and to help plan future training for individuals. This is an admin, admin, admin role, so good admin skills may help.

CAMP CO-ORDINATOR The 5th Dartford participate in 4 or 5 camps every year. Section leaders will be integrally involved with organizing camps. But planning camps takes vast amounts of time and the Leaders need a team to do a lot of work. To advertise the camps, to record who is attending, to take and record money, to book camp sites and activities during the Camp, to organise transport and to co-ordinate resources.

CYCLE MECHANIC Typical cars use a lot of oil and need a lot of attention. We need a mechanic to maintain and care for them.

VETERAN ATHLETES Multiple veteran athletes required for Edinburgh Chase competition on the first Friday in May each year. Running preferred, but walking competitors considered. Must be able to map read, ideally in the dark. Veteran means over 25 years old, in this context.

WOODEN BRIDGE BUILDER Rope and wood construction engineers needed to assist with pioneering team for Carnival Bridge Building. Knot tying training provided. Must not suffer from vertigo or woodworm. Multiple positions available, mainly up trees.

TENT ERECTORS Team members needed to erect marquee or party tent when hired out. Scouting reputations hinge on the ability to put up these structures efficiently and quickly. Training provided and advice given by everyone who has ever been on a Scout camp.

HALL CLEANING TEAM A team is needed to establish a cleaning rota for the hall. Cleaning once a week, when the young members are dropped off for section meetings would make the job simple and short. Teams of cleaners would make the job much less arduous than for one person.

These are all serious roles, but roles which should provide fun for the Volunteer and a sense of satisfaction which can only come from helping others.

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