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## **Young People Receive Top Awards**

Young people from Tynemouth District Scouts joined their colleagues from all over Northumberland to receive Chief Scout's Awards from the UK Chief Commissioner, Wayne Bulpitt, in a special ceremony at the Discovery Museum on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

The Chief Scout's award is the highest award that can be given in each of the youth sections and involves a huge amount of hard work and dedication from those receiving them. They are gained by completing a number of their individual section's challenge badges which cover scout activities relevant to their age, including work based around camping, fitness, community work and global and environmental issues.

The Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award is listed as one of the things which can count towards gaining the Chief Scout's Platinum award, the top award an Explorer Scout can achieve.

The Tynemouth recipients included three Beaver Scouts who received Bronze Chief Scouts awards, four Cub Scouts who received Silver Chief Scouts awards, six Scouts received Gold Chief Scouts awards and one Explorer Scout received a Platinum Chief Scout award. The recipients were from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Tynemouth Scout Groups and the Tynemouth Explorer Scout Unit. The various groups are based in the North Shields and Tynemouth areas.

Family, friends and leaders from the various Scout Groups watched with pride as over 200 young people from all over the Northumberland area received awards in the ceremony arranged by Northumberland County Scouts.

Whilst presenting the awards, Wayne Bulpitt explained that in a recent survey of UK businesses, 72% of those asked placed value on a person's Scouting background, both as a young person and as an adult. He congratulated the young people on the amount of hard work that had gone into gaining their Chief Scout awards, some of which can take up to four years to earn.

All of the Scout Sections in Tynemouth District are open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 25; the adult section is open from 25 to 60 plus. If you would like to join the world's largest co-educational youth organisation, at any level, you can call the Northumberland Scout's County Office on 0191 2668822, visit [www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk](http://www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk) or the national site at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) or e-mail [media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk) for more information.

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