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Busy Time for Scouting

Scouts in North Tyneside have had a busy time over the last few weeks when Leaders in Tynemouth District received national recognition in awards given out for St. George's day and one of their Groups became affiliated to the Whitley Bay, North Shields & District Branch of the Royal British Legion in May.

Northumberland Scout County Vice President, Lord Joicey, presented Lionel Brunton with a Silver Wolf which is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded for service of the most exceptional nature. It is the highest award possible in the Scout Association.

Ken Ward, Heather Henderson, Deborah Southworth-Henderson and John Stenhouse received Silver Acorns which are awarded after a period of no less than 20 years of specially distinguished service while holding an adult appointment.

Long service awards were also presented to George Mitchell for 40 years service and David Bennett for 30 years service.

A few weeks later and the 3rd Tynemouth (Ritson's Own) Scout group became the first Scout group in Tynemouth District to become affiliated with the Whitley Bay, North Shields & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Every member of the group was presented with an "affiliated unit" badge to wear and the Group Scout Leader, Dudley Rogers was presented with a certificate of affiliation by Don Rutherford, Royal British Legion Northumbria's County Chairman, during the Scout's recent open day.

The affiliation between the two groups will help ensure that Remembrance is kept alive and that the sacrifices our brave Service men and women have made are never forgotten. It came about because of the work carried out by both the Group and Tynemouth District Scouts to help raise funds for the annual Poppy Appeal.

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 worlds 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 or the national site at www.scouts.org.uk or e-mail media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk for more information.

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