WINSLEY SCOUTS STRIKE DOUBLE GOLD IN COUNTY ARCHERY COMPETITION

Two teams from Winsley Scout Group each won 1st place in their respective competitions at the 2014 Wiltshire Scouts County Archery Competition, held at the Wiltshire Scout Centre, Potterne on Saturday, 22 March 2014.

Each team of five scouts from across Wiltshire fired three scoring rounds of eight arrows. In the morning, our team of Scouts (Julius Kirby-Garton; Ben Wood; Phoebe Mumford; Esme Pocock and Freddie Maw) won the Scouts competition, narrowly beating the current champions (Swindon Ridgeway) by 13 points, with Ben Wood (188/240) taking 2nd place in the individuals competition.

This excellent result was then followed in the afternoon by five of our Explorer Scouts (Joe Bates; Morgan Haigh; Angus Webster; Rebecca Pullin and Dan Alexander) winning their competition - with the top three scores forming the final team score for Explorers - by a convincing 600/720, beating their nearest rivals, from Viking Eclipse, Swindon by 64 points. Joe Bates (206/240) and Morgan Haigh (205/240) took 1st and 2nd places in the individual Explorer competition, with a slim-line one point between them for the top two places.

In the leaders' 'friendly' District competition, Neil Pocock, our Beaver Scout Leader – on his first outing as a competitive archer - took 2nd place jointly with Kris McCabe of Swindon North District with Sam Foster from the Wiltshire West District Scout Active Support Unit in 3rd place.

The Group are still on the look-out for a new Group Scout Leader. If anyone is interested in this important appointment, or knows of any relative/friend who may be interested, then please e-mail Sam Foster (sam.foster@which.net) for further details.