

**Q1 Minibus & Trailer - How often, over that last 3 years have your used this service**

Answers 24 100%

Skips **0**  
0%

Never	7	29%		
Once or Twice	7	29%		
Sometimes	7	29%		
Often	3	13%		
Rarely	0			

**Q2 If you answered 'Rarely' or 'Never' in Question 1, would you mind telling us why?**

Answers 10 42%

Skips **14**  
58%

Only just started with DofE Perth

We use the minibuses basd at Kinross as much as we can

More convenient to use local PKC minibus

Not my personal opinion – but either the mileage charge or the perception that it's not available to schools (is it?) may be a barrier

We have access to the council's minibus fleet through the school.

we use coaches for bronze and silver expeds. We try to use public transport for golds. When not appropriate we use school minibusses (2) for these and canoe expeds.

**Q3** Thinking about the Minibus and Trailer, is there anything we could do, to improve this service?

Answers  
15 63%

Skips **9**  
38%

No. It was great. ALthough I didn't know how to book orighianlly and had to ask around a bit.

Nil

I think the main problem is always having suitably trained drivers. I am always a little concerned if they are doing both supervision and driving because of possible long hours  
First Aid is the real problem as need to do this at weekends and not readily available

Have more minibus and trailers with more trained staff available to do this

not that I can think of.

**Q4** Training - Over the last 3 years, approximately how many of your volunteers have received a training subsidy from us?

Answers  
19 79% Skips **5**  
21%

Nil

Not much recent. But we are happy to fund ourselves generally as others could probably use the help better aardvark limited pot.

N/A

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Not a Unit Leader, so I don't know, but I believe that this is one of the most valuable things the Association does

Q5

Over the last 3 years, please state how many volunteers attended the training listed below...

Answers 16 67% Skips 8 33%

	1 Volunteer	2 Volunteers	3 Volunteers	4 Volunteers	5 Volunteers	6 - 10 Volunteers	More than 10 Volunteers
Summer Mountain Leader Training	1	2	2	1	2	0	0
Summer Mountain Leader Assessment	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
Walking Group Leader Training	4	0	0	3	2	0	0
Walking Group Leader Assessment	4	1	0	2	3	0	0
Lowland Leader Award Training	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lowland Leader Award Assessment	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
First Aid Training	1	4	1	1	1	4	4
MiDAS Training - Full Course	3	2	1	1	0	3	0
MiDAS Training - Refresher Course	2	3	1	0	1	0	0

Answers  
23 96%

Skips **1**  
4%

**Q6** Thinking of the Annual Gathering of Volunteers i.e. Have a Go Day, please indicate how you feel about them..

Relevant - If I am free I will attend	14	61%
Very Relevant - I make every effort to attend	6	26%
No Opinion for or against	2	9%
It's another day out for DofE, that I could do without	1	4%
What will meeting other volunteers give me that I cannot get at my own group	0	0%

**Q7** Thinking of the event in the previous question - what could be done to make the event better or more relevant?

Answers  
19 79%

Skips **5**  
21%

It is really

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preferred the previous format which had a more structured day and was better attended as a result . People could attend sessions which they wanted to learn more about or knew nothing about

i enjoy meeting with other leaders to chat about various issues. event should probably be aimed at inexperienced leaders as group leaders have their own meetings - or at least we used to...

Guest speakers and workshops as done three years ago.

Very difficult to cater for old hands and complete newbies in one day. Networking opportunities obvious, but in the past practical, hands-on, fun sessions have worked really well for both

**Q8 What other training events do you think we should provide?**

Answers 13 54% Skips **11** 46%

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Perhaps more awareness of admin help required which is just as valuable and vital as the e.g. driving minibuses and going on the walks.

Every group needs someone to chase up people and encourage, cajole, threaten them to complete the various sections along the way :-)

specific hill skills?

Perhaps "light touch" newbie induction evenings? No labyrinth of PKC rules and regulations – just a chance to chat more informally about what is involved?

The sort of thing that hopefully happens informally in units?

Minibus driving for those without category D1 on their licence.

**Q9 In the last 3 years, how often did your group hire expedition equipment from the Association**

Answers 22 92% Skips **2** 8%

Never	13	59%
Often	3	14%
Sometimes	3	14%
Rarely	2	9%
Once or Twice	1	5%

**Q10** How valuable is the service, mentioned in Question9, to you?

Answers 20 83%  
Skips 4 17%

Very	6	27%
Quite	6	27%
Not Relevant	5	23%
Not Really	5	23%

**Q11** Please rate the equipment that you can hire from us (listed below,)in order of need, using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is least needed and 5 is most needed.

Answers  
20 83%

Skips **4**  
17%

	1	2	3	4	5	NOT APPLICABLE	
TENT	1	1	2	2	3		<b>11</b>
STOVES	2	1	1	1	2		<b>12</b>
WATERPROOF JACKETS	1	3	1	0	2		<b>11</b>
WATERPROOF TROUSERS	1	1	4	0	2		<b>10</b>
INFLATABLE SLEEPING MATS	1	1	2	2	2		<b>11</b>
GROUP SHELTERS	1	2	0	0	3		<b>13</b>
LEADERS TENTS	2	2	0	0	4		<b>11</b>

**Q12** Thinking of equipment, is there any equipment that you feel the Association should have on offer but currently doesn't?

Answers 11  
46%

Skips **13**  
54%

No

The main issue is that if someone is doing to be supplied with kit it must be in good working order both at issue and return. Stores management is always a problem. Requires a lot of commitment, attention to detail

Only if some groups struggle to provide other items e.g. boots

Not a big thing – but waterproofing is often an issue – perhaps waterproof rucsac liners, e.g. Pod, Exped?

No, we have our own equipment. But I would find hiring light weight leader's tents useful.

Q13

Advice - Please rate how useful it is, to have Association staff readily available to ask for advice/assistance. Using the scale 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is very useful

Answers  
21 88%

Skips **3**  
13%

5	13	62%		
4	5	24%		
3	2	10%		
2	1	5%		
1	0	0%		

Q14

How useful is it, for the Association to provide Residential opportunities for Gold participants? Please use the scale 1 to 5, where 1 is not at all useful and 5 is very useful.

Answers  
21 88%

Skips **3**  
13%

5	11	52%		
3	5	24%		
4	4	19%		
1	1	5%		
2	0	0%		

Q15

Do your Gold completions suffer because of a lack of available residentials?

Answers  
16 67%

Skips **8**  
33%

NO	10	63%		
YES	6	38%		



Q16

Answers  
12 50%

Skips  
**12**  
50%

**What else do you need help with? We are trying to ensure we put our efforts in the right place to assist you. Please indicate below any other ideas or requests for assistance that you can think of. This may include; Publicity; Valuing Volunteers; Research into Routes that are accessible by Public Transport; Eco Friendly Strategies; Provison of alternate routes to help reduce impact issues locally;**

Electronic DofE is my biggest headache and takes up a huge amount of time. Mainly due to flaws in the system. If it worked it would be easier but it is still very cumbersome and time consuming.

Not thought about this

A well catalogued set go routes available perhaps online. Encourage the community aspect of volunteering perhaps as a group once a week and then include in the activity on their walk - possibly more feasible for Bronze ?

Tried carrying out group poo and it definitely has its limitations and certainly no appeal !

Could groups build ECO toilets on estates as part of an activity which could then be utilised for other groups / walkers to reduce " impact on environment"?

I am in favour of a "routes library". Knowing how much effort goes into researching a new route, even if it has been used by other groups, I think a database would be a great idea and I would be prepared to put in some work towards that. And definitely in favour of reduced-impact routes at Bronze level

Assistance and advice on routes would always be welcome.

We tend to use the same routes year on year and putting a new route together takes a lot of time.

Provision of alternate routes, Valuing volunteers, Recruiting volunteers. Training up Volunteers.

Answers 14  
58%

Skips **10**  
42%

**Q17** Finally, in order of priority, what help do you need the most at present?

Edufe

Time

need to get more leaders with ML training through their assessment - hopefully a few will have done so by October.

Qualified leaders, especially female

Qualified leaders (ideally ML, but WGL/HML all very welcome)

Minibus drivers (training will be provided – all you need is a D1 on your licence)

Women (the only qualification required)

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors and would like to give young people the opportunity to experience it

Finally, is there anyone out there who enjoys admin? We really want to meet you! We will love you and look after you

have a number of new volunteers that will need to complete the dreaded ESTC!!

Minibus driving for drivers without Category D1.

PS I think you both do a splendid job as it is. You are both always there when I need to ask for advice and always bend over backwards to help out.  
Please keep doing what you're doing!!

Thanks

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