



**Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
WESTHILL OPEN AWARD GROUP**

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CONGRATULATIONS to our latest Award completions – very well done:



**Bronze Award:**

Erin Anderson  
Jason Collie  
George Dick  
Ethan MacColl  
Jack Mateus  
Holly Thomson

**Certificate of  
Achievement:**

Cerys Cox



**Silver Award:**

Mollie Alexander  
Jack Chambers  
Natasha Lees  
Robbie McKenzie  
Aaron Reid

**Certificate of  
Achievement:**

Will Chambers



**Gold**

**Certificate of  
Achievement:**

Catrina Anderson

As you know, our volunteer group have successfully delivered the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Westhill area since 2007. Due to licensing changes between Aberdeenshire Council and DofE Scotland, from the end of August, we are no longer authorised to do so. Meanwhile, for your current Award level, keep adding evidence on eDofE.org; keep being creative in deciding your challenges for Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and please do submit your programme planners so we – or DofE Aberdeenshire or DofE Scotland - can help you meet all the Award requirements for the different sections. You registered to take part in your DofE Award which you have until your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to complete. The DofE Scotland has an obligation to provide the ongoing support you need. You may still be able to start a DofE Award level through uniformed groups such as the Scouts, ATC or BBs. We will continue to support you for as long as we have access to eDofE.org.

For now, we have amazing achievements to celebrate with all our participants (and volunteers) who took part in our 8 Bronze Expeditions, 8 Silver Expeditions and 8 Gold Expeditions in our local area this summer in Skene, Midmar, Glen Esk and Tarland areas. We could not have done so without the wonderful people who offered camping access to their own gardens (or large fields). Huge thank you to the Alexander family, Andy & Ruth Martin, Dave & Kathleen Collie, Glen Esk Estate and Simon Sawers. And congratulations to all our participants – local doesn't mean easier – and you found out a lot about what a wonderful area we are so lucky to live in too.

**COMING SOON** - Westhill Open Award Group are in discussion with Youth Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council hoping to bring you **Youth Achievement Awards at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels!** It is all about progressing through those levels from taking part (60 hours), through assisting (90 hours), leading (120 hours) and ultimately, at Platinum Award level, providing peer education (135 hours). Evidence is gathered for submission in a portfolio with peer assessment of activities. It is based on open programmes which our volunteers will help participants to plan-do-review and most importantly show individual progression. We are keen to still offer an expedition element as we know how much participants gain from – and safely enjoy – that experience. So, that's the challenge for our volunteer group and we will keep you informed as plans progress!