

Search for a new District Commissioner

Blackdown District

Having led Blackdown District for some nine years, your District Commissioner, Pam Gaines, is stepping down from this role. We all thank Pam for her dedication to Scouting and her support to the District particularly over the period of the Pandemic.

Blackdown District is now moving into its next phase of development, and we are looking for a new District Commissioner, a volunteer manager who ensures all the Scout Groups are supported and developed to ensure young people get the best quality Scouting possible.

I have been asked by our County Commissioner, Liz Henderson, to lead a small Search Group to identify and submit to her our recommendations for consideration. The Search Group consists of myself as Chair, Nadia Atherton, Gail Downton, Dave Lombard, Tricia Sedgbeer, Matt Norman and is supported by Danielle Doyle from The Scout Association's Regional Service Team (RST).

How can I help?

We know there are some amazing people within Blackdown District and the surrounding areas, and we want to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to nominate people they feel could undertake this role and make a difference.

Therefore, I now invite you personally to contribute to the search by submitting a nomination (or nominations) of persons whom you feel should be considered for this important voluntary appointment. Please note that the information you provide on the nomination form is used to shortlist nominations, so please provide as much detail as possible. All details on the form, including the nominee will be kept completely confidential.

Who can I nominate?

Self-nominations are encouraged and expected; let's be honest, if you believe you can bring the right skills and expertise to the role and you are enthusiastic and motivated, then why not nominate yourself? If you don't, you may miss this rewarding opportunity if you are not nominated by someone else.

To nominate others or yourself please complete the relevant nomination form attached to the DC Search Pack attached. It does not matter if the individual you want to nominate is new to Scouting; we also welcome nominations of and from external candidates. Scouting has a comprehensive training scheme, which can provide training and support for anyone new to Scouting. What is important is for them to bring the leadership and skills that will continue to help Blackdown District move forward.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Search Group and a shortlist will be drawn up for consideration by our County Commissioner.

How do I nominate?

I have attached a 'DC Search Pack' and on pages 10 and 11 of that Pack there are two forms a 'Self Nomination' and a 'Nomination' Form. Please complete the appropriate nomination form and forward to me by the closing date of 8th October 2021.

Please send nominations, preferably by email to gareth.davies@somersetscouts.org.uk or by post to Gareth Davies, Woodlands, Manor Road, Chedzoy, Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 8QZ.

Please share this information widely.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

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