

## Kelsall D of E 2012 Year Report

A fantastic year for Young People in the D of E Groups this year with 5 expeditions, covering every level of the award.



### February

Our now traditional walk from Burwardsley or Beeston to Kelsall for all groups – here are most of them at the finish.



### April

Our 4 Girls in the Gold Group completed a tough expedition in the Derbyshire Dales in all kinds of weather but they were still smiling at the end – a great achievement including Kinder Scout in Snow and Ice! Katherine Ratcliffe went on to complete the Gold award and will be visiting The Palace for her Certificate soon – Well done to her



### April again

The Bronze group start to see what it is all about on a full day's practice around Moel Arthur – pretty cold at times but the team work is coming together and they perform really well



### May

The Bronze group again this time on their practice expedition, long days hiking around Loggerheads and Ruthin then a good camp overnight with lots of Birthday cake!

Great time in good weather – all set for the real thing.



### June

The Bronze group on the assessed expedition and it's all been worth it – on the second day they stride up the Long Mynd without any problem and are still full of beans on Pole Moor on the way to Church Stretton, a great night around the bonfire where Toby taught us some new songs!



### August

One half of the Silver group on an eventful practice expedition in the Lakes – after starting in Coniston they spent a muddy night in Langdale before marching over Silver Howe to stay at Rydal Hall near Ambleside, on the last day the picture shows them coming off Wansfell in blazing summer sunshine



### October

All set early on a cold day in October – destination Kettlewell in Wharfedale for the start of the Silver assessed expedition.

The minibus hired from Tarporley Primary School was a great help on the two Silver escapades



### October

Our last night under canvas at Goredale scar in Malhamdale, on a wonderful clear sunny evening – the groups had covered two tough days over Cam Fell, camping at Arncliffe, then, over the moors to Malham Tarn to arrive at Goredale – on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day they strode back to Kettlewell along Mastiles lane and through Conistone to complete an epic journey with which they were rightly very proud and very pleased