

Testimonials from serving Telstar Leaders (Alphabetical first name order)



Name: Beverley Atkinson

What is your role in Telstar? Assistant Group Scout Leader, Scout Leader, Leader Trainer

How long have you been involved in Telstar? 28 years

Where else have you lived? United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico

What made you decide to get involved? I joined in 1974 as a Young Leader in the Cub section. Girls could only be Guides then and I was in the Ranger Unit when the Akela asked if I would help out. I had always wanted to be a Scout so I said

yes. (My parents were always volunteers and my Dad is still volunteering at the age of 92). Obviously I get fun out of it in spades or I wouldn't still be doing it.

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? I think I can teach most of the basic Scout skills. I have led every section at some point. My major task now is to get all our new Leaders and Helpers trained.

How would the young Scouts describe you? Probably as a bit of a disciplinarian, but I hope they think I can be fun too.



Name: Chris Garratt

What is your role in Telstar? Group Scout Leader

How long have you been involved in Telstar? 10 years as GSL in Luxembourg and 7 years as DC Benelux 1989 to 1996.

Where else have you lived? Germany, Sweden, USA, Belgium

What made you decide to get involved? I was recruited by Beverley to help out at one camp. We have a great Telstar adult team and it is a pleasure to work with them all. I have been involved with Scouting on and off since 1951 when I joined as a Cub.

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? Grey hair, each strand of which is the result of experience which helps us build and grow a successful group.

How would the young Scouts describe you? The 'old dude with the hat'



Name: *Clare Dunn*

What is your role in Telstar? *Assistant Scout Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *6 years*

Where else have you lived? *England, France, Scotland*

What made you decide to get involved? *I joined because my son had already had a good experience in Scouts and my daughter was about to join: it was a chance for me to be involved with them. I was in the guides but was always envious of the Scouts who seemed to do more outdoor activities and have more fun! I enjoy watching the Scouts grow from children into independent teenagers who are able to look after themselves and others in the outdoors.*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *My useful skills relate mainly to outdoor activities,*

eg: map reading and compass skills. I also enjoy craft activities.

How would the young Scouts describe you? *Probably "bossy"*



Name: *Clelia Somers*

What is your role in Telstar? *Section Leader for Sycamore Beaver Colony.*

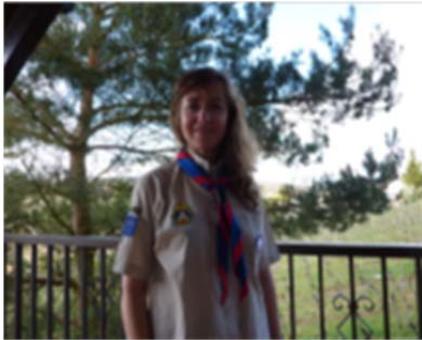
How long have you been involved in Telstar? *A year*

Where else have you lived? *South Africa, France, Italy*

What made you decide to get involved? *I have always wanted to be a Scout and this is my chance to do it! Just love to be around kids.*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *Cooking, art work, knowledge of wildlife and the bush*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *Funny and outgoing.*



Name: *Helen Haselock*

What is your role in Telstar? *Assistant Cub Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *Almost a year*

Where else have you lived? *England, Hong Kong, Germany, France*

What made you decide to get involved? *I have fond memories of my days as a Brownie and Girl Guide. Now my son is of an age to join the Cubs, I am happy to volunteer my services ... and learn how to build a real camp fire!*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *Patience and a sense of humour and adventure*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *Probably not good at building camp fires!*



Name: *Ian McCabe*

What is your role in Telstar? *Assistant Scout Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *5 years*

Where else have you lived? *Germany, UK*

What made you decide to get involved? *I wanted to give a little back to Scouting for all the good times I enjoyed through the association in my youth as a Scout*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *My pockets!*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *The old one with the loud voice*



Name: *Malia Kekuewa*

What is your role in Telstar? *Assistant Beaver Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *2 years*

Where else have you lived? *USA, The Netherlands, Germany*

What made you decide to get involved? *I love being outdoors and doing all things creative. That's why the Beaver section was a perfect fit for me. I especially love teaching our Beavers new concepts, exploring and learning about nature, playing games and letting their imaginations run wild!*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *Playing games, story telling, doing crafts, and taking care of admin for Beavers.*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *The American! The Army Girl!*



Name: *Neil (Wawbeck)*

What is your role in Telstar? *Assistant Cub Scout Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *16 years (13 years as Assistant Cub Leader)*

Where else have you lived? *Oxford (England), Arlon (Belgium)*

What made you decide to get involved? *I was a Cub and Sea Scout with the 33rd Kidlington group near Oxford back in the 70's. I enjoyed camping, rowing, sailing and canoeing on the Thames. I joined in helping Telstar when my son was a Beaver Scout. I became an assistant Cub leader with Karen to help restart the pack after a short closure due to no leaders. I have been doing it ever since and still love it. I enjoy teaching the youngsters new practical skills they may use now or in later life and giving them confidence to try (and succeed in) all sorts of different adventures.*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *Too many to list! I am basically a jack-of-all-trades. I drive the van, cook, build fires, build new camp kit, run a Disco... Mr Odd Job. If someone wants a gagit built I'm the man.*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *Very loud and a bit bossy at times*



Name: Nicola

What is your role in Telstar? *Explorer Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *4 years (2 of them in Cubs)*

Where else have you lived? *England, Wales, United States, Germany, the Netherlands*

What made you decide to get involved? *My son wanted to become a Cub so I came with him and became a leader. After he left the Cubs I moved to work with the Explorers as I was already working with this age group on the Mérite Jeunesse/Duke of Edinburgh Award. My eldest son had also joined Explorers. I do it because I really enjoy working with young people and I remember that when I was young, volunteers worked to enable me to be a Brownie, then a Guide and finally to obtain my Duke of Edinburgh Award. I still remember those volunteers with great fondness and I want to give that time back to the next generation. I know how valuable these experiences are.*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *I came into the Explorers to start up the Mérite Jeunesse Award. My other skill is my willingness to prance around and sing silly songs.*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *I didn't know so I asked a few. I got some nice mushy stuff about how patient, friendly and teenager tolerant I am. I loved this quote: "I'm useless at this stuff but I'll give it my best shot." I think this very clever teenager summed up one of the major qualities*



Name: Rani Roloff

What is your role in Telstar? *Senior Beaver Section Leader and Asst. Group Scout Leader*

How long have you been involved in Telstar? *5 years*

Where else have you lived? *India, Czech Republic*

What made you decide to get involved? *I love the Scouts and always wanted to be a part of it. Both my boys are Scouts. I enjoy being with children and watching them grow into complete individuals. It gives me a lot of pleasure to see them enjoying what they are doing and I am glad to be able to contribute to it.*

What are your useful skills in Scout sessions? *Games, organisation and discipline! Always important for all to have fun :)*

How would the young Scouts describe you? *Fun and loving!*