

Manifesto for Members Officer 2008-2009

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Hello, my name is Paul. I come from Yorkshire and am currently training/studying at Nottingham Trent University to become a design and technology teacher, which is great fun!

I have been in SSAGO for around 5 years, during which I have been a member of Scogui (Loughborough) and now I am a member of STAGS, the new club at Nottingham Trent. In the past I have been a county Scout leader and currently hold a warrant as an AESL.

During my time in SSAGO, I have been Chair and Vice Chair and of Scogui and Rally Chair at the rally held in Loughborough last February. Most recently I have been SSAGO secretary for 2007/08, which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

Although I have loved my past year on the exec, I have decided not to stand as Secretary again as the role does not allow me to take as active a part in discussions and meetings as I would like due to the concentration required for minute taking.

I feel I would make a good members officer as I have lots of experience on many different committees over the years, including SSAGO Exec. I am very organised and very responsible when it comes to paperwork and personal data, which is a major part of the members officers work. I am also very approachable and easy to get hold of for questions and enquiries and would always be more than happy to help with anything from CRBs to staffing events.

During the coming year I would like to continue the discussions towards setting up Witan, an international rally which we are hoping to host in the near future.

I would also like to would like to undertake a SSAGO-wide, anonymous survey to find out members views on different issues such as how SSAGO is run, what people like and dislike about SSAGO, why they joined and what their expectations are. This would enable every member to make their voice and their opinion heard and have their views taken into account, rather than just the usual people who speak up at meetings.

The information could then be used by the executive to see what we are getting right and where we need to put more work in. It could also help in targeting advertisements more specifically to encourage more young people to join SSAGO.

I would also like to look into the possibility of having an on-line membership system, rather than the current email one, which would take time to set up but would be used for years to come.

More than anything, though the coming year I would like to continue to build upon the great work that has been done by the outgoing Executive.

