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SSAGO Newsletter

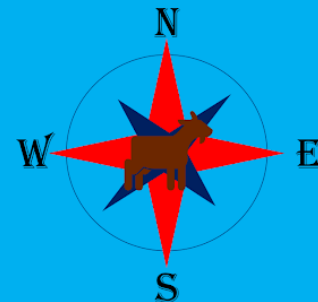
Spring Rally 2018



Rally's Flying By...

After a great show in activities today we now look towards our national AGM the highlight of the SSAGO calendar. With many things happening yesterday with a busy schedule, it was amazing to see the rally committee was able to get everyone to their activities and manage not to lose them (just like a witan).





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Secretary



Ethan Rose

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

I would like to take the work of the 'policy fixers' further, by implementing a rolling review of all of SSAGO's documentation. I would like to formalise the SSAGO Regions and explore how they could be utilised, not only to run events, put also to provide support to clubs. I would also like to improve the communication between the National Exec and the membership by making a greater use of social media.

What does SSAGO mean to you?

I think first and foremost, SSAGO means fun! However, nationally I see it as a way of bringing people together and having fun with like minded people from across the county.

Tell us an interesting fact about you...

I can recite the name of every US President in order!

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

I'd be a prism because not only am I transparent, but I'd take plain ideas and make them exciting in many different way!

Election Fever!

Today is the day of everyone's favourite SSAGO event; the AGM! Nominations for the new exec are in, questions have been answered and online voting has now closed. Below are all the fabulous candidates that you could get your vote tomorrow;

Secretary



Lauren Whittaker

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

- Introduce more badges for SSAGO members to earn!
- Continue to bring my enthusiasm which I have taken to Scotland this year from Southampton!
- Re-introduce SSAGO regions after seeing the success in Scotland

What does SSAGO mean to you?

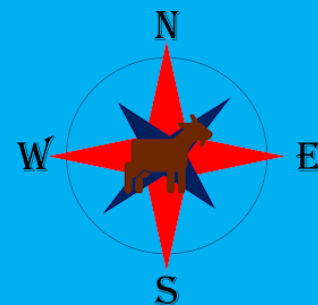
Has enabled me to make friends, memories not only in the UK but abroad, grow and confidence and get involved in things that I had never imagined before university!

Tell us an interesting fact about you...

One of my first words was Tebay (as in the motorway services)!

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

A star!

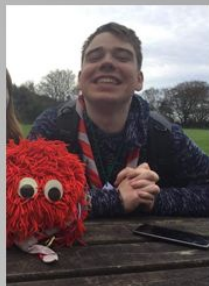


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Treasurer



Edwin Burkinshaw

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

Three of the main things I would really like to do for SSAGO include: sorting out the development fund such that it is more practically usable for clubs for more than just flags, encouraging clubs to run more small inter club activities for events like varsity and helping to find funding to get more of the international contingents to more events!

What does SSAGO mean to you?

To me, SSAGO is so much more than just a society, it's a community! A community made up of some of the loveliest people from up and down the UK and even further than that! A community that has improved the university life of so many people and helped keep so many students involved in Scouting and Guiding that never thought they would!

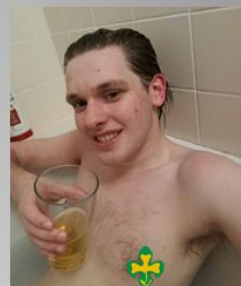
Tell us an interesting fact about you...

As well as loving dancing the Ceilidhs we have at rallies I have also played in the band for many Ceilidhs with some pretty big names in the folk scene and at various different events including some interesting weddings!

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

If I was a shape I would definitely be the Sierpinski Triangle (don't ask a maths student about shapes if you don't want a weird answer) because I'm very strange and can be a bit repetitive! ;)

Treasurer



Rod Jacques

The candidate did not answer our questions but their manifesto can be found at:

<https://vote.ssago.org/elections/candidates>

ASTROLOGY



TAURUS: Deceptively peaceful and then ending up almost completely crazy, thanks to an old man.



SCORPIO: You need to skip casual chit-chat about the weather.

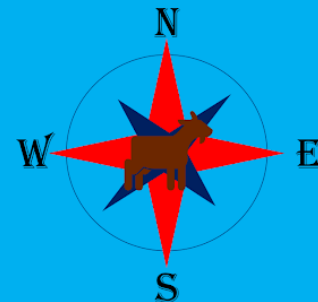


GEMINI: Now is the perfect time to give yourself a pat on the back.

GELOTOLOGY

Q "Why don't you see penguins in Britain?"

A "Because they're afraid of Wales..."



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Members Officer



Alexandra Massie

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

- I would like to establish SSAGO regions to allow clubs and members to have a better relationship with nearby clubs, and enabling members to meet people from other clubs before attending a national event
- Work with new or struggling clubs, providing them with support to allow them to establish themselves within SSAGO
- Improve accessibility to events such as Rally by discussing with the members what they feel is needed and what would be suitable

What does SSAGO mean to you?

I have really enjoyed being part of SSAGO for the past 3 1/2 years. I feel it is a fantastic organisation which it's members gain huge amounts from. I have really benefited from SSAGO - I have made loads of new friends and really grown in confidence!

I want to make sure SSAGO continues to grow and improve, benefitting as many people as possible. Furthermore, not only does it benefit members of SSAGO by providing them with the opportunity to continue Guiding and Scouting at University, but it also benefits the local communities by supporting the organisations and providing links to local units.

Tell us an interesting fact about you...

I spent a month on a boat in the North Sea studying whales and dolphins, looking to see if dolphins in the wild baaa like Phil!

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

I would be a circle because I am nice and simple and easy to understand. A circle is easy to draw and everyone likes circles, and I like to think I am friendly and approachable to everyone like a circle!

Members Officer



Jimmy Austin

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

- Help Existing Clubs grow their membership;
- Set up formal Regional SSAGO groups;
- Assist members in the formation of new clubs.

What does SSAGO mean to you?

Friends. I've met some of my best friends through SSAGO over the last 2 year and I really enjoy meeting up a feeling part of a massive family.

Tell us an interesting fact about you...

Aged 5, I was a world champion at Poo-Sticks.

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

A Circle. Because that's the way I roll...

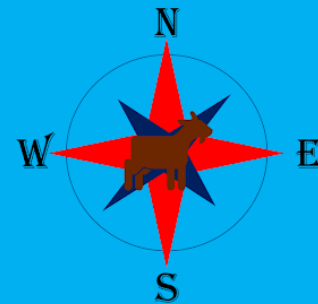
Members Officer



Lewis Downward

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Chair



Joshua Smith

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

The top three things I would like to do for SSAGO are:

- Create a 5 year plan for SSAGO through consultation with the membership (Full Membership Survey, Rally drop-ins, etc...) and have it approved by their club representatives in Reps to ensure we have continuity going forward between Execs and that the same issues that keep coming up year after year are permanently resolved.
- Expand our programme beyond Rally and Ball into a National Programme where we promote other events and opportunities that clubs and members can get involved in and have a SSAGO badge system with real badges members can earn.
- Grow SSAGO by restructuring Indie to be more like a club with its own committee and programme and introducing club mentors to guide new clubs through their first year.

What does SSAGO mean to you?

SSAGO is amazing! You can do a degree in somewhere like Southampton and end up with friends all over the country.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself...

With my twin I've been part of a scientific study my entire life.

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

A sphere because then I'd be like a planet and planets are cool!

Publicity Officer



Melissa Roberts

What are 3 things you would do for SSAGO?

- Grow the SSAGO Support and media teams because many hands make light work
- Improve the perception of SSAGO among non-members and get our name out there more
- Get leaders of all sections talking about SSAGO so that members of Guiding and Scouting have heard of us from a younger age

What does SSAGO mean to you?

SSAGO to me is the most supportive network of friends I have ever had, you guys rock!

Tell us an interesting fact about you...

I managed to drive from Aber to Leeds Rally and back with a bent wheel and a hole in one of my tires!

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be and why?

I would be a circle - no beginning and no end, just like the friendship and love of SSAGO