

Sophie Wood – National Coordinator Report
Annual Review

There are currently 13 active local groups within DSUK.

Due to popular demand for adaptive skiing at Bracknell Dry ski slope a new group is developing through a club called Snowhounds. The Aldershot group has been helping Bracknell to develop assisting with volunteers, instruction and equipment. I would like to thank Aldershot for their time and continued support. The Bracknell group is desperate for Adaptive Instructors in the area to help the group for the future sessions.

DSUK Midlands local group has now folded due to there not being enough demand at Ackers dry ski slope. They have kindly donated their kit locally and to the new Bracknell group. They have also donated funds to the Tamworth group for their skiers to be able to continue accessing the sport. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who have supported DSUK Midlands group throughout their years of skiing at Ackers.

Training Fund

The training fund is now open to all groups and since January 01st £7,229 in total has been spent on a variety of volunteer training within the local groups. This includes successfully qualifying 8 Adaptive Instructors. The fund at the time of writing this report now stands at £9,965. Our DSUK Trust fundraiser has also raised £3,810 towards volunteer training for the groups.

£6,920 has been raised by groups being involved in DSUK events in the year 2009-2010. Aldershot managed to raise over 6K for their group through individual fundraising.

CRBS

The old CRBS forms are now defunct due to the new PVG (protection of vulnerable groups) scheme within CRBS. Only new volunteers and staff can be checked through the system. They are having a 5 year phasing time to implement the new scheme. Therefore, our volunteers who are due their 3 year CRBS check will have to wait until they phase this in. I will communicate this to all our signatories and ensure they have thorough knowledge of the new system

The Focus group have developed a 5 year plan:

- To increase disability awareness at all slopes across the UK to increase access to adaptive skiing. This can be through Adaptive ski schools, local groups and feeder session at slopes where there is currently no adaptive options
- To develop closer links between slope management and adaptive groups / schools
- Develop a more structured way to raise awareness
- Increase amount of local groups and feeder sessions
- Show business incentives to centres to create groups
- Add more dates to existing groups where possible
- Instructors to visit dry slopes in local areas
- Instructors and groups to do taster days at local slopes to showcase with the view to creating new groups