



## *eXplorer challenge*



### What is the Explorer Challenge?

The Challenge is a flexible award scheme designed to encourage young people to venture into the outdoor world by using maps and developing their navigation skills. Young people earn awards by locating checkpoints using a map. They can do this by:

- Attending an orienteering event
- Making use of a Permanent Orienteering Course
- Finding checkpoints set by their teacher or youth leader
- Taking part in other activities such as Trailquest, letterboxing etc.

### How do I get started?

Each participant needs a log book to record their progress. These can be obtained:

- at Happy Herts Schools League events
- by downloading a log book from <http://www.bsoa.org/xplor/ECAS Logbook.doc>
- by contacting Dawn Figg, 01707 256551, [dawn.figg@happyherts.org.uk](mailto:dawn.figg@happyherts.org.uk)

You can record up to 14 checkpoints per event and an adult such as a teacher or HH club member must sign the logbook to confirm that you have found the checkpoints.

### How do I claim an Award?

There are 5 awards available depending on the number of checkpoints you have located:

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| • Acorn Certificate | 10 checkpoints  |
| • Tree Award        | 25 checkpoints  |
| • Copse Award       | 50 checkpoints  |
| • Wood Award        | 75 checkpoints  |
| • Forest Award      | 100 checkpoints |

For the Tree, Copse, Wood and Forest Awards a multi coloured woven badge is available in addition to the certificate. Checkpoints located for one award count towards the next.

**For further information or to claim an award** please contact Dawn Figg, 01707 256551, [dawn.figg@happyherts.org.uk](mailto:dawn.figg@happyherts.org.uk)