



Frederick Paul Russell 1948 – 2024

Many folks will remember Fred as that tall gentleman with shiny shoes often seen at Paccar, and he was the instigator of the faith trail.

He was the GSL of the 2nd Stanmore RAF Group from 1987 until the base closed in 2001. As well as being a member of the County Scout Active Support Unit he was also a member of the Network Russia, which became part of the National International Support Unit, and a member of the Roman Catholic Active Support Unit.



Fred visited Russia 14 times, helping to build friendships and training leaders in Scouting practices and games. He also visited Georgia to support Shoren Lomazde and her group of 100 Scouts, Cubs and Explorers. In Belarus his group were asked if they could support W.O.S.M. in developing a youth policy for all 10 Countries in the Eurasia Region.

In 1998 following a trip to Russia, where a person was injured, Fred was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct for his support for that person and the fundraising he organised for their benefit.

With Steph Roberts, Fred was involved with the production of several activity books which were designed for UK Scout leaders to help with International programmes. When the leaders of W.O.S.M. saw these books, they asked if they could be copied into the support material for all 10 countries in Eurasia. So, the little books are translated into 8 Languages and form part of the leaders' information pack.

At Paccar Fred made contact with all the different faiths around our County and prepared a trail which highlighted their beliefs. He was a member of the Service Crew for many years, being part of the Health and Safety Committee and a First Aider. Always there for the benefit of the site users and the Service Crews.

Outside Scouting Fred was very supportive of St John's, the Red Cross and many organisations connected with the Roman Catholic Church.

He was awarded the Silver Acorn in 2023 and the Silver Wolf in 2010