1.4   The importance of purpose work.

◼ Aim: To create awareness of how important the purpose work is.

◼ Resources: Local information and ideas.

◼ Plan:

Timing	Section	Activity
Gathered over time	Preparation	Get to know the area you use for training and practice walks - not just the routes, but also the local history, geology, wildlife, farming, methods, etc.
Ongoing during training days	Leader lead activity	On training walks it is a good idea to point out to the group certain interesting things e.g. historical artifacts, plants, insects, animal signs, why the area looks like it does, etc.
15 minutes	Group discussion	During the review of the training walks and practice ventures build in some questions about the environment e.g.: - what did you see which was interesting? (or why was it boring?!) - what do the farms grow/keep here? - what materials were mainly used in the buildings?
Top Tips		Early on in the training programme ensure that the participants know that they will need to have a purpose behind their assessed venture.
		When the group are ready to start planning their assessed venture get them to decide on a purpose before they select a route.
		Assist the participants with some preparatory work for their purpose if required.

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	Ensure that the group has checked whether any churches/buildings/parks/etc which they plan to visit for their purpose will be open when they arrive en route!
	Remind the group that first-hand investigations and observations, rather than regurgitated church guides and tourist leaflets is what the Award requires.
	The group are much more likely to be excited and motivated by a purpose which they have chosen from ideas which have come out of their experiences on training and practice ventures than an idea out of a list which you present to them.
	Purposes do need to fit into the Expedition requirements
	Individuals or pairs within a group may choose different purposes, which complement each other, but the route must be selected to assist each purpose.

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