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West Yorkshire Scouts Mailing and Information List

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A Message from our County Commissioner

[A few words from Ian Womersley - County Commissioner](#)

The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be hosted in South Korea in 2023. The selection events across West Yorkshire have now taken place and I'm very pleased to announce that 72 young people and 8 adults have been selected to go on this fantastic journey and experience a chance of a lifetime to attend a World Scout Jamboree with over 40000 young people from around the world. This is the second time South Korea has hosted the WSJ and it's particularly special this time as they celebrate a century of Scouting. Interestingly the 25th World Scout Jamboree also represents the end of the first century of WSJ's and the beginning of the second century of future WSJ's

If you were unsuccessful this time don't worry - we're looking at alternative international events so watch this space! For those that were successful very well done and congratulations. The opportunity to Draw Your Dreams starts now, and I know that you'll have an absolutely fantastic experience.



The National Headcount is now complete and I thank everyone for completing over the past few weeks. The returns are a testament to your amazing work in providing fun, adventure and new experiences for young people. From a 25% drop in the January 2021 census 8226 down to 5924 young members we have swiftly risen back up to a fantastic 7507 and that doesn't include the 20 plus sections that haven't been able to start back just yet.

These numbers don't include squirrels of which we currently have 5 Dreys that have started in the past few months and another 7 plan to open before March. We are really pleased with the response and take up following the national launch in September. If you would like more information or would like support in opening your own Squirrel Drey, please contact Dan Breeze, ACC Squirrels. It is

really exciting seeing this new section grow and the impact it is having on the young people involved already.

Welcome to our new County Chair who many of you will know, Carey Dowson. Carey is a key member of West Yorkshire's Canoe team, was GSL at Outlane and WSJ leader in 2019. I'm sure you'll all join me in saying a massive congratulations to Carey

Top Awards



REACH THE TOP! START A NEW ADVENTURE! TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Want to know more about Top Awards for Young People? Are you an Explorer Scout or Network member who wants some support on completing the Queen Scout Award?

We are planning a number of sessions for those supporting or working towards achieving their Queen Scout Award. The first virtual session will be a zoom get together on Thursday 16th December @ 7.30pm- if you would like to join please email Matt on topawards@wyscouts.org.uk for the Zoom log in details.

The aim of the session is to answer any queries on the award and provide guidance and support for those working towards the award, it will be a group session and participants will be encouraged to support each other and offer advice.

Please look out for more drop in sessions in the new year both virtual and face to face covering the Queen Scout Award and other Top Awards.

Do you have a passion for helping others Reach the top?

We're looking for people to join the Top Awards Support Board. Meeting up to 6 times a year with a mixture of face to face and virtual.

Could you be who we are looking for to help us continue to drive participation in Top Awards across the Scout, Explorer and Network sections in West Yorkshire?

Have you completed your Queen Scout Award and want to support others to do the same?

Passionate about expeditions?

Want to help us ensure all have access to completing Top Awards across their Scouting journey?

Want more details or to express an interest in joining the team- please contact Matt on topawards@wyscouts.org.uk

Bradley Wood

Did you know that we rely on an army of volunteer instructors to run activities for the 1000's of young people who use our centre week in, week out?

We always want to hear from adult Leaders and Explorer or Network members who would like to learn more about the activities that we offer and train to be instructors.

If you are interested in hearing more about being an instructor on shooting, archery, high ropes, climbing, zip wire, challenge valley, low ropes, cave bus, tomahawk and any other activities, please email bradleywood@wyscouts.org.uk for an informal chat!

Bradley Wood - Key Volunteer Role Vacancies;

We're currently recruiting for new volunteers to fill some key roles at Bradley Wood.

If you think you have some spare time and you'd like to have an informal chat about any of these roles, please email bradleywood@wyscouts.org.uk and someone will be in touch!

We'd love to chat with people about the following volunteer roles;

Treasurer

Health & Safety Officer

Communications Officer

Bradley Wood - Volunteer Get Together;

We're hoping that our fantastic team of volunteers are able to join us on Sunday 21st November for a couple of hours of activities, a little food and a catch up about all things Bradley Wood, including plans for the future. Bring your family too, and if you don't already volunteer but would like to know more, why not pop down? 2pm start, all you need to do is to book on using this link... we hope you can join us!

<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents/e/ev-svl2-20211121140000>

County "Hub" Storage Update;

The brand-new storage "Hub" has started to really take shape this week with the steelwork being erected and full steam ahead! We will be working on the "2nd fix" for the building over the next 2-3 months and it will be operational in early 2022. When the building goes live, we will need a team of volunteers to support its running. This will include a small team of quartermasters to maintain and support with storage of county equipment. If you are interested in getting involved in this project moving forward, please email bradleywood@wyscouts.org.uk for a chat about how you can get involved!

Can your group or campsite be part of the Queens Green Canopy?

[Communities and Groups - The Queen's Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](https://www.queensgreencanopy.org/)

Remember that there is now a whole host of tools and useful information on how to keep each other safe in Scouting on The Scouts website.

N.S.R.A Pistol Add on



NSRA Air Pistol add-on course to existing Air Rifle shooting qualification

Saturday 9th January 2022

location: Heath Church Hall, Free School Lane, Halifax HX3 0DW

cost: £70 per person

Max Course numbers is 12 persons

Minimum age 21 years

YOU NEED TO HAVE: NSRA YPS TUTOR accreditation already - i.e. the air rifle course, this pistol course is an add-on

Bring some lunch with you, but we can provide drinks during the day

This course will be indoors, with the tutor bringing his indoor range equipment.

email: shooting@hebdenhey.org.uk

Winter Camp



We are SUPER pleased to announce that bookings are open for our BRADLEY WOOD 2022 WINTER CAMP! Please book using the link below.

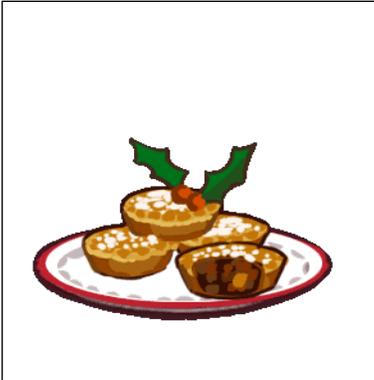
<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents/e/ev-s3mv-20220218000000>

It's all going 'retro' in 2022 with a throwback to features from all of your favorite Bradley Wood Winter Camps' from years gone by.....

This event will offer just what you'd expect - lots of onsite activities including challenge valley, zip line and high ropes, a survival zone, wide games, a RETRO movie, cross bows, tomahawks and much much more!

We hope that you can join us!

Winter Social



West Yorkshire Scouts Winter Social is to be held on Thursday 9th December from 7.30pm as a celebration for all you've achieved during 2021 and an opportunity to safely get together for a good catch up. The Winter Social is open to everyone to attend and will take place at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Woods. The food for the evening (hot roast sandwiches, vegetarian options and warm mince pies) will be provided by our WSJ leadership team, along with fun fundraising challenges so please bring your change along. To book please go through Bookwhen, places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

West Yorkshire Scouts' Winter Social

Thursday December 9th 7.00 - 9.00pm

Bradley Wood Jubilee Centre

Join us for an evening of festive fun and refreshments.

Book your place at <https://wyscouts.bookwhen.com/schedules/hqn2eefaz59z>

MDU



Did you know that at West Yorkshire Scouts we have a mobile display unit (MDU). It is fully branded for the Scouts and is a useful addition to any gala or fete that your District or Group are attending. It is hired out 'free' of charge and comes with some marketing material to introduce potential new members or volunteers to the Scouts.

If you want to book it or if you want more information on the MDU then please drop us a line.

Mdu@wyscouts.org.uk

Regards

West Yorkshire Scouts Growth Board

A Date For your Diary

You are invited to join us at the West Yorkshire County Conference

Saturday March 12th

Bradford University

A free event for anyone involved in Scouting leadership

WE CONNECT - Opportunities to meet friends old and new and find out what support you have across the county

WE INSPIRE - Find new ways and opportunities to make your weekly programme even more engaging and exciting

WE GROW - Bring a friend and discover the many ways volunteers can support scouting.

Pantomime Season

Newsome Scout Group and

friends present a unique

pantomime based on the

stories of a few popular films

Lionel King

3-4th Dec

(See attached flyer)

Please if you would like an entry in the next Wysmail could you send entries by the first weekend in every month to wysmail@wyscouts.org.uk

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