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West Yorkshire Scouts Mailing and Information List

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Dear All

The consequences of Putin’s brutal invasion of Ukraine are heart breaking to watch. I know all our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine in these distressing times and as always scouting across West Yorkshire has risen to the challenge of offering whatever support they can to the people of Ukraine. Initially many groups and districts have emptied stores for essential items such as sleeping bags, camp stoves, camp beds etc and some are setting up community collection points.

The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) have launched the Ukraine appeal. The DEC brings together key charities to raise funds rapidly at times of crisis overseas and if groups are looking at fundraising then this is certainly a fundraising stream that would ensure funds raised reach those in the greatest need.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Yours In Scouting
Ian Womersley

A Message from our County Chair

A few words from Carey Dowson

Hello, everyone and welcome to the latest WYSmail circulation. This is going to be an exciting edition and time ahead as we're nearing our 'West Yorkshire Scouting Festival' on Saturday 12th March 2022, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Bradford University. This is aimed at the general public, volunteers, leaders and anyone who would like to know a little more about Scouting.

For those who don't know me, my name is Carey Dowson and since November 2021 I've been the 'relatively' new County Chairperson for West Yorkshire Scouts. Most of us have many roles in Scouting and some of you have seen me operating at Group level with Scout activities (not forgetting the Explorers, Cubs, Beavers and now Squirrels) or the water activities team. I was particularly honoured to be asked by Ian to take on this role as Scouting is a really important factor in the development of the Young People particularly after the horrible pandemic we've experienced during the last 2 years and the slow return to normality.

My role as County Chair is primarily to ensure that the Trustee's or County Exec have the right information, in sufficient detail to enable decisions to be made. This team or 'august body' of volunteers have a real mix of skills and originate from a whole spectrum of Scouting experience across our Country, however, we all have the same goal of improving opportunities for all the Young People in our care.

Thank you to these individuals for every thing you do, particularly our Young People on the Exec as we are a Youth Shaped organisation. We do listen and we do need more Youth Shaped team members on the various other committees and District Execs - if this takes your fancy please contact Toby at YC@wyscouts.org.uk

I believe we've started out on the right footing as our Programme team have published dates for each section, such as at the the Explorers 20th Birthday Celebration, Cub Badge days, County Scout Camp (June), Water activity day to name a few - please check the calendar of events on the website <https://wyscouts.online> regularly for updates. Going forward we're planning for a WYS On Show (County Gangshow) in the future and International trips are back on the agenda.

Although all this sounds exciting 'stuff' we do have our very own challenges to face, as the numbers of YPin the Scouting sections have mostly returned to pre-Covid levels we are still down approximately 500 adult volunteers compared to the 2020 figures. Our Growth Board is working hard on developing ideas, in conjunction with the Scouting Skills 4 Life agenda.

Our other big agenda item, which we'll develop over the coming months is to make scouting in West Yorkshire carbon neutral - more details later.

We've now turned full circle to the start of the article which is why it's so important to promote the 'West Yorkshire Scouting Festival' mentioned above - please do register for the event at <https://bookwhen.com/countyevents..>

The hook is we're having a marketplace of 22 stalls, covering 5 Scouting adventurous activities, individual Districts, West Yorkshire campsite stalls and 11 commercial stalls - this is good as businesses wouldn't attend if they didn't see the value. We're also having a County Exec stall so that people can see us including other Execs if they wish. More details in this WYSmail edition will explain the 18 breakdown sessions and keynote speakers we are having. Thank you to Phil, Ian and the team for pulling this together.

The final word must be to thank all the adult volunteers in this great organisation, from the leaders, activity support and all the backroom functions in providing a quality environment for our Young People to flourish. It is much appreciated what you do!

Carey Dowson

County Chair

West Yorkshire Scouts

County Conference



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

Saturday March 12th 10.00am – 4.00pm

Bradford University

This is a free event for anyone involved in Scouting leadership

- Leaders and Commissioners
- Young Leaders
- District teams
- Activity instructors
- Occasional Helpers
- Executive members
- Anyone interested in finding out more about what Scouting has to offer.

WE CONNECT - Opportunities to meet friends old and new and find out what support you have across the county at our conference market place

WE INSPIRE - Find new ways and opportunities to make your weekly programme even more engaging and exciting at our specialised seminar sessions

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

Teas and coffees available.

Book your place now on 'Book When'

<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents#focus=ev-s6eu-20220312100000>

Dear All

In addition to the information provided by Phil on West Yorkshire's Scouting Festival I'd just like to share with you some detail about the various market stalls and breakout sessions which hopefully appeal to everyone.

The list below provides details of some of the fantastic Market stalls and Break Out sessions that will be at the Festival. I'm certain that there will be something for everyone:

Scouting Support Stalls	
Growth and the Spotlight awards	Revolution Show Corps
You shaped Scouting	Young Leader Training Scheme
International Scouting	Regional Service Team
Top Awards	Welcome to squirrels
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Beaver programme Ideas
West Yorkshire County Archives	Cub Programme Ideas
Gang Show	Scout Programme Ideas
Muslim Scout Fellowship	Explorer Programme Ideas
Activity Risk Assessments	Dementia Friends
Leader Awards	Working with Autistic young people
Spenn Valley Scout and Guide Band	Bradford University Partnership

Activity Support Stalls	
Activity permits	Green Withens
Climbing	West York Scouts on water
Hill Walking	

Commercial Stalls	
Bricktopia	Trek Mountains
Had Print	Bradford Cover and Tent
Robin Hood Water Sport	Active Hire
Laser Zone	Laser tag
Learn to Paddle	

Continued...

There will also be stalls from our numerous campsites and activity centers across the County.

During the Breakout Sessions, which run throughout the day, we will cover:

Wide Games

Understanding the Autistic child

Squirrels

Hill walking

Programme Ideas

Climbing

Activity Permits

Paddlesports

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Scuba Diving

You Shaped Scouting

Muslim Scout Fellowship

Hopefully you will have seen a few areas that you'd like to know some more about, if so please come along and join us. The Festival is FREE and open to all volunteers, young leaders and adults interested in finding out what Scouting has to offer.

- Why not bring a friend, a work colleague, a neighbour, a family member who might be interested in learning about Scouting and potentially becoming a volunteer?

<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents#focus=ev-s6eu-20220312100000>

Hopefully see you there

Yours In Scouting

Ian Womersley

County Commissioner

Race across Yorkshire



Who: Teams of 4-5 Explorer Scouts

What: Based on the BBC TV Show Race across the world, Explorers will be challenged to race to a set location via public Transport, where they will camp over night and race back. Teams will be asked to visit locations on route and given bonus points for meeting challenges. The winning team will receive a trophy which they will hopefully defend at the next event.

Where: Start line will be Bradley woods Scout Camp and the finish line will be in the Huddersfield area.

Cost? £35 per person

When: 24th -25th June 2022

How: Register your team

<https://wyscouts.online/events/race-across-yorkshire/>

where you will also find more details & event information.

Programme

Event	Date	Section	Venue	Contact
Explorer 20 th Birthday event	March 25 th	Explorer	Bradley Wood	explorers@wyscouts.org.uk
Explorer 20 th Birthday event	March 26 th	Explorer	Low Wood	explorers@wyscouts.org.uk
Cub Science Badge and Unify Festival	March 26 th	Cubs	Bradford University	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Badge Day	May 21 st	Cubs	Bradley Wood	cubs@wyscouts.org.uk
Pedal Car Racing Day	May 28 th	Scout / Cub	John Smith Stadium	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Dusk til dawn Scout Camp	June 10 th – 12 th	Scout / Older Cub	Bradley Wood	scouts@wyscouts.org.uk
Race Across Yorkshire	June 25 th	Explorer	Secret!	explorers@wyscouts.org.uk



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BRADFORD

New Opportunity – Cub Scout Science Badge sessions

Saturday March 26th 10.00 – 3.00pm

We are delighted to announce a new opportunity to get the science badge for Cub Scouts across the county. Bradford University is running a special open day called **The Unify Festival** including a community day on Saturday March 26th and teams of 4 cubs with an adult leader are invited to attend. As well as being able to take part in the festival activities, which are open to the public, the university will put on two experiments especially for the Cub Scouts.

The festival activities include:

- A chance to make your own space satellite
- Get a free health check
- Tackle the crime scene escape room
- Space Lego bricks challenge
- Join the hedgehog friendly campus trail
- Check out the details at
- <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/events/unify/programme/community-open-day/>

The day last from 10.00 to 3.00pm. All this at no cost! Teams of four cubs scouts with an adult leader are invited to register their interest by emailing programme@wyscouts.org.uk

Scout camp



Scouts
West Yorkshire



Get up
Get out
Get thinking
Get creating
Get exploring
Get adventuring
Get together

Dawn 'til Dusk
A challenge camp for Scouts
10-12 June 2022
Bradley Wood Scout Campsite

Register interest via BookWhen now!
Cost £25 per Scout (catering not provided)
Bookings open on BookWhen during March

SCOUTS

HILLWALKING – T1 TRAINING WEEKEND

6-8 May 2022

**Location: Gearstones Lodge, Ribbleshead, Chapel le Dale, Ingleton,
Carnforth, North Yorkshire, LA6 3AS**

COST: £80/pp

This fun weekend offers a flexible programme of hillwalking training for those looking gain T1 permits in the near future. Whilst it will cover the range of skills and knowledge needed to lead a group on T1 terrain the programme will be dictated by the needs of the participants.

There are no pre-requisites for attending the course and it is open to all.

Most of the weekend will be taking place out on the hills no matter what the weather or conditions and some night navigation practice may also feature. There are opportunities planned for those deemed ready to undertake T1 permit assessments during the weekend.

This training will run from the Friday evening till an as yet undecided finish time on the Sunday.

Accommodation is in Gearstones Lodge, an old shooting lodge with bunk beds and shared toilet/washing facilities.

If you have any questions or to apply to attend the course please contact Connor Michaels via email (connor.michaels@btinternet.com). Once your place on the course is confirmed you will receive further information and details for payment.

Training

Adult Leader Training Course Dates 2022 - V1.0



Date	Course	Director	Venue
29 January	Multi Mod Day 1	Jenny Pearson	Bradley Wood
11/12/13 February	Multi Mod	Jennifer Fothergill/Christine Stephenson	Curly Hill
26 February	Multi Mod Day 2	Jenny Pearson	Bradley Wood
TBC	Scouting for All	TBC	TBC
6 March	NA Theory	Jenny Pearson & Christine Stephenson	Bradley Wood
13 March	First Aid	Katherine Huggett & Chris Storey	Bradley Wood
19 March	Mod 25	Christine Stephenson & Richard Oldfield	TBN
18/19/20 March	Multi Mod (Scout & Exp)	Chris Storey & team	TBN
26 March	Multi Mod Day 3	Jenny Pearson	Bradley Wood
6/7/8 May	Nights Away w/e	Jenny Pearson & Christine Stephenson	Bradley Wood
21 May	First Aid	Katherine Huggett & Chris Storey	Golcar
TBC	Scouting for All	TBC	TBC
24/25/26 June	Multi Mod	Howard Fishwick	Bradley Wood
9/10/11 September	Nights Away w/e	Jenny Pearson & Christine Stephenson	Bradley Wood
25 September	Multi Mod Day 1	Richard Oldfield	TBN
7/8/9 October	Multi Mod	Jenny Pearson	Scammonden
16 October	Mod 25	Christine Stephenson & Richard Oldfield	TBN
30 October	Multi Mod Day 2	Richard Oldfield	TBN
TBC	Scouting for All	TBC	TBC
12 November	NA Theory	Jenny Pearson & Christine Stephenson	TBN
27 November	Multi Mod Day 3	Richard Oldfield	TBN

Multi Module days will cover module listed below

Day 1 5 / 12a / 12b / 13, **Day 2** 8 / 9 / 11 / 18, **Day 3** 14 / 15 / 19

Multi Module weekend will cover

5 / 6 / 8 / 11 / 12a & b / 13 / 14 / 15 / 18 / 19

To book your place on any of these courses, West Yorkshire Scouts use an online booking tool, via our web pages, BOOKWHEN. To access this go to wyscouts.org.uk, select the **Book Events** dropdown on the right of the screen, the select **Adult Learning**. From here you can see all the training courses we offer. Course bookings open 3 months before the start date of the course and will close a minimum of 1 week before for non-residential and 2 weeks for residential for booking purposes. Initially your Local Training Manager or Training Advisor for your district will be able to assist you.

As always course dates, venues are dependent on attendance, it is down to you to book on these events and ensure you keep the booking up to date.

If for some reason you cannot attend, please ensure you notify the course leader, as there may be a cost incurred if you do not attend.

Night Hawk

Huddersfield North's ever popular Night Hawk Challenge returns on Friday 1st April.

Register your interest at nighthawk@hnscoouts.org.uk

More details coming soon at <https://hnscoouts.org.uk/event/night-hawk-challenge/>

Thanks

Paul Crawshaw

ADC Communications

Huddersfield North

<https://hnscoouts.org.uk/>



Pedal Car Racing Day

Saturday May 28th – John Smith's Stadium Car Park

Our pedal car racing day is returning on Saturday May 28th. Teams of cubs or scouts are booked into a 1 hour slot and try to get the best time of the day round the circuit both as an individual or as a team of four.

Each pack or troop is allocated a session and you can bring as many participants as you want. Cost is £2 per person.

Book your place on this event at <https://bookwhen.com/countyevents/e/ev-s26z-20220528093000>



Halifax District Scouts



12th March 2022 7pm till Late

Siddal ARLFC

Exley Lane, Halifax

HX3 9EW

Adult Ticket price £5 (includes pie & pea supper)

Children GO Free.

(Tickets can be purchased from your Scout Group)

Name a Horse, own a horse or be a jockey for just £1

Sponsor a race for £20

All Proceeds go towards funding Halifax District Scouts to go to

The 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

Cub Badge Day

Saturday May 21st

The Jamboree team will be running six badges :

1. Athletics
2. Backwoods Cooking
3. Communicator
4. DIY
5. International
6. Pioneer

There will be 24 spaces per badge and there will be two sessions :- 9.30 until 12.30 and 1.30 until 4.30

Cost will be £5 per Cub

Cubs can only do one badge

Book onto the event using Bookwhen.



Hiring

Job Role: Seasonal Staff – 38 Hours per week, fixed term contract until September.

Rate of pay: £10 per hour

Role Summary: This role will operate from 31st March 2022 until 30th September 2022 – our key season. During this time, the post holder will carry out a number of tasks to support the provision of activities and overnight stays for Scout, Guide, School and Youth groups along with corporate activity day as well as duties relating to the general upkeep and smooth running of the centre. This is a partial live-in role and the post holder is expected to live onsite during part of their contracted hours. Contracted hours may vary each week and spread over the course of the contract in line with the needs of the business.

Job Role: 2022 Seasonal Instructor Pool (Casual, Zero Hours), Fixed Term

Rate of pay: On Application

Role Summary: This role will operate from 31st March 2022 until 30th September 2022 – our key season. During this time, the post holder will be notified of the availability of paid activity sessions that relate to their skillset and qualifications. These sessions will mainly be with either school or NCS customers and will be part of residential stays or activity days. The post holder is expected to be available to work flexibly over 7 days as and when required, however the number of sessions available cannot be guaranteed and will flex dependant on the needs of the business.

Job Role: Seasonal Casual Staff Pool (Zero Hours)

Role Summary: This role will operate from 31st March 2022 until 30th September 2022 – our key season. During this time, the post holder will be notified of the availability of paid work that relate to their skillset and qualifications. These sessions will mainly be with either school or NCS customers and will be part of residential stays or activity days. The post holder is expected to be available to work flexibly over 7 days as and when required, however the number of sessions available cannot be guaranteed and will flex dependant on the needs of the business.

Would you like to apply for one of these roles?

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 16th March 2022, applications should be made by email to bradleywood@wyscouts.org.uk and applicants should include a covering letter and up to date CV as part of their application.



2022 EXPLORER SERVICE TEAM



Are you Explorer Scout age or older? Do you want to complete your Duke of Edinburgh Service section? or complete the Activity Centre Service badge? or just want to get outside and have a good time.

We are running days each month during 2022, alternating Saturday & Sunday so those with jobs or team sports can choose.

Bring a packed lunch and suitable clothes for being outside.

Get to Hebden Hey for 9am start, then finish at either lunchtime or we will have some activity in the later afternoon for those staying till 5pm



If you need more details ask your leader or email: serviceteam@hebdenhey.org.uk

Dates for 2022

- Saturday 5 March
- Sunday 10 April
- Saturday 7 May
- Sunday 5 June
- Saturday 2 July
- August – Summer Holidays
- Sunday 4 September



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