

WYSMail May 2022



A Message from our County Commissioner

Dear All

It was great to see over 300 volunteers at the County Festival at Bradford University. The event was really well received and offered an opportunity to learn about a whole range of different activities, create new contacts and just have a good catch up. The presentations by our President MP Kim Leadbeater and Deputy UK Commissioner Craig Turpie were particularly uplifting and inspiring. A massive thank you to those who ran stalls, all attendees, the WSJ Festival Makers and the organising team.

It was also great to see districts running some fantastic St George's Day events that were all so different but great fun, extremely well attended and offered an opportunity for groups to come back together and renew promises. You certainly let the public know that Scouting is going very strong and a big part of communities. We also saw Squirrels out in numbers at the events, and I'm sure you'll agree that the Squirrel Wiggle is a real hit. One of our Districts will shortly have a Squirrel Drey at every group, the momentum of the build in West Yorkshire has truly been fantastic, and a massive well done to all those involved.

We also had the Iftar at the Piece Hall on Thursday 21st April organised by 51st Pellon Scouts with some 1500 attendees from Scouting inside and outside West Yorkshire and across local communities. The event was supported by England cricket star Adil Rashid and the interest generated in Scouting has been unbelievable. This passion for Scouting from across all of our communities demonstrates the true scale of opportunity for further development and growth of Scouting across our county.

As our camping season gets into full swing it's great to see most of the Bushell shelters up across our campsites. These have been paid for through a very generous bursary left by a true Scouting ambassador - the late Mary Bushell. The latest build at Spen Valleys Fanwood campsite is pictured below.



Fanwood's new Bushell Shelter

Ian Womersley 📷

A big congratulations to our latest St George's Day award recipients celebrated in this publication and I hope you find all the information in this Wysmail helpful in creating more special opportunities for our young people.

Kind regards Ian

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St George's Day Awards

I am delighted to announce that the Chief Scout has awarded the following St George's Day Awards

Award For Merit

Rosalind Fellows (Hudds South East)– Whether running cubs, explorers or the young leader unit Ros undertakes these roles with determination and passion. The award also recognises Ros's dedication to the County Water Team, where she uses her talent and experience in canoeing to develop both leaders and young people.

Bar to the Award For Merit

Michael Beaumont (Hudds North) – In recognition of Michael's commitment as an Active Support member and his dedication to Oakes Scout group. Michael provides amazing support to District events and activities and has been part of the organising team for International trips since 2002, providing an international experience for 1000's of young people.

Silver Acorn

Dominic Dobson (Wharfedale) – As District Commissioner for Wharfedale Dom led the drive to develop 6 new Scouting sections, a new scout HQ and increases in young people Top Awards. During the Covid challenges Dom provided exceptional support to leaders and groups across the district to ensure Scouting operated safely, provided the best opportunities for young people and ensured Scouting bounced back.

Silver Acorn

Michael Roberts (Wharfedale) – As District Chair of Wharfedale for over 23 years as District Chair Michael has been key in co-ordinating the charitable activities Wharfedale Scout District. Through his chair ship Wharfedale has become a large and thriving scouting community. Michael has also been instrumental in expanding the facilities at Curly Hill campsite and Reva water activities centre, opening more opportunities for young people and adult volunteers to engage in Scouting activities.

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Bob Canham (Hudds North) - Bob is a true stalwart member of Hudds North, always there when needed. Supporting events such as the Night Hawk challenge, District camps and the fantastic challenge that is the Maters Hike. Bob also supports development of the District Resource centre, Bradley wood campsite and is a valuable member of the West Yorkshire County Heritage and Archive team.

Meritorious Conduct

Ashley France (Wharfedale)- The award is to recognise Ashley's courageous and exemplary service on Sunday 12th December. Ashley went to the aid of an elderly man, who had

collapsed and undoubtedly saved his life. Using Scouting First Response knowledge Ashley kept the man alive long enough for the medical teams. It is one thing being first aid trained but another putting that knowledge and skills into practice to save another's life.

On behalf of all our Scouting family here in West Yorkshire, I thank you all for your exemplary service, your unwavering commitment to Scouting and most importantly for all you have done to create so many special memories for the young members and adult volunteers in our Scouting County.

Programme Update May/June 2022

Saturday May 7th

A Unique opportunity to be part of GS90
On July 9th this year, a cast of 170 young people from 39 Gang Shows across the UK will appear on stage 'Live at the Apollo' in a special show to mark the 90th anniversary of Gang Show.



The penultimate item in the show will be a video montage of dance from shows in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, showing off the best of the world's Gang Shows!

West Yorkshire Gang Show, WYS ON SHOW, has been asked to take part in this – a fantastic opportunity for anyone to be part of this unique show. We will meet on Saturday May 7th between 10.00 and 4.00 at Bradley Wood. We have been asked to learn a dance routine to the song - Come So Far – which will then be filmed. The film will then be used in the show in London along with similar recordings done by other shows from across the country.

If you would like to take part in this special day, please complete the form here <https://tinyurl.com/yse26cfr>

Saturday May 28th

Pedal Car Racing

Pedal Car racing day for Cubs and Scouts
This event, to be held at the John Smith Stadium car park, is now fully booked up. Joining instructions will be sent out to those who have booked a session.



Friday June 10th – Sunday June 12th Scout Dawn til Dusk camp

Scout Bookings for this event are now being taken. Information on how to book has been sent out to



those who registered their interest on Bookwhen earlier in the year. If you want more details of how to be involved either as a participant or as a helper, email Graham Starr at scouts@wyscouts.org.uk

Cubs who are close to moving onto scouts are invited to attend for the Saturday afternoon – more information on booking for this opportunity can be got by emailing Wendy Gill at cubs@wyscouts.org.uk

Saturday June 25th

Explorer Race Across Yorkshire

Race across Yorkshire is now open for bookings
Follow the link for the poster and all the information you need.

[Race Across Yorkshire - wyscouts](#)

Any questions contact explorers@wyscouts.org.uk



Upcoming Training

The next adult leader training event is on the 24/25/26 June, this is a residential course, being held in the Charles Wilson Centre at Bradley Wood, this is a catered course and indoor accommodation is provided, you can have the option to camp out as well if you wish. The course covers the learning for;

- Module 5 – The Fundamentals of Scouting
- Module 8 - Skills of Leadership
- Module 11 - Administration
- Module 12a - Delivering a Quality Programme
- Module 12b - Programme Planning
- Module 13 - Growing the Section
- Module 14 – Supporting Young People
- Module 15 – Promoting Positive Behaviour
- Module 18 - Practical Skills
- Module 19 - International

To book your place go to our [Bookwhen Page](#) and reserve your place, any queries please contact training@scouts.org.uk

HQ Updates

It's time to spring clean data on Compass. As we prepare to launch new digital tools, it's important that the data on Compass is correct. We need to make sure the contact details of members (phone numbers, email and postal addresses) are populated, current and accurate. Any inactive roles must be closed, too. Over the coming months, all adult volunteers will need a personal unique email address listed (an email not shared with anyone else like scoutgroup@scouts.org.uk or thesmiths@gmail.com) to access the new digital tools. Please start talking about this locally, and updating Compass where possible. It'd also be helpful for Group Scout Leaders to note on Compass which night each section meets.

We currently have 165 members across West Yorkshire who do not have an email address, we have 72 who do not have a valid telephone number registered on Compass.

Do you check what data the Scout Association has on your record, follow this link to register yourself for an account so you can check it is all correct.

Have you registered but forgotten your Username or password, select then links to either [Retrieve Username](#) or [Reset Your Password](#) so you can update your Personal Data.

Factsheet - [How to Login to Compass](#)

Factsheet - [How to retrieve your username or reset your password](#)

Improvements on our first aid webpages. Following your feedback, we've reorganised the first aid content available online. We've updated the first aid training webpage, centralising all the information First Aid Trainers and Training Managers need to know. You'll also find the resources needed for delivering the training. We've created a separate webpage for managers, with information on first aid compliance, equivalent courses to First Response, and other relevant information. We've also updated the first aid training webpage for learners to clarify the three delivery methods available

West Yorkshire Scouts Run For Refugees

Are you taking part in the Dawn 'til Dusk County Scout Camp? 10th – 12th June 2022

Our Saturday programme will give participants the chance to take part in a wide range of activities, some of which will help them progress through the Scout Challenge Awards and some of which are just for fun.

We are also going to take the opportunity to help other people, in particular the thousands of people who have been displaced from their homes by the war in Ukraine. On the Sunday morning of camp, all Scouts will be able to take part in a fun run obstacle course

5 May 2022

We are asking each Scout to try and get sponsored to complete the course. The target for each Scout is £5 of sponsorship. Funds raised can be added to a special just giving page, either by the scouts themselves or leaders uploading their troop's fundraising efforts. All funds raised will go direct to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee).

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/west-yorkshire-scouts>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Phil Pearson (DCC Programme)

Graham Starr (ACC Scouts)



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

Dawn 'til Dusk
A challenge camp for Scouts

10-12 June 2022
Bradley Wood Scout Campsite

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HILLWALKING WEEKEND NORTH WALES

24th – 26th June 2022

Based in the heart of the
Snowdonia National Park
T2 Weekend

£90 inc transport from Bradley Wood

This may also be useful for those considering T1 assessment including T2 training. Contact us for a chat.

Enquiries: land@wyscouts.org.uk

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Saturday 9th July 2022

Cubs Adventure Challenge Hike

A great time of fun and adventure near
Dovestones Reservoir to gain Our
Adventure Challenge Award - including
scrambling streams, mountain walking and
much more!

To book your Cubs onto this challenge day
please visit [Bookwhen](#)

Bookings will open midnight 25th May and close 1st July

**Sessions will be 4 - 5 hours long with hourly booking slots
from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm**

Cost £7.50 payable on booking

**Please note all young people must be accompanied by their
Group Leader and must be able to walk a minimum of 4
miles.**

Fencing Instructors Course



What is it?:	Fencing Instructors Course Spend the day learning how to run a fencing session for young people. All of the equipment will be provided.
When is it?:	Saturday the 16 th July 2022 09:00 17:00
Where is it?	Jubilee Centre Hall, Bradley Wood Scout Campsite
When I succeed?	On successful completion of the training, you would be expected to deliver taster sessions in fencing to young people in West Yorkshire. The number and locations can be agreed later.
How much will it cost?	The cost of the course is £20 for the day, and for this you will get the days training AND one free session to a group (the usual cost is £30).
More information?	If you have any further questions, then please contact activities@wyscouts.org.uk
How do I book?	Go to https://bookwhen.com/activities .

Sowerby Bridge Course Jul-22 Flyer 2



What is it?	This is a course aimed at achieving the Scouts Paddle Sports Stage 3.
Who is it for?	Scouts & Explorers
When is it?	6 Sunday evenings, starting on 12-Jun-2022, completing on 17-Jul-22. 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Where is it?	The first evening will be at Salendine Nook High School, Huddersfield. The remaining sessions will be at Halifax Sea Scouts, Sowerby Bridge
How much will it cost?	The cost for the Scouts is £40.
More information?	If you have any further questions, then please contact activities@wyscouts.org.uk
How do I book?	Go to https://bookwhen.com/activities after 9.00am on Monday the 30 th of May



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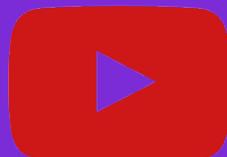
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