



# WYS Mail September 2022

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We continue to feel sadness at the loss of our Patron, HM The Queen and our thoughts remain with the Royal Family. The Queen was an avid supporter of Scouting in the UK, the Commonwealth and around World. For 70 years HM The Queen has encouraged our volunteers and inspired our young people to learn new skills, help others and make the most of their lives. Two of our Youth Commissioners Toby Hammond and Megan Conway were asked to attend the Lying-in-State to support everyone paying their respects. We are so proud of Toby and Megan who are fantastic ambassadors for West Yorkshire Scouts.

Yours In Scouting  
Ian Womersley

## West Yorkshire Scouts BEAV BUSTERS – Book Now

24th September 2022 – Bradley Wood Scout Campsite. Open to Beavers and Squirrels. A spooky trail through the woods, to celebrate Ghost Hunting day. Solve the clues to find the Ghost. Beavers / Squirrels come for either a morning or afternoon in their colonies to undertake some central spooky activities and then complete the trail at their allotted time.

Normal leader ratios must be adhered to as Beavers/ Squirrels will move around the trail in their colonies. There is a maximum of 20 young people per slot (due to timings on the trail)

Please note this is not a full day activity – you will be allocated your allotted time (but you can specify either morning or afternoon). Cost is £5 per Beaver or Squirrel (payable within 14 days of booking) this includes the trail, activities and a Beavbusters Badge

Leaders are free (unless they want a BeavBuster badge in which case there is a charge of £1 for the badge) To book visit [www.bookwhen.com/countyevents](http://www.bookwhen.com/countyevents). Bookings on a first come first served basis – when the slots are gone, they're gone. Any payments not received within 14 days will result in the slot being released back for others to book.



Image caption: Picture

## AGM 2022

Just a final reminder that the County AGM will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7 for 7.30pm at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Wood. This will be such a special AGM not just as it will be face to face but also because great things have happened across Scouting this year and it will be fantastic to celebrate these successes together.

## Tik Tok Content Creators!

We are recruiting young people Explorers and Network to make TikToks for our page.

Training is given.

if your interested  
please email: [yc@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:yc@wyscouts.org.uk)

## Tik Tok Content Creators

As our Tik Tok following is growing, we are on the hunt for Tik Tok Content Creators. Please share this opportunity with your Young Leaders and Explorers/ Network members. Also don't forget to give us a follow [@wyscouts](https://www.tiktok.com/@wyscouts).

Toby Hammond

West Yorkshire Youth Commissioner.  
Squirrels Cohort Coach



## RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



£10 Per person, Food included, Licensed bar,  
Mini games, cake stalls and more!  
Bradley Wood Scout Campsite  
24<sup>th</sup> September

7pm Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/scouts-ist-fundraiser>

Enquiries: [Beth.halligan@outlook.com](mailto:Beth.halligan@outlook.com)  
Raising funds for west Yorkshires world scout  
Jamboree IST members

## Wharfside House

### *Wharfeside House*

We offer comfortable, hostel style, accommodation in the beautiful rural village of Kettlewell in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

The hostel provides an ideal base for all types of outdoor activities, including walking, cycling and pot-holing.

The hostel is centrally heated, and caters for up to 30 people, across 6 bedrooms of varying size (2 to 8 beds per room). There is a lounge, dining room, conservatory and well equipped self-catering kitchen, with an Aga cooker.



*We welcome your enquiry*

For further information



[www.wharfeside.org](http://www.wharfeside.org)

*Middle Lane, Kettlewell, BD23 5QX, Wharfedale, Yorkshire Dales*

The hostel is administered by Huddersfield Wharfeside Youth Trust (UK Reg Charity No 50397)

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## Bradford Gang Show 24<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

We are pleased to announce the return of the Bradford Gang Show in 2022. Yes, it has been almost 3 years since the cast last performed! So ..... we are looking for cast members (Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network) We also want stage and back room crew members to help get the cast onto the stage. Come along to one of our drop in Gang Show workshops.

Looking forward to seeing you!!!

**John & Ronnie (Show Producers)**

**07854322754**

**[metters2009@googlemail.com](mailto:metters2009@googlemail.com)**

# WYS ON SHOW 2023

WYS ON SHOW 2023 will take place in March next year performing on Thursday 16th ,17th and 18th at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax. We are excited to be opening the opportunity for people to register to join the show cast or join the support teams which brings the show to the stage.

## Cast Registration

Cast members must be

- Members of the Scout Association
- Aged between 6 and 25 at the time of the show

Rehearsals will begin in January. Our launch weekend will take place on January 7th and 8th then we will be rehearsing on Sunday afternoons with two more weekend.

Rehearsals on Feb 4th /5th and March 11th/12th . Rehearsals will take place at Bradley Wood Jubilee Centre.

Cast members can register their interest by going to

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7eyzvtmA\\_4dPMzKx2sD2crD0P\\_cDMevrLCJU5rOugs5V9Jg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7eyzvtmA_4dPMzKx2sD2crD0P_cDMevrLCJU5rOugs5V9Jg/viewform)

WYS ON SHOW needs a lot of volunteers to make everything go smoothly. We are looking for adults who can support us in the following areas

## Production

- Production Team - helping to design items and rehearse young people
- Production Coordination - Recording rehearsal outcomes and organising cast
- Choreography - Designing and teaching dance routines
- Band Musician - Rehearsal pianist and / or member of the show band
- Cast Management - supporting the welfare of young people when not rehearsing

## Technical

- Technical Team - supporting lighting, sound and video needs
- Set Construction - constructing items of set and helping on the stage crew
- Costume - helping to design, make and sort out costume items for each cast member
- Props - helping to source or make carry on props

## Business

- Business Management - supporting the publicity, ticket sales and designing graphics
- Front of House - Helping to look after the audience on the show night

# Growth Team

The Growth team needs your help !

We are a small team of leaders across the County who discuss pertinent points affecting us all, share ideas and support each other. We don't have all the solutions but have the drive to make things better. We are currently looking at our 2023 plans and we need your help in mapping out where you need us to focus our energy.



What should be our priorities be ?

What do you need from us ?

Do you want to join the team ?

Drop me a line with any suggestions - [Growth@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:Growth@wyscouts.org.uk)



**\* BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN \***  
**Terrain 1 - Training**

- Enjoy hillwalking?
- New to navigation?
- Have experience and keen to upskill?
- Considering working towards a permit?

Come and join our team on our training course. Further info contact: [hillwalking@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:hillwalking@wyscouts.org.uk)



# Green Withens County Watersports Centre

## **All volunteers:**

Do you like boating?

Do you want to share your skills to help young people have a great time and become water confident?

Do you prefer to be on dry land watching others have fun on the water?

At Green Withens, the County Watersports Centre, we offer a range of water based activities to scout groups. These include sailing in a range of craft, bell boating, raft building, paddle sports and dragon boat racing. If you've done some of these before but would like to improve your skills or just test out where you're at with them, then why not come up for a session and get on the water with us while young people are there.

We're particularly interested in seeing interested volunteers on Sunday 4th September when we have a beaver and parent bellboating day (10-3) or Saturday 10th September when there's a cub water activity day (10-3) with various activities going on. If you're interested in coming along to learn more, or to get a permit and instruct then please send an email to [info@greenwithens.org.uk](mailto:info@greenwithens.org.uk) or to the Chair, Sue Galvin at [sgalvin61@gmail.com](mailto:sgalvin61@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in helping out, on the water or shore side and you can see more information about what we do at [www.greenwithens.org.uk](http://www.greenwithens.org.uk)

## **Our Space**

West Yorkshire Scouts have recently been granted some funding from the 'Our Space' capital funding programme which will lead to improvements at both Bradley Wood and Green Withens and will enhance in their ability to offer activities. Green Withens will be upgrading their power boat which is a key piece of equipment and vital to keeping our YP safe on the water. Bradley Wood will be investing money in the high ropes course to provide a gladiator challenge for older Scouts and Explorers.

An exciting time for both site

## **Hag Dyke Hostel 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 24<sup>th</sup> September**

A reminder of The Hag Dyke 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day please note the slightly revised invitation details as attached.

A new young trainee Wardens scheme will also be explained briefly which is especially aimed at 18 to 30 year olds. Therefore, Explorers and Young Leaders are specially encouraged to attend.

We are appealing for details of your most enjoyable, first experiences of Hag Dyke and any other memories you have. These will be displayed plus there will be the opportunity to read some of these out at the Service. We suggest twenty to fifty words. We would also like pictures of your own visits to Hag Dyke to produce a rolling picture show on the day.

**PLEASE REPLY ASAP IF YOU INTEND TO COME ALONG SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF LIKELY NUMBERS.**

RSVP to [enquiries@hagdyke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hagdyke.org.uk) and we encourage you to look at our Website for all information <https://hagdyke.org.uk>

Thanks David Shaw MBE – Chair of Hag Dyke 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. 07740 797 281

**THE HOSTEL WILL BE OPEN TO ALL VISITORS FROM 11 a.m. UNTIL 5 p.m.**

Anyone with an interest in or previous connection with Hag Dyke will be very welcome. The day's main focus will be a special service of commemoration plus memories and future thoughts at 3pm at our Chapel, The Highest in England. We will also have a Souvenir booklet, displays of historic pictures & zine displays. A special badge has been designed for the Anniversary and will be on sale on the day. Wardens will be on hand to show visitors around and to explain the facilities to previous and new visitors. Tea, Coffee & Cakes will be supplied but please bring your own packed lunch etc. Donations are encouraged for Hag Dyke's Future Work.

We have arranged car parking in the field on the right hand side immediately after the bridge as you enter Kettlewell. If you would like to make a voluntary donation of £3.00 for car parking this will be shared between Hag Dyke and Kettlewell Parish Church. Please can all visitors register there including those intending to drive up in their own vehicles. There will be uniformed members there to assist visitors with maps and instructions. If you have requested transport you should also meet here at the agreed time.

There will be the option for Wardens, Past wardens, Working party, Leaders & Reunion Group ONLY to stay over but there obviously are limited spaces so do make your interest known asap please. A new young trainee Wardens scheme will also be explained briefly which is especially aimed at 18 to 30 year olds. Therefore, Explorers and Young Leaders are specially encouraged to attend.

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## **Health and Safety Update**

Rule Changes regarding First Aid.

**What is Changing?** ALL activities must have access to someone holding relevant First Aid qualification **AND** access to suitable first aid materials

**What does this mean in practical terms?** Our Risk Assessments should determine any specific First Aid needs (eg having materials to deal with burns if the activity is fire lighting etc).

**What is Changing?** All adventurous activities must follow the above, with the addition that any activities deemed to be remote (over 3 hours from "refuge") must have immediate access to someone with a full First Aid certificate (i.e. 16hour or above).

**What does this mean in practical terms?** Many of our activities requiring a permit are ones where we would ordinarily expect the permit holder to also have the first aid certificate – and indeed many of those holding permits also hold National Governing Body awards and as such also need to maintain their Full First Aid Certificate.

## Delivery Methods for First Response

Face to Face “Full Course” – a Trainer led, face to face course covering all elements of the First Response syllabus. This can be done as either a 6 hour “full day” course or 3 sessions of 2 hours – the course is specifically broken down into 3 sections to make this easier.

Online – 3 sessions of 2 hours, trainer led session typically over Zoom or other video conferencing tool, **followed** by a practical session of approx. 20 min.

Blended – e-learning (typically) taking 2.5 hours followed by a trainer led session of approx. 3 hours (intended as online, but could be face to face) **followed** by the practical session of approx. 20 min.

### Recording of First Aid Completion

**What is Changing?** Only completion of module 10B will update the Mandatory On Going Learning (MOGL) completion/renewal date.

Hopefully the above will help you all understand both the changes and the current position on First Aid and deliver to our volunteers. Please let either Howard or myself know if you have any queries on any of the above.

Richard Oldfield  
Deputy County Training Manager  
West Yorkshire Scouts  
email: [dctm@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:dctm@wyscouts.org.uk)

## Explorer Scout Young Leader training weekends

The Flyer for the first one is included. This will be held at Woolley Edge Scout Campsite on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Modules which are available are:

- C – That’s the way to do it
- D – Understanding Behaviour
- E – Game On
- F – Making Scouting Accessible and Inclusive
- K – First Aid Masterclass

All Explorer Scout Young Leader training weekends are sponsored by West Yorkshire Scout County and are therefore cost free to Explorer Scout Young Leaders. This covers accommodation, which this weekend is Outdoor, and all Catering.

Bookings are now open on <https://bookwhen.com/youngleaders>

If you have issues with the booking process please email ACC (ESYLs) Tom at: [youngleaders@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:youngleaders@wyscouts.org.uk)

The training weekend which will follow this is at Curley Hill Scout Activity Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Modules which will be covered are A, B, G, H, I and J. More details can be found at the BookWhen link above.

Tom Lynch Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scout Young Leaders) 0777 769 5081



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](mailto:wysmail@wyscouts.org.uk)