



## West Yorkshire Scouts - Spotlight awards

### What is a Spotlight Award?

A Spotlight Award is the new County informal award scheme exclusively for West Yorkshire Scouts. Its aim is to recognise all the fantastic work that happens within our Scouting County by our members, sections, groups and leaders. It is a 'Shout Out' to their successes so that we can all celebrate.

The 2023 Vision for Scouting is 'To prepare more young people with Skills for Life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme' with a focus on:

- Growth
- Inclusivity
- Youth Shaped
- Community impact
- Sustainable Development

These key areas ensure we give every young person the chance to join regardless of their background, allow young people to shape their experience and ensure Scouting makes a difference to our communities. The Spotlight Awards aim to recognise and promote great work by members, sections and groups against these five key areas.

### Who are the Spotlight Awards aimed at?

Spotlight Awards are for everyone in the organisation, whether you're a volunteer or young person in any of the scouting sections or the whole section or even the whole scout group. Where members have done some outstanding work, which has achieved:

- Growth
- Greater inclusivity
- Ensured Scouting is youth shaped
- Made a big impact in our communities
- Contributed towards ending poverty, tackling inequality and addressing climate change

## **How does it work?**

Any member can nominate the person, section or group they feel deserves a 'Spotlight' shining on them in the categories outlined above.

Nominations can be made at any time from when the scheme launches on the 1st October 2021 onwards. There is no closing date for nominations we will continue to accept them throughout 2021/2022 and this will continue indefinitely. Periodically, an independent panel of Judges will review all the nominations and the panel will provide a short list of outstanding nominations – the short listed will have a celebration and this could be at a County Scout venue, a district event or at the group HQ, all short listed finalists will be awarded with a prize.

ALL nominations submitted will be recognised with a certificate and a Spotlight Badge.

## **Who are the judging panel?**

A core panel of leaders from across the County who have no ties with any districts, ably assisted by the County and District youth Commissioners.

## **What prizes are up for grabs?**

Our members who are recognised for their outstanding work could be on the receiving end of prizes such as ...

Section / Group prizes:

- An archery session
- A cave bus experience
- A climbing wall experience at one of our sites
- Gang show tickets

Etc

Individual prizes:

- The winner and 5 friends do an activity as above

Every member who does submit a Spotlight nomination for one of their YP, Leaders, section or Group will receive 'A golden ticket' in the prize draw for a special nominators prize.

## How do I nominate - what do I have to do?

Nominators are encouraged to submit their nominations in a number of different creative ways - there is no right or wrong way to submit a nomination- you just need to tell us the story of why someone deserves to be in the Spotlight ! The more information the better please!

Here are some ideas of how to submit your nomination...

- It could be a story you have written to describe what the person has completed.
- It could be a poem or Limerick
- It would be fantastic to have some photos as well
- You may even decide to make a short video on your smart phone

It is entirely up to you how you submit, however you must tell us some essential information for example the person's name, section, group and what category you are nominating them under and why you are nominating them.

## Where do I send my nomination?

Nominations can be submitted online by emailing it to [Spotlightawards@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:Spotlightawards@wyscouts.org.uk) or alternatively you can post your nomination to

Spotlight Awards  
Growth and Development  
Bradley Wood Campsite and Activity Centre.  
Shepherds Thorn Lane  
Brighouse  
West Yorkshire  
HD6 3TU

What is an example of a nomination that may be received?  
(Remember this is an example only)

Jack is a Beaver scout from Brighouse, he is part of Central Brighouse and is aged seven. The nomination is under the category for Community Impact. Jack had an idea to clear all the litter from the playground area near school because it was unsightly and made the area look untidy. Jack designed posters for his street and posted them in peoples letter boxes with the help of his mum and dad, he also recruited his friends to help one Saturday morning with this task of litter picking. Jack's mum and dad supervised it and in two hours they filled 6 bags of rubbish. The story was reported in the Brighouse Echo. Attached is a copy of Jack's poster and the before and after pictures of the Playground and the link to the article in the Echo.