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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](#)

Thank you as ever for your commitment to helping our young people, and each other, through the pandemic and back to face to face Scouting. You continue to offer amazing experiences for our young people to ensure we continue to provide our young members with fun, friendships, new skills and fantastic adventures.

This commitment and love for Scouting has ensured that we have bounced back stronger than anyone ever expected and for that a big big thank you. We already have some scouting sections saying they are full to capacity, with groups looking to open new sections or even expand their buildings to take on greater numbers. Please don't let anything be an obstacle to your plans for expansion we are here to



"Visiting Pirate camp at Woolley with Soothill and Asquith Scouting sections"

help you fulfil those dreams.

We all know that the biggest challenge is volunteer numbers and that is a key focus for myself and the County. I am however, pleased to say that we are receiving higher than ever enquiries to volunteer in Scouting which is great news, but we need to continue to do more at County to support your recruitment and bounce back. I know I shared the details of the County Local support boards with you on the last wysmail but these are

some of our key areas of focus to support you deliver, develop, grow local scouting safely. I've therefore shared them again just below the announcement section.

Hope you enjoy this new formatted wysmail and find the information inside of value.

Yours In Scouting
Ian Womersley

Announcement



It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of two new District Commissioners for West Yorkshire Scouts as we return to Scouting from the summer break:

Bev Dickinson - District Commissioner for Bradford South District

Andy Robinson - District Commissioner for Brighouse District

Bev and Andy are great ambassadors for Scouting, with considerable management experience and a great passion to deliver amazing scouting for young people..

I big thank you to our outgoing DC's David Burge and Alison Walton. Their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to developing opportunities ensured 1000's of young people developed skills for life through Scouting.

Ian Womersley



Local Support Boards

Growth Board - DCC Elaine Clough: The coming months will see the launch of our 'Bring a buddy' badge scheme, the launch of supporting material for leaders and parents alike and the development of a partnership with Bradford University to help us recruit new volunteers and support with a more creative programme for our older sections. The Growth board meets every two months and are always looking for more members to get involved I'm - if this is for you don't hesitate to email Elaine on Growth@wyscouts.org.uk.

Protect Board - DCC Gaz Pierce: The Protect Board was formed with the aim of supporting local Scouting to keep our young people, adults and the reputation of our Scouting family here in West Yorkshire Safe. The timing of the inception of this new board was clearly crucial with the onset of the pandemic and much of the focus has been about supporting the safe restart of Scouting across our County.

Programme Board - DCC Phil Pearson and our ACC Team have worked incredibly hard to deliver a variety of virtual opportunities throughout the year such as the Beaver JambOoree in October, the Hamish Treasure Hunt in December and Wacklympics in January. Our emphasis is now moving to support the Reboot of local Scouting with a mixture of virtual and face to face opportunities. We have access to a lot of equipment which can be borrowed to help make section meetings more exciting and we are planning to support district 'Wow' days to help with recruitment and retention. We welcome Graham Starr as our new ACC Scouts and Dan Breeze ACC Squirrels who is taking the lead on introducing the brand new younger Squirrel section.

Top Awards Board - DCC Matt Turner: A County Top Awards board has been set up with a focus on supporting young people to achieve their Top Awards. Offering support and advice to young members and volunteers on Top awards, supporting volunteers to create programmes to allow achievement of Top Awards and supporting young members to become volunteers.

Volunteer Journey Board - DCC Howard Fishwick: The training team are keen to ensure the volunteer journey for all is improved and particularly the volunteer experience of new volunteers to ensure we make their transition into the Scouting family as smooth as possible.

I strongly believe that it is important to recognise the exceptional and exemplary hard work of leaders across the County. To ensure we do that an Awards Advisory Committee has been created under the chairmanship of Mark Stageman and support of Vicki Pearson, to recognise and applaud the great work of some many leaders across the County.



Growth

Bring a Buddy

Hopefully all groups have now received their pack and posters about Bring a Buddy the new County Growth initiative for the recruitment of new members and new volunteers.

When your young people have earned it then the badges are available from the Bradley Wood shop.

If you have any questions about this award and need more information please contact me - ElaineClough at Growth@wyscouts.org.uk

Spotlight Awards

There is a new recognition scheme being launched soon in West Yorkshire Scouts to recognise the tremendous work that is undertaken by our amazing young people and our dedicated volunteers.

This links to our Scout values and belief's.

Squirrels



Squirrel Scouts officially launched across the UK last week after a two-year pilot project (which was trailed in [Aire Valley](#)). We are very excited to welcome 4 and 5 year olds to our scouting family here in West Yorkshire. This week saw dreys open in Keighley, Brighouse and Aire valley districts with another 6 that are set to open across the county in the coming months.

For more information about Squirrels, or if you are interested in opening a Squirrel drey then please contact

Dan Breeze,

ACC Squirrels. squirrels@wyscouts.org.uk

JamBOOree

After the success of Virtual JamBOOree in 2020 and the move back to face to face we're excited to launch Join in JamBOOree for this year. The idea being that in line with last years virtual event we'll provide activities each week (rather than in one day) for you to complete face to face in your colonies throughout October.

For a full list of Kit and bunting to help you decorate please see the attachments or the website <https://wyscouts.online/join-in-jambooree/>

The activities will be presented in the form of videos which will be released on each Sunday throughout October for leaders to view via our Facebook and YouTube channels on the following dates :

Sunday 3rd October

Sunday 10th October

Sunday 17th October

Sunday 24th October

Hopefully then you can undertake the activities in your colony meetings. Please share your photos with us on facebook or instagram using the hashtag #joininjambooree #wyscouts



You Shape

#YouShape has had a makeover, ready for the launch for the **new #youshape** awards which will be launched on 5th October (we are so excited)! The new logo can be found on the HQ brand center and is ready for download now and more resources will be added soon. We are also running some workshops to support the roll out of the new awards for any leaders which can be booked on the following link:

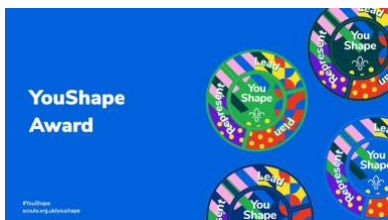
<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents#focus=ev-s1e4-20210909190000>

Beavers you shape awards leaders information session- 21st September at 6pm

Cubs youth shape awards information session- 27th September at 6pm

Scouts youth shape awards information session- 30th September 6pm

Explorers youth shape awards information session- 29th September 6pm



World Scout Jamboree



World Scout Jamboree - Korea 2023

Applications are now open for youth applications for our World Scout Jamboree Units. We're so excited that West Yorkshire Scouts has been allocated 8 patrols to become part of the UK Contingent to the 25 World Scout Jamboree in Korea during 2023.

That means we need to recruit 72 young people who will make the most of the life shaping experience the World Scout Jamboree will provide. We're supporting the UK Contingent's vision to be the most inclusive UK Contingent to attend a World Scout Jamboree. There should be no unnecessary barriers to anyone becoming part of our Jamboree Units.

Scouts and Explorer Scouts can apply as Participants, but are required to have been born between 00:00 on 22 July 2005 and 23:59 on 31 July 2009 to attend. These dates are set by the UK Contingent.

Within West Yorkshire Applications are being taken in Districts so please contact your DC or local Jamboree Coordinator to apply.

Attached is a postcard that can be given out to young people in your area to promote the Jamboree. In addition the County Website www.wyscouts.online.org.uk/wsj also has the video from the last Jamboree and a FAQ section to enable you to promote the Jamboree locally.



West Yorkshire Scouts Adult Training

Multi Module Training

Venue for all is Bradley Wood – Timings for all days are 9.15am – 5pm

- Sat 18 September Day 1 of 3 – Course Director Jenny Pearson
- Sun 26 September Day 1 of 3 – Course Director Richard Oldfield
- Sat 9 October Day 2 of 3 - Course Director Jenny Pearson
- Sun 31 October Day 2 of 3 – Course Director Richard Oldfield
- Sat 6 November Day 3 of 3 - Course Director Jenny Pearson
- Sun 28 November Day 3 of 3 – Course Director Richard Oldfield

Day 1 consist of

Module 5 - Fundamentals of Scouting

Module 12 (a &b) - Delivering a Quality Programme & Programme Planning

Module 13 - Growing the Section

Day 2 consist of

Module 8 - Skills of Leadership

Module 9 - Working with Adults

Module 11 - Administration

Module 18 - Practical Skill

Day 3 consist of

Module 14 - Supporting Young people

Module 15 - Promoting Positive Behaviour

Module 19 - International

Module 25 – Assessing Learning

Venue Bradley Wood – Timings 9.30 2pm (TBC)

- 23 October - Course Directors Christine Stephenson &

RACE ACROSS YORKSHIRE

Based on the BBC TV Show Race across the world, Teams of Explorer Scouts 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.



**NEW
DATE**

in 2022

coming soon



ACC EXPLORERS



READINESS LEVEL, UK Scouts:

The Scout readiness level has recently changed to green, which is great news! Further details of what this actually means and how the guidelines have changed can be found at;

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/getting-back-together-safely/the-readiness-levels-across-uk-scouts/>

RISK ASSESSMENTS:

Everyone should now be aware of the requirements to continually assess risk when running programme activities for young people. The Scouts are continually adding more resources and updating guidelines to provide maximum support with this process and you can find some great content by visiting this link;

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/risk-assessments/>

SAFETY IN SCOUTING:

To further help with the subject of safety in Scouting, they have also produced a handy web page which gives guidance and provides resources for all aspects of safety. Its broken down into easy sections that are easy to navigate and give really clear guidance;

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/>

MANAGING SAFE SCOUT PREMISES:

Finally, you may have seen recent guidance issued to help with the safe management of Scouting buildings and premises. This isn't just about conducting risk assessments, and The Scouts have once again provided a really great breakdown of the things that you might want to consider when managing a Scouting premises, including a handy checklist and support with matters like the management and control of asbestos in some of our older properties. The links below will take you to this guidance;

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/managing-a-safe-scout-premises/>

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/managing-a-safe-scout-premises/maintenance-and-compliance/>

Programme

The Programme team continue to be frustrated by the ongoing restrictions and we thank everyone for their patience when events have to be postponed. The team are planning the next round of events for 2021/2022 in September but below are the things which are already in the diary – some of these are new opportunities and some are postponed events.

<https://bookwhen.com/countyevents#focus=ev-s1e4-20210909190000>

Fellandale and Grim Up North have both been cancelled for this year due to Covid uncertainty

Event	Date	Section	Places	Venue	Contact
Mechanics Badge Day 1 (Rescheduled)	September 11 th 10.00 – 4.00	Scout	Groups who booked previously	Bradley Woods	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Mechanics Badge Day 2 (Rescheduled)	September 12 th 10.00 – 4.00	Scout	Groups who booked previously	Bradley Woods	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Mechanics Badge Day 3 (Rescheduled)	Septebmer 19 th 10.00 – 4.00	Scout	Groups who booked previously	Bradley Woods	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Science Badge Day	September 25 th 10.00 – 4.00	Scout	50	Bradford University	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Bear Island Survival Day (Previously Earth Wind & Fire Day)	October 2nd	Cub	Groups who booked previously	Bradley Woods	cubs@wyscouts.org.uk
Jambooree	October 30th	Beavers	Unlimited	Virtual	beavers@wyscouts.org.uk
Badge days	November 13 th & 14th	Cubs	TBC	Bradley Wood	cubs@wyscouts.org.uk
Lego technic Challenge	December 11 th 10.00 – 4.00	Scouts	??	Bradford University	programme@wyscouts.org.uk
Pioneering instructors course	April 1 st – 3 rd	leaders		Bradley Woods	activities@wyscouts.org.uk

Special Thanks

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

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Xavi Terry (MAPS - Manager Activity Permit Scheme) - For service in role as MAPS and Climbing instruction where Xavi has so freely provided fantastic experiences for young people both locally and internationally. Xavi has made a truly impressive difference to the management of Activity permits across the County to provide more opportunities for adventure and keep our young people safe.

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Toby Hammond (County Youth Commissioner) - For exceptional and enthusiastic dedication to Scouting across West Yorkshire. Toby's commitment to the County goes well beyond his drive and dedication to ensure we are informed by young people's ideas. Toby provides truly amazing support to communications, governance, finance and many other areas of Scouting across West Yorkshire.

Silver Acorn

Seamus Quinn (Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts Huddersfield North) - Over many years Seamus has provided an exceptional active District programme. His work to support district leaders, run summer camp and organise events including the Cardboard Regatta have been exceptional. Scouting also values Seamus's fantastic commitment to International projects building bridges in Peru (2015), a school in Nepal (2016) and orphanage dormitory in Uganda (2018). Seamus is also a committed and dedicated member of the local Mountain Rescue team.

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Vicki Pearson (ACC International and County Communications Manager) - For exceptional passion and drive in creating an environment to allow international Scouting to thrive. Through Vicki's work in establishing WYSGlobal she has brought volunteers together to offer fantastic opportunities for young people to experience the International Scouting adventure - Explorer Belts, European Jamborees, WSJ Coordination and adventure led overseas experiences. As Communications Manager Vicki's expertise has been invaluable in keeping volunteers informed and maintaining a strong media presence during the pandemic challenges, in particular coordinating communications for the highly successful Virtual Big Camp and JamBOOree.

On behalf of all our Scouting family here in West Yorkshire, I thank you 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.

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

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