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A Message from our County Team

We as part of our West Yorkshire Scout family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your hard work over this difficult year.

Over this challenging year we have still managed to provide our young people with amazing opportunities, which helps to give them skills for life.

We are looking forward to next year hopefully being able to get out and about more. Providing our young people with even more amazing opportunities.

Yours in Scouting

Toby Hammond, Ian Womersley and Carey Dowson

County Youth Commissioner, County Commissioner and County Chair

SEASONS GREETINGS

Special Acknowledgements

Commissioners Commendation

Two youth members of 16th Bradford South (Clayton Diehards) were presented with a Commissioners Commendation. Tess and Tilly Brankin were on a break with their Grandparents in Blackpool. Unfortunately Grandma took a fall, badly breaking her arm and was drifting in and out of consciousness. With first aid training through Scouts, the sisters stayed calm, contacted emergency services and provided initial first aid until the ambulance arrived. Both girls acted in a calm and courageous manner without panic or drama and supported both grandparents throughout the incident.

Congratulations and a big well done to Tess and Tilly

Bev Dickinson
District Commissioner



Award Recognition

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

Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct – Barry Suddick (6th Holme Valley and County Water Activities team). In recognition of Barry's truly courageous and exemplary service on Saturday 14th August 2021 where his swift and courageous actions prevented a young man committing suicide. Barry's actions in saving the young man's life were truly heroic and the empathy provided will undoubtedly make a massive difference to the individual's future outlook on life.

Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct and Award for Merit– David Burge (Chair Brighouse District, previously District Commissioner). In recognition of David's truly courageous and exemplary service to young people and volunteers across our Scouting family. As District Commissioner, David gave so much to our Scouting family whilst battling with throat cancer. Despite such a significant health challenge, David never strayed from his personal goal of 'never giving up'. David's leadership of the district coupled with support to others is absolute testament to his determined and generous character.

Silver Acorn Tom Lynch (ACC Young leader Training and DESC Heavy Woollen) - In recognition of Tom's truly exceptional service to young people and volunteers across our Scouting family. Tom puts an immense amount of time into all his many roles managing several explorer units, delivering YL training courses and supporting young leaders right across the County. An example of Tom's great work has been the support to the recently formed Ansaar Explorer Unit with over 24 members, it has proved a fantastic hit for young people, and a great source of new leaders. His exceptional support and commitment to the leaders has been key to the unit's success.

Silver Acorn Elaine Clough (Deputy County Commissioner Growth, County Trustee and County Water Activities team). In recognition of Elaine's truly exceptional service to young people and volunteers across our Scouting family. As DCC Growth Elaine has supported groups across the County to grow the movement with fantastic initiatives such as Bring a Buddy, zoom training on running virtual sections, Stay at Home badge, marketing on Leeds TV and a full range of resources to support growth locally. As a friend of Bradley Wood Elaine has done an unbelievable amount of work on site development and raised over £200k for the Campsite.

Bar to the Silver Acorn Gillian Peers (County Appointments Chair). In recognition of Gillian's truly exemplary service to Scouting. As both District and County Appointments chair Gillian has revolutionised the appointments process and the Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC) role in reviewing membership. Gillian regularly supports AAC's within districts and leads the counties appointment processes with absolute thoroughness and enthusiasm.

Silver Wolf Leslie Peers (Chair Bradley Woods Management Committee). In recognition of Leslie's truly exemplary service to Scouting. Leslie has held a number of strategic roles -Heavy Woollen District Commissioner and Chair, County Chair and now Chair of Bradley Woods. Leslie has gripped and led on challenges in district and across the County so ensuring Scouting across West Yorkshire provides better futures for young people. As District Chair for Heavy Woollen District Leslie oversaw the opening of a total of 13 new Scouting sections. These offered Scouting on a weekend for diverse communities and in some of the most deprived communities in the UK.

As County Chair, in the middle of the pandemic, Leslie rapidly gripped and led with pace all the challenges associated with County facilities, finances and business planning. Taking ownership of the County campsite, he formed a strong management team and ensured the campsite was in a healthy position to welcome Scouting back.

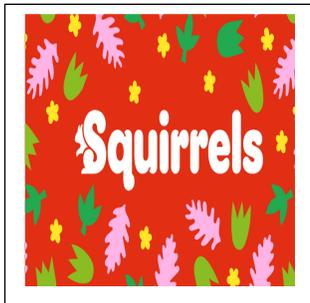
On behalf of all our Scouting family here in West Yorkshire, I thank you for your exemplary service and your unswerving commitment to Scouting.

A big thank you to all volunteers across West Yorkshire County for all your hard work during 2021 and for creating truly special memories for young people in our Scouting family. Season's Greetings and all the very best for the New Year.

Yours In Scouting

Ian Womersley

Squirrels



I am pleased to announce that we now have 14 Squirrel Dreys in West Yorkshire. This is amazing and is not only allowing more young people to start on their scouting journey but is also attracting new leaders into the movement.

As we look forward into 2022, the Squirrel roll out will continue, allowing more young people to access scouting, particularly those who need it most. If you would like more information about Squirrels or would like support in starting a Drey, please do get in touch.

Dan

ACC Squirrels

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Tiger resource



Put a Tiger into your Programme this winter!

Introducing our new programme resource for January and February.

2022 is the Chinese Year of the Tiger so why not plan to have a tiger meeting to launch your Scouting year. The Tiger resource gives ideas for all sections to have a go at –

- Join 'Pi Patel' from 'Life of Pi' to create your own raft
- Find out how to adopt a tiger with the WWF
- Run your own community afternoon tea event and invite the tiger who came to tea!
- Try the Shere Khan challenge activities
- Find out who Chingu the tiger is and try some Jamboree activities
- Join Tony the tiger in making some delicious recipes
- Let Tigger the tiger encourage you to get fit
- Invite Master Tigress to your meeting and learn some martial art skills.

The whole resource is available to download from the county web site or by clicking on this link

<http://wyscouts.online/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Tiger-Resource.pdf>

County Conference



West Yorkshire Scouts County Conference

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

Saturday March 12th

Bradford University

This is a free event for anyone involved in Scouting leadership

- Leaders and commissioners
- District teams
- Activity instructors
- Occasional Helpers
- Executive members
- Young Leaders
- 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 and discover the many ways volunteers can support scouting.

Free lunch, teas and coffees available.

Bookings for this exciting event will open in January – put the date in your diary **March 12th 2022!**

Climbing instructor course

20 January 2022 – Bradley Wood

27 January 2022 – Bradley Wood

3 February 2022 – Bradley Wood

10 February 2022 – Bradley Wood

17 February 2022 – Leeds Wall

24 February 2022 – Leeds Wall

3 March 2022 – Bradley Wood

COST: £60/pp

The West Yorkshire Scouts Climbing Team are running a 7 week course over the above dates at two venues, Bradley Wood Scout Campsite and the Leeds Wall. Each evening will run from approximately 7pm until 9pm. The course fee includes entry into Leeds Wall.

The aim of the course is to teach individuals the skills required to be able to run climbing sessions for young people and to undertake a permit assessment (please note that a permit assessment does not ordinarily form part of the course).

If you have any questions or to apply to attend the course please contact ACC Activities via activities@wyscouts.org.uk. Once your place on the course is confirmed you will receive further information and details for payment.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CLIMBING EVENT

8 MARCH 2022

Jubilee Centre, Bradley Wood Scout Campsite



This free event will see the climbing wall open from 7pm onwards for women (18+ only) to come and climb, socialise and have a good time!

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

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