

Welcome to WGSmail

Dear All,

Please see below updates on County celebrations and support for our fantastic recipients of Queen Scout Award / King Scout Award, St George's Day Awards and Young People Top Awards.

QSA / KSA Support to attend the Day of Celebration and Achievement at Windsor.

If you've recently been awarded the Queen's Scout Award or King's Scout Award then you will receive an invite to attend the Day of Celebration and Achievement at Windsor. This is a unique and memorable experience, not least because you will be one of the few people permitted to parade through the Castle, into the Quadrangle and down to St. George's Chapel to take part in the National Scout Service.

We are really keen to ensure that Queen's Scouts and King's Scouts in West Yorkshire don't miss out on this opportunity, so we are holding an informal session where you can find out more about the event and what to expect on the day.





Saturday 4th March 4pm at the Jubilee Centre Bradley Woods or Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7876548323? pwd=bW9YdWpmZER2eU9ZaWhFUWxtRnpiUT09

Meeting ID: 787 654 8323 Passcode: 605590

QSA / KSA and St George's Day Award recipients

We will be holding a Celebratory event on the evening of Saturday 13th May at Bradford Bulls Conference centre. Please hold the date and further details to follow

Top Awards recipients

On Saturday 9th September we will be holding a celebration event at the Great Hall, Bradford University for all of our young people who have recently achieved the Top Awards of:

Queens Scout Award Kings Scout Award Chief Scout Award, Gold, Platinum & Diamond Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver & Gold Explorer Belt Scouts of the World Award Young Leader Belt

Please hold the date and further details to follow.

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West Yorkshire County Gang Show Music and laughter for the whole family!

Adult £21.75 Children (over 5) £11.75 Under 5's £1.75

TICKETS ON SALE NOW victoriatheatre.co.uk t. 01422 351158 e. box.office@calderdale.gov.uk





Victoria Theatre, Halifax Thursday 16th March - Saturday 18th March 2023 at 7:15pm Saturday 18th March 2023 at 2pm

Ticket prices include a Theatre Support Fee when booking via the Box Office and online. No other charges are applied.

WEST YORKSHIRE SCOUTS

Squirrels

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Happy New Year! We can not wait for another year of adventure for the Squirrels here in West Yorkshire! It's set to be a busy year with the first Squirrels Big Day Out, as well as other County events.

We're officially on Facebook! Keep up to date with all things Squirrels on our new WYS Squirrels Facebook page! Dan and the Squirrel team will keep you up to date with all the up to date information and opportunities. Join us here! Please do get in touch and I can guide you through the process. There is a <u>readiness</u> checklist to complete to help you consider if now is the right time to start a drey is your group. Once you have decided that this is the right time, GSL's need to complete the <u>expression of interest</u> form that will be sent to your DC for approval. Start dates are available in March, May, September and November. Please do not start a drey at this time without permission form HO.

CLICK HERE



NIGHTS AWAY!

The January 2023 POR update means that Squirrels can now participate in Nights Away activities with no restrictions. This is a really exciting opportunity to provide our young people with even more Skills for Life.

This is not a requirement and is not a compulsory part of the Squirrel programme. New guidance for Nights Away with younger sections can be found on the **Squirrel website**.

If your Drey meets in an IMD 1-5 area, there are grants available to support Squirrels nights away experiences. <u>Applications</u> should be completed before March 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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<u>Sat 1st July 2023</u>

Squirrel Roadshow

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Squirrel Leader Support Session -<u>Jan 2023</u> Squirrel Leaders Get together January saw our Squirrel leaders get together to discuss all things Squirrels! We had a fabulous evening discussing our dreys and providing each other support, planning future

Squirrels

events and planning new programme resources. Watch this space for more information on the new Squirrel Social Impact Project and new Story Sacks coming in the Spring!

WYS SQUIRRELS BIG DAY OUT! - 20th May 2023 West Yorkshire Squirrel Scouts are having a Big Day Out!

The very first Squirrel day out will be to Ponderosa in Heckmondwike on Saturday 20th May, 11am-3am. There will be plenty of chance to see the animals and attend animal talks. The day will cost £6 per Squirrel and £5 per Adult. Each

booking will get one free Adult per 5 Squirrels. Bookings are open now on bookwhen. DEADLINE: Sunday 5th March.

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County Photographic Competition.

As a county we're incredibly excited to be opening our first ever photographic competition. Open to all Beaver Scouts across West Yorkshire! You could complete this challenge as a Beaver colony or independently.

The theme for this years photographic competition is I Explore. So grab those cameras, think of a destination and get exploring!

We'll be selecting the best 12 photographs to create the West Yorkshire Scouts Calendar 2024. Which will be available for sale late this year.

> Entries are open to all Beaver Scouts NOW Closing date: Friday 14th October 2023.

Submit your entries to: wysphotocomp@gmail.com

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A LOOK AT WHAT BEAVER

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WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY HAVE BEEN

GETTING UP TO.

JULY 15TH 2023 -**BEAVERS IN** KAYAKS

NOVEMBER 18TH 2023 -BEAVER XMAS EVENT

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING **EVENTS**

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

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BEAVER BADGE DAY! - BRADLEY WOODS JANUARY 2023



Beavers from across West Yorkshire were at Bradley Woods this January for a County Big Beaver Badge Day!

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With a total of 209 badges handed out to Beaver Scouts, including Builder & Creative, Camp craft & cook, Navigator & Explore and many more. The day was a fantastic success! Not only bringing new experiences and skills to Young people across the County, but also helping raise money for the Canada International fundraising efforts.

Thank you to all of the Beavers who attended, and our outstanding leaders who gave up their time & skills for the day.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to keep up to date with county events. Just click on Barney the Beaver!



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West Yorkshire Scouts

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https://wyscouts.online

Check out our upcoming County events, including our upcoming badge day at Bradley woods and an out of this world County Cosmic Camp!

COMING SOON

Sat 1st April 2023 Cub Badge Day @ Bradley Woods

Sat 20th May 2023 Pedal car racing @ John Smitth Stadium

<u>Sat 10 - Sun 11th June</u> <u>Cub Camp @</u> <u>Bradley Woods</u>

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YOUR SEATBELTS FOR A COSMIC TRIP!

West Yorkshire COUNTY CUB CAMP COSMIC

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10th - 11th June Bradley Wood

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Arrive for 9am Astronaut Training Thenvisit the planets for some amazing activities

Bookings: https://bookwhen.com/ countyevents Check out Unit 45's Instagram Page here!

Hi there! I'm Tina, I'm incredibly honoured and excited to be the new Assistant County Commissioner for Cub Scouts here in West Yorkshire. My adventure in Scouting began when my son turned 6. I then stayed behind in Cubs when he moved onto scouts, so I've been Akela in Ripponden for over 10 years. Summer sees my scouting become even more exciting as I head to 25th world scout jamboree in

cubs

Korea with T'Flat Cappers (unit 45), but also as I take over from the legend that is, Wendy as ACC Cubs.

I'd love to get out and about, so if you have something you'd like me to come along to please drop me an email. <u>Tina.Knight@wysglobal.org.uk</u>

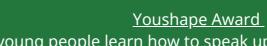
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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING January 2023 - Bradford University International Badge Day.

A big thank you to Bradford University for an exciting Cub badge day!

70 Young people from across the County took part in a Cub International Badge Day, earning their award with with the help of students from Japan, Nigeria, China, Romania, Sri Lanka, USA and Pakistan.



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COMING UP!

Take a look at the exciting opportunities coming up so far in 2023. With many more activities & experiences on the cards, don't forget to check back with WYSmail to see what's coming up. For more information and to keep up to date with current events, don't forget to join and follow the

Click the link below!

Sat 25th February Scout Bradford University Day

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WYS on Show Performance Victoria Theatre

Sat 25th March The Big Sleepout @ The Piece Hall, Halifax

> Sat 16th April -Archery & Shooting @ Hebden Hey

<u>Sat 29th April - Scout</u> **Bradford University** Day_

Sat 20th May - Pedal Car Racing @ St John's Huddersfield.



<u>Shooting & Archery day</u> <u>@ Hebden Hey Scout Centre</u> 16th April 2023

An all day shooting & archery event is being hosted at Hebden Hey Scout Centre this April. For booking & more details please click the image or see the end of WYSmail for a larger version of the event details.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

WINTER CAMP @ BRADLEY WOODS - FEBRUARY 2023.

Winter Camp was back this year at Bradley Woods. Scouts & Explorers from all over West Yorkshire took part in a wide range of activities including: climbing, cave bus, archery, axe throwing, Wii games and much more.

A massive thank you to the Bradley Woods team, the young volunteers & adults who gave up their time to ensure new experiences & memories for our young people across West Yorkshire Scouts.

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https://wyscouts.online/explorer-events-2023/

COMING UP!

With the County Explorer 21st Birthday party just around the corner. Check out some of the photos from last years event. Explorer Scouts from across the county came together last year celebrating 20 years of Explorer Scouts here in the UK. Book your places ASAP on the link attached.

<u>Shooting & Archery day</u> <u>@ Hebden Hey Scout</u> <u>Centre</u> <u>16th April 2023</u>

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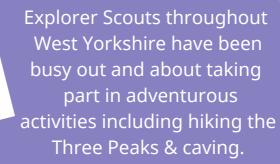




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Don't forget to send your photos in and let us know what you've been up to via the email address above or instagram.

Don't forget to share and tag us @explorersofwyscouts







Young Leaders Award



Explorer Scout Young Leaders are Explorers who volunteer alongside adult leaders in a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. They're a valuable asset to any leadership team and play an active role in the section, bringing a range of fresh ideas to the table and acting as positive role models for the young people they work alongside.

The Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme is the training programme for Young Leaders. It contains 11 modules and four missions for them to work through whilst volunteering in their chosen section. Modules give Young Leaders the skills and knowledge to be successful in their role, while missions allow them to put everything into practice with support.

As well as developing valuable life skills, the scheme is an opportunity for Explorers to make a positive impact in their communities and to fulfil the service elements of many of the top awards in Scouts, or their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Recognition of achievement is available along the way, and on completion of the Scheme, the Young Leader is awarded with an Explorer Scout Young Leader belt buckle.

To learn more click the Young Leaders Award badge at the top of the page. To book Young Leaders on Module training courses, click the Book Now Icon.



Don't forget to share and tag us @explorersofwyscouts

Looking to book Young Leader Modules? Click the image to book now.

Book Now







We're sorry to announce that the Grim up North event that was planned for March is now postponed due to a slow take-up in bookings. We want to make the event as great as possible for those attending and with booking numbers looking low already, we know that its just not feasible to run the event without significantly stripping the event back. We'll regroup, look at feedback received and hopefully issue a new date very soon (October!). In the meantime, we will be in touch with those who have booked on (email already gone out) to ask how they would like to proceed with their booking.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CLIMBING SOCIAL EVENING

> 8th March 2023 7 – 9 pm

At Bradley Wood

International Women's Day

Open to all women from complete novice to experienced. Come Join us for an evening of climbing,

chatter, tea & cake!

Enquiries: climbing@wyscouts.org.uk

International Women's Day Climbing Taster Session

8th March 2023 @ Bradley Woods. An evening open to all women from novice to experienced climbers. Cake & tea to follow. For enquiries please contact climbing@wyscouts.org.uk





<u>Hillwalking Terrain Level 1</u>

Interested in taking your group to new heights? Hillwalking Terrain Level 1 training & assessment is available.

5-7th May 2023

Click the link below to book your place. hillwalking@wyscouts.org.uk



Hillwalking **Terrain 1**

Training / Assessment

5 – 7 May 2023

Cost: £95

Enquiries: hillwalking@wyscouts.org.uk



Courses availat booking are <u>blu</u> underlined						
Simply click the course title Adult Leader Training title 2023						
Date	Day & Time	Course	Volunteer Learning Manager (Course Director)	Venue		
19 Feb 23	Sunday10.00 – 4.00	First Response 6 hour	Chris Storey & Kathryn Huggett	Bradley Wood		
25 Feb 23	Saturday9.00 – 4.30	<u>Multi Mod Day 2</u>	Richard Oldfield	Bradley Wood		
25 Mar 23	Saturday9.00 – 4.30	<u>Multi Mod Day 3</u>	Richard Oldfield	Bradley Wood		
1 Apr 23	Saturday	<u>Nights Away</u> <u>theory</u>	Nights Away Team	Bradley Wood		
12 – 14 May 23	Fri/Sat/Sun	<u>Nights Away</u> <u>Campsite</u> <u>Modules</u> <u>16/17/38</u>	Nights Away Team	Bradley Wood		
21 May 23	Sunday9.00 – 4.30	<u>Multi Mod Day 1</u>	Chris Storey & Kathryn Huggett	Hunsworth, Cleckheaton		
3 Jun 23	Saturday10.00 – 4.00	<u>First Response 6</u> <u>hour</u>	Chris Storey & Kathryn Huggett	Bradley Wood		



Date	Day & Time	Course	Volunteer Learning Manager (Course Director)	Venue
13 Jun 23	Tuesday7 – 9.30	<u>Module 7</u> <u>Scouting for All</u>	Kathryn Huggett & Christina Smith	Bradley Wood
25 Jun 23	Sunday9.00 – 4.30	<u>Multi Mod Day 2</u>	Howard Fishwick	Hunsworth, Cleckheaton
16 Jul 23	Sunday9.00 – 4.30	<u>Multi Mod Day 3</u>	Christine Stephenson	Hunsworth, Cleckheaton
15 – 17 Sep 23	Fri/Sat/Sun	Nights Away Campsite Modules 16/17/38	Nights Away Team	Bradley Wood
		Module 25 Training / Activity Advisor	On request contact training@wyscout s.org.uk	
		Module 37 Appointment of Adults	On request contact training@wyscout s.org.uk	

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Howard Fishwick county training manager for west yorkshire scouts

training@wyscouts.org.uk

https://bookwhen.com/scouttraining #focus=ev-sh0k-20230401090000

Multi Module days will cover module listed below:

Day-1 Covering Modules: 5 / 12a / 12b, Day-2 Covering Modules: 8 / 9 / 14 / 15, Day-3 Covering Modules: 11 / 13 / 18 / 19

<u>Managers and</u> <u>Supporters Training</u>

- Materials for learners for Managers and Supporters Training
- Information for Trainers

Module List <u>Getting started</u>

- Essential Information (01)
- Personal Learning Plan (02)
- Tools for the Role (Section Leaders) (03)
- Tools for the role (Managers and Supporters) (04)
- General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)



Training for All Appointments

- The Fundamentals of Scouting (05)
- Scouting for all (07)
- First Aid (10)
- Administration (11)
- Delivering a Quality Programme (12A)

Section Leader Training

- Skills of Leadership (08)
- Working with Adults (09)
- Programme Planning (12B)
- Growing your section (13)
- Supporting Young People (14)
- Promoting Positive Behaviour (15)
- An Introduction to Residential Experiences (16)
- Running Safe Activities (17)
- Practical skills (18)
- International (19)





Courses will be loaded to Book-When in the next 2 weeks

To book your place on any of these courses, West Yorkshire Scouts uses an online booking tool, via our web pages. Links for courses currently available are included in WYSmail. Simply click/select the course title on the above pages that you'd like to book on to.

Available courses are <u>underlined & blue.</u>

If no link is present, it means it's currently not available on the online Booking System. But will be updated when it becomes available.

To access the online booking tool, go to wyscouts.org.uk, select the Book Events dropdown on the right of the screen, the select Adult Learning. From here you can see all the training courses we offer. Course bookings open 3 months before the start date of the course and will close a minimum of 1 week before for non-residential and 2 weeks for residential for booking purposes. Initially your Local Training Manager or Training Advisor for your district will be able to assist you.

As always course dates, venues are dependent on attendance, it is down to you to book on these events and ensure you keep the booking up to date.

If for some reason you cannot attend, please ensure you notify the course leader, as there may be a cost incurred if you do not attend.





Trevor Watson ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ACTIVITIES

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Trevor's Titbit

What can your county do for you? One of the questions that often gets asked is "How can we do" followed by anyone of a number of activities.



How can we go..... Caving - <u>activities@wyscouts.org.uk</u>

Caving (Indoor) - <u>enquiries@bradleywood.org.uk</u>

Canoeing - Kayaking Water@wyscouts.org.uk

Climbing (Indoor) - <u>enquiries@bradleywood.org.uk</u>

Climbing (Outdoors) - <u>climbing@wyscouts.org.uk</u>

Fencing - activities@wyscouts.org.uk





Sailing Green Withens - West Yorkshire County Scouts Watersports Centre

The following is a list of some of the activities the West Yorkshire Scouts can currently provide.

Remember though, districts and other centres may be able to provide some of these activities as well!



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Did you know...

West Yorkshire Scouts have 12 mountain bikes available for hire.

They range in size from 15" to 21" frames, and are suitable for larger Scouts, Explorers and adults.

There is a trailer available that they all fit in, along with helmets and puncture repair equipment.

Currently they are stored at Bradley Wood.

What does this mean for me?

If you are a leader and want a different activity then try Mountain Bilking, in Terrain Zero all you will need is permission from your District Commissioner.

Going further afield then you will need the relevant Mountain Bike permit.

If you want to hire them then please contact me at <u>activities@wyscouts.org.uk</u>

Trevor Watson

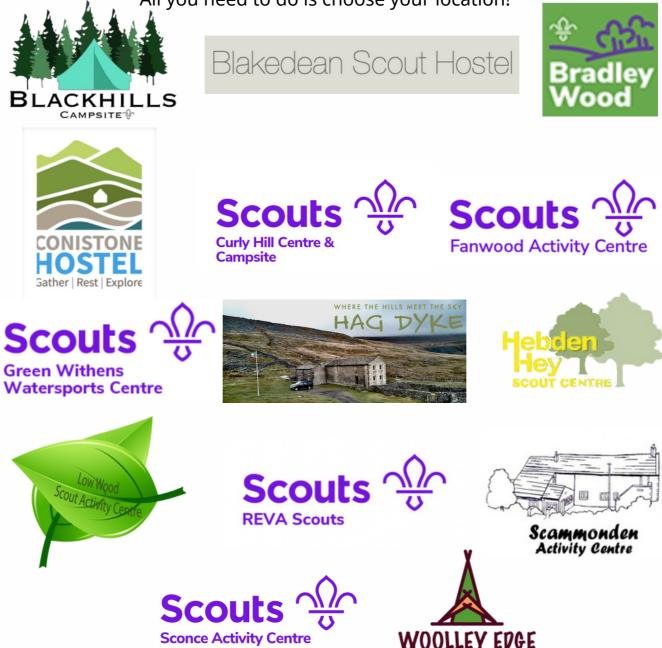


Scouts Bur Centres

Within West Yorkshire we have a wide range of campsites and centres to cater for everyone's needs. Whether its a place to camp on your expedition or the fully furnished centre for a Beaver Sleepover, our county with over 13 places to stay has it covered.

As you would expect in West Yorkshire all our campsites and centres have people ready to welcome you to our county and ensure that your stay is a memorable one.

All you need to do is choose your location!



SCOUTS CAMPSITE



Green Withens have opened bookings for activities in 2023.

We offer activities for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and adults in scouting. Some activities are for groups and others are open to individuals.

Sailing, Bellboating and Rafting on Tuesday evenings and Single-Handed Sailing Friday evenings. Three different activities on Saturdays. Sailing courses for Scouts & Guides - from Beginner to Advanced. Sailing courses for Explorers, Guides & Adults (Network, Parents & Leaders). Beaver & Parent Bellboating days. Cub Water Activity days. Scout Dragon Boat Badge Day. Special District and County events by arrangement. Adventurous Activity Permit training and assessment.

Green Withens is the West Yorkshire Scouts Water Activities Centre located near to Junction 22 of the M62 between Ripponden and Denshaw. For more information:

> visit - <u>https://www.greenwithens.org.uk,</u> email - <u>bookings@greenwithens.org.uk</u> or call 0330 094 8050 (calls charged at local rate).



Green West Yorkshire

Looking to lead a new Adventurous Activity? Green Withens are running rafting and bellboating training sessions for anyone interested in gaining a bellboating or rafting adventurous activity permit.

Bellboats are really stable crafts, they are a brilliant introduction to watersports. They're made from two long, narrow, canoe-like boats that are attached together with a platform in the middle. Rafting training will cover the safe construction of a raft using barrels, poles and rope using pioneering techniques, and the safe operation of the constructed raft at Green Withens

The one day sessions will take place on <u>Saturday 15th and Sunday</u> <u>16th April at Green Withen's Watersports Centre</u>. Age Limit: 14+ but if under 18 an adult with a first aid qualification must be present.

The goal of the training is to acquire a Scout permit, or at least have the skill to run sessions under supervision to gain a permit at a later date.

To find out more visit <u>https://www.greenwithens.org.uk/adults/bellboat-and-rafting-</u> <u>training-permits/</u>



Green Withens Watersports Centre









Archery and Shooting Event

Sunday 16th April 2023 START 10am - END 4pm

Try NEW air rifle and pistol bases, & archery bases - MORE than plain paper targets...

> All Explorer Scouts & Scouts aged 12 & 13 welcome.

£12 per person prebooking please before 8/4/2023

Hebden Hey Scout Centre Hardcastle Crags Nr Hebden Bridge

Call Tony Strong 01422 204292 shooting@hebdenhey.org.uk www.hebdenhey.org.uk/shooting.htm



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