



Welcome to WYSmail

Welcome to a Wysmail packed with events and activities. We all know Scouts provides young people with amazing opportunities to gain skills to take them through life. This January's census showed that Scouting in West Yorkshire is providing even more young people with the opportunity to be part of this great scouting adventure, as we continue to grow.

Total Members 10287 up from 9923

Young People 7799 up from 7527

Adults 2488 up from 2396

Thank you to everyone for providing such an amazing programme of activities which keeps attracting even more young people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon", with a long, sweeping underline.



Welcome

Hello Team,

We thought we'd take the opportunity to introduce you to Pennine Calder's new District Commissioner Jon Sayer, Jon is married to Anya and have two Children, they have recently returned to live in Todmorden following nine years living in Western Australia.

Both Anya and Jon were Scouts in Pennine Calder previously, mainly in the upper Calder Valley as Cub, Scout, and Explorer leaders, Jon has also been ADC Cubs and was DC of Pennine Calder before moving to Western Australia where he volunteered as Cub and Scout Leader, Regional Chief Commissioner and was employed as General Manager for Scouts WA Adventure Centres.

He is passionate about the development of Scouting in all communities and believes the local community and young people should play a pivotal role in that development.

Jon commented " I just like to say a massive thank you to all our adult volunteers who do an awesome job in Pennine Calder and I'm looking forward to meeting everyone very soon and if I can be of assistance in the meantime please feel free to contact me by email dc.penninecalder@wyscouts.org.uk "





Squirrels WEST YORKSHIRE SCOUTS



Dan Breeze

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Welcome



Meet our new West Yorkshire Squirrel Scout mascot! We are very excited to welcome them to the scouting family however they do not have a name! Join us on our Facebook page where we will be launching our name competition later this month. Suggestions can also be submitted via email.




UPCOMING EVENTS



13th April - Chief Scout Acorn Award Party @ Bradley Wood.



28th April - Storytelling Event @ Bradley wood



5th Oct - Sundown Adventureland Nottinghamshire





WE WANT
YOU!

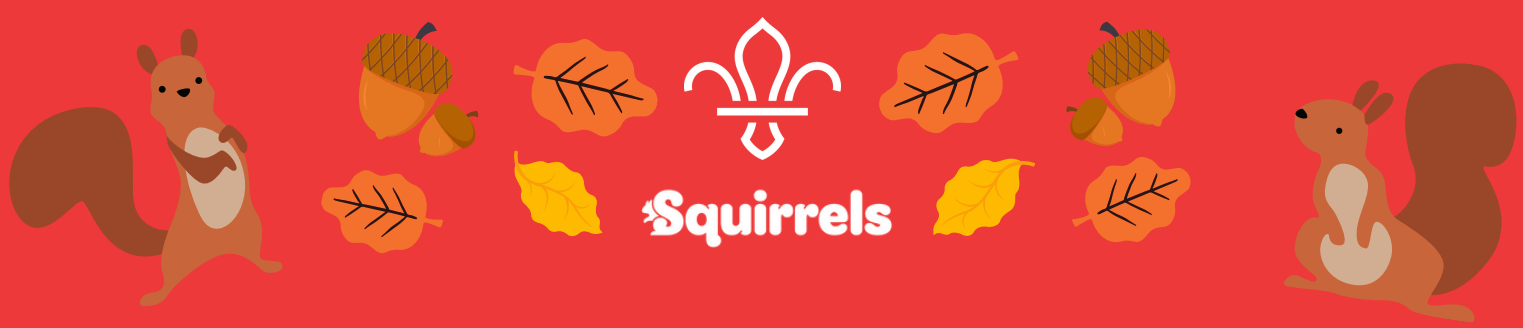
Interested in starting a drey?
Please do get in touch and I can
guide you through the process. There
is a [readiness checklist](#) to complete
to help you consider if now is the right
time to start a drey in your group.

Once you have decided that this is the
right time, GSL's need to complete the
[expression of interest](#) 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 from HQ.

Protect the Planet

Have you seen the Protect the Planet programme
resources? Help our young people feel
empowered to make a positive impact on the
world around them. Download the resource here





Top Awards Party

The Chief Scout Acorn Award is the Top Award in Squirrels and it deserves celebrating in style! Any Squirrel that has achieved their Chief Scout Acorn Award can join us for the West Yorkshire Scouts Top Award Party on Saturday 13th April, 10am-12pm.

Leaders, please book your young people a place via Bookwhen (WYS Top Awards Party - Booking by Bookwhen). Please note, due to ratios, we ask that all Squirrels are accompanied by a parent/carer.





Squirrels




Squirrel Storytelling Workshop

Calling all Squirrel Leaders! We love a story at Squirrels and stories form an integral part of the squirrel programme so we want to support you in feeling confident when telling stories!

Join the County Squirrel Team for an afternoon of fun and laughter whilst developing your storytelling skills in a safe space with a professional storyteller.

All Leaders and Explorer Scout Young Leaders are welcome.

Bookings now open



"The canoeing team are working on resources that will allow Squirrels to learn about kayaking without getting wet.

The goal is to produce a resource that Squirrel leaders can deliver themselves which will give the Squirrels a taste of kayaking without the risk of getting wet!

If any leaders are interested in helping develop this resource, please contact Sue via wysonwater@gmail.com



BEAVERS

WEST YORKSHIRE SCOUTS



Sam Wakefield

ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR BEAVER SCOUTS.



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<https://wyscouts.online>



CLICK ON BARNEY THE
BEAVER, TO TAKE
A LOOK AT WHAT BEAVER
SCOUTS ACROSS
WEST YORKSHIRE
COUNTY HAVE BEEN
GETTING UP TO.

5th October - Sundown Adventure land , Nottinghamshire

Expression of interest .

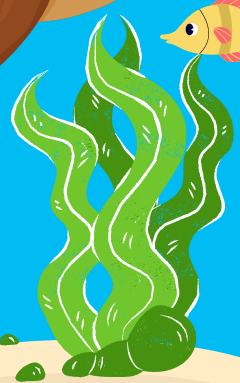
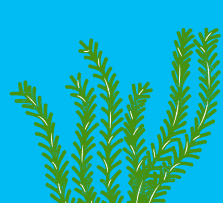
The County Team are looking to run a day trip for Squirrel & Beaver Scouts to Sundown Adventure Land in Nottinghamshire in October 2024. If your group would be interested, please keep an eyes out for further information at how to register your interest on the County Facebook page, website and in upcoming WYSmail.

13th April-
Younger Sections
Top Awards @
Bradley Wood

5th October -
Squirrel &
Beaver Trip @
Sundown

CHECK OUT
OUR UPCOMING
EVENTS

7-8th June -
Superhero
Sleepover @
Bradley Wood





West Yorkshire Beaver Scouts

SUPERHERO SLEEPOVER

Bradley Wood Camp Site
Fri 7th - Sat 8th June 2024





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West Yorkshire Scouts



Tina Knight

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<https://wyscouts.online>



We've loved seeing what your Cubs are getting up to through Facebook posts, so please keep them coming. Sharing our regular meetings is a great way to share programme ideas & inspiration with others across the County.

It was great to see so many Cubs at the recent badge day, blowing up bottles, cleaning Bradley Wood, learning about braille, taking photographs, learning how to program on computers, and cooking (the pizzas were lovely).

I'd like to say a massive thanks to all the volunteers that support County & weekly cub evenings, that couldn't happen without your dedicated time and energy.

We have a new Cub mascot but it needs a name - watch out for a competition to name it coming soon

Don't forget if you want me to pop along to an evening, camp etc, drop me an email

Cubs@wyscouts.org.uk

**COMING
SOON**

13th April - Chief
Scout Silver Award
Party.

11th May - Cub Cycle
Challenge.

18th May - Pedal
Car Day.

21st Sept - Cub Outdoor
Challenge Badge Day



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**BOOK
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Graham Starr

ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR SCOUTS.



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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 West Yorkshire Scouts Facebook Page.

Click the link below!

**COMING
SOON**

7th April - Shooting &
archery competition
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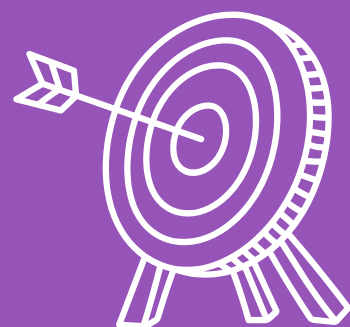
21st June -
Pioneering @ Bradley
Woods.

12th July - WYS
Scouts Competition
Camp



*click
here!*





**ARCHERY &
SHOOTING**
ALL DAY LONG!



Archery & Shooting Competition

Sunday 7 April 2024

All Explorer Scouts &
Scouts aged 12 & 13 welcome

£12 per person



shooting@hebdenhey.org.uk

www.hebdenhey.org.uk/shooting.htm



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

SCOUTS

2nd March - Bradford University Day.

Another enjoyable and educational afternoon for our scouts at Bradford University today. Thank you to everyone who has helped to deliver the faculty experience days this year and to those who have come to take part in them. Look out for more opportunities coming up next year.



10th - 12th Feb - Winter Camp.

Winter Camp 2024 at Bradley wood
Challenging weather fog, mud and rain despite everyone experienced a fantastic camp





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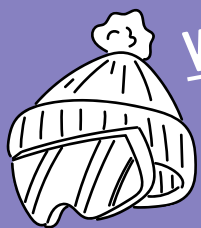


<https://wyscouts.online/explorer-events-2023/>

UPCOMING EVENTS!

7th April - Shooting & Archery
Comp @ Hebden Hey

21-23rd June - Pioneering @
Bradley Wood



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



11th Feb - Canada Training
Day.

Our Canada contingent have had their final training weekend ahead of the trip. We wish the group well on their big adventure, taking off at the end of March. Have a great time!





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24th February - Explorer
Scout Birthday Party @
Bradley Woods.
Explores Birthday Party
2024 , Silent disco Night
ropes and mocktails at
Bradley Woods.





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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.



THANK YOU!



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you! You have really supported us with our thinking by being so honest when filling in this questionnaire.

You said... you would like support with 'nights away'

We are running nights away theory and nights away campsite training

You said...'top awards day including Chief Scout Awards (Bronze award). It's a big achievement for the young children and not celebrated enough!'

We will be holding celebration award events for all top awards over the year.

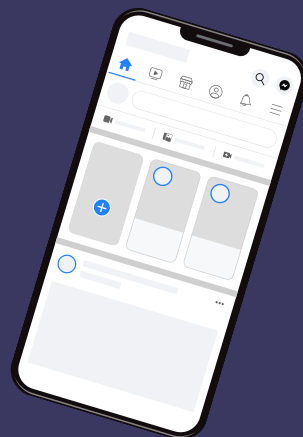
You said... needed help with adult recruitment.

We have a Growth board, which supports anyone who needs support. Reach out for them.

More than you said... we will be coming out soon.

**Yours in Scouting,
Toby Hammond.**

**West Yorkshire Youth Commissioner.
Squirrels Cohort Coach.**



Courses available for booking are [blue and underlined](#).

Simply click the course title

Adult Leader Training 2023

Date	Day & Time	Course	Volunteer Learning Manager (Course Director)	Venue
24th March 2024	Sunday	Multi Module - Day 3 of 3	Richard Oldfield	Jubilee Centre @Bradley Wood
10th May 2024	Friday	Nights Away Campsite	Nights Away Team	Bradley Wood
18th May 2024	Saturday	Multi module Day 1	Jacqui Crawshaw	2nd Colne Valley Scout Group - HD3 4LH
13th June	Thursday	Scouting for All - Module 7.		Bradley Wood
15th June	Saturday	Multi Module Day 2	Jacqui Crawshaw	2nd Colne Valley Scout Group - HD3 4LH

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Adult Leader Training 2023

Date	Day & Time	Course	Volunteer Learning Manager (Course Director)	Venue
6th July 2024	Saturday	Multi Module - Day 3 of 3	Jacqui Crawshaw	2nd Colne Valley Scout Group - HD3 4LH
18th September	Wednesday	Scouting For All - Module 7		Bradley Wood
4th October	Friday	Multi Module Weekend	Chris Storey & Katherine Huggett	Scammonden Activity Centre.
3rd November	Sunday	Multi Module Day 1 of 3	Howard Fishwick	Bradley Wood
9th November	Saturday	Nights Away Theory	Jenny Pearson & Christine Stephenson	Bradley Wood



Howard Fishwick
COUNTY TRAINING MANAGER FOR WEST YORKSHIRE SCOUTS



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<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

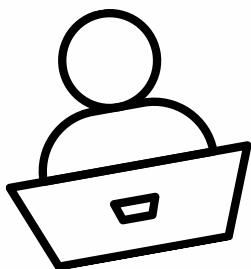
Managers and Supporters Training

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

Module List

Getting started

- 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)





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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 [underlined & blue.](#)

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, then 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

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Trevor's Titbit

Activity	Contact
Archery	archery@wyscouts.org.uk
Caving	activities@wyscouts.org.uk
Caving - Indoor	bookings@bradleywood.org.uk
Canoeing & Kayaking	Water@wyscouts.org.uk
Climbing - Indoor	bookings@bradleywood.org.uk
Climbing - Outdoors	climbing@wyscouts.org.uk
Fencing	activities@wyscouts.org.uk
Sailing	<u>Green Withens – West Yorkshire County Scouts</u> <u>Watersports Centre</u>



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Coming soon...

Date	Activity	How do I book?
27th April	Pioneering for Adults	https://bookwhen.com/activities/e/ev-sgp4-20240427000000
3rd – 5th May	Terrain 1 Training and Assessment	Wait for 2024
31st May – 2nd June	Terrain 2 Training and Assessment	Wait for 2024
21st – 23rd June	Pioneering for Explorers and Scouts (Scouts and Explorers)	Wait for 2024



First Aid

I am currently in the process of arranging some Outdoor First Aid courses for 2024. Currently the plan is to run two – one in the middle of the year, and one in the autumn / winter. Priority will be given to assessors, and then the remaining places will be offered to anybody.

There is a cost for these courses so I don't want to book courses that we cannot fill. If you would be interested in a two-day first aid course then please let me know by emailing me at activities@wyscouts.org.uk. This is not a commitment to the course, but merely an expression of interest, however, I would give you priority when bookings open.

Our 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!



Blakedean Scout Hostel



Scammonden

'Scammonden Activity Centre is a self-catering accommodation venue run by volunteers from Huddersfield South West District. We need to increase our bookings and are seeking someone with a knowledge of social media who could help us market the centre on these platforms. Volunteers are also needed for general maintenance.

If you think you may be able to help, contact Graham Smith, Chairman on 07786 115044'

Thanks

Graham Smith



**Scammonden
Activity Centre**

Come and Play Day

Saturday 20th April 2024



Green Withens - West Yorkshire County Scouts water center.
For Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and Adults in Scouting.

Come along to Green Withens to try out our activities

- What:** Sailing, Bellboating, Rafting, Pulling
- Who:** Open to all leaders to see what we offer to your members
- Where:** Green Withens Watersports Centre. See website for details - www.greenwithens.org.uk/location/
- When:** Saturday 20th April, from 10am until 4pm
- Booking:** Email bookings@greenwithens.org.uk if you can come along although just turning up on the day is fine.
- Can't attend?** Visit our website to find out more about us and our activities:
<https://www.greenwithens.org.uk/>

