

# GLMW NEWS

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## Going Wild

Writing here today, I have been given an opportunity to visit a part of the UK I've never seen before. As I look out over the



wild seas rolling in on the Pembrokeshire coast, I'm reminded of the relentless power of our oceans to reshape our coastline. Little by little, every day, a little of what is there gets moved along and placed somewhere else. A constant building and rebuilding project that leaves

us with some of the most spectacular coastlines seen anywhere in the world. A walk along the windy cliff tops earlier in the day demonstrated that building process very clearly where, in several places, the edges were falling away down the slope. Definitely a spot for some risk assessment and a careful sidestep to stay on firmer ground.

The training and learning by doing that we share with the young people in our sections provides the skillset to enable every one of them to experience the wild of the great outdoors. From the navigation and map skills to know where they are and where they are going, to the awareness of the risks posed by the forces of nature and the first aid and survival techniques needed should something go wrong, we are preparing everyone to have a love for adventure and an excitement for the natural world around us. Each time we go camping, build a small gadget or larger pioneering project, we add to that skill set.

Last weekend, the GLMW team was joined by around 40 new leaders from sections all across the county to develop and learn the range of practical skills needed to truly go wild and take on the outdoor adventure. With great fun and a huge amount of laughter, we shared a fantastic two days of real, practical Scouting skills. There is no doubt that we will be running more weekend like this. And now, a new generation is getting out there to share the Scouting skillset and helping our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to get out in the wild. A huge thank you to every one of them.

Richard Williams

GLMW County Commissioner



### 3rd Hanworth Squirrels

It was with excitement and some nerves that 3rd Hanworth Squirrel Scouts opened for the first time on 22nd February 2022. 15 Squirrels took part in our first night. Most of the

Squirrels were confident and quickly joined in the activities as they go to know each other. Some were more nervous, but before the end of the evening all were happy to join in. I am sure that some parents were more nervous about leaving their Squirrel behind than the Squirrels were about staying.

Over the first month saw us playing some games to get to know each other, making blanket forts, having scavenger hunts, and dressing up as book characters.

22nd March, one month to the day after 3rd Hanworth Squirrels opened, we held the first Investiture Ceremony and what a night it was. The Squirrels started the evening playing with their new Lego which will provides hours of fun and challenges for future evenings. We were joined by our County Commissioner, District Commissioner, and lots of other friends of 3rd Hanworth as we celebrated the investiture of 16 Squirrels. It was great to have a HQ full of excited young people with their families for such a very special occasion.

- Andrew Griffiths, GSL - 3<sup>rd</sup> Hanworth



## Ealing & Hanwell Jamboree Fundraiser

25<sup>th</sup> Ealing Cub Scouts got to show off their talents, and help raise money for Ciara Keating, who is fundraising to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea. Ciara worked hard to secure raffle prizes from local businesses, spent the weekend baking cakes to sell and also arranged a 'guess the sweets in the jar' competition.

The Scout Hut was filled with a lovely buzz, and the Cubs played their part in buying cakes and persuading their parents to part with their cash – before getting onto ‘stage’ and performing ( earning them their entertainer badge too!) Ciara and her family did an excellent job of hosting and organising the event , and raised £385.00!

Nisha Patel - CSL - 25th Ealing



## Leader Skills Weekend!

Oh what fun we had! It was a warm spring morning on the last Saturday in March when 33 leaders from across the County arrived at Paccar Scout Camp for the New Leaders Skills Weekend.



With a little guidance from other District and County leaders, and lots of support from the Paccar Service crew, everyone was soon lighting fires and creating amazing pioneering structures. The weekend continued with map reading, more bushcraft skills and a laser tag wide game. Not to mention participating in one of Terry Kingham’s infamous camp fires – Hayes definitely won the highest decibels competition that evening!

Take a look at some of the photos from the weekend:

<https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/programme/new-leaders-skills-weekend/images-from-the-new-leaders-selection-weekend-march-2022>



## Celebrating our people: Awards

This month, we celebrate the following fantastic achievement of several of the counties members as they have recieved their Silver Acorn Award:

Dawn Sheppard, West London

Duncan Wakelin, Harrow

Sammy Holliday, Harrow

Congratulations to you all from the GLMW Team!



From: Katy Warwick, Jack Petchey Coordinator, GLMW

We are still working through items from last year, this is due to a change of staff at the Foundation and has caused a lot of confusion, rest assured we are making progress!

For some good news, in January 2022. the Jack Petchey Foundation has confirmed the award has increased from £250 to £300 per award.

The nominations for 2022's JP Award will be released at the end of March, so please get your nominations to your District Jack Petchey Coordinator.

Finally, a reminder that the Nomination Periods run Jan - June, then July to Dec. As a County we have over 150 YP Awards and around 30 Leader Awards - so be sure to get nominating!

For those who do not know about the Jack Petchey Foundation, you can find out more using the button below or contact me for more information on [katywarwick@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:katywarwick@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Jack Petchey Foundation



**Vacancies &  
Opportunities**



GLMW is in search for the next County Youth Commissioner!

If you are between the ages 18 - 25 and passionate in leading youth shaped scouting within the county, this role is for you!

This role requires creativity, leadership and determination - working with the County Team to make sure our young people are shaping their programmes and their scouting experience.

If this sounds like a role you'll be interested in, please send a letter of interest to [Insaf.Chakal@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:Insaf.Chakal@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to hearing from you all!

Are you interested in Media? A dab hand as a writer or looking to work on your design skills?

Why not join the media and communications team at either as part of your district or as part of the GLMW County media team?

One of the big aims of 2022 is to develop and improve how we communicate with each other around the County. This includes updating how we share important information or even just really improving our social media game!

If you are interested, or simply wish to know more contact [media@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glmwscouts.org.uk)



**The County  
Calendar**



As things start to ramp up into the summer, GLMW has a selection of great opportunities to gain new skills, as well as practising existing ones! Be sure to take a look at the opportunities below and contact the relevant person for more information!

Map skills day!

If you want to brush up on your map skills, then put the 21st May in your diary!



Register your interest by emailing Jan Vanderplank:

[.jvanderplank@paccarscoutcamp.org](mailto:jvanderplank@paccarscoutcamp.org)

You can download the flier by clicking [here](#)

Ever wanted to take your Beavers Cubs, Scouts or Explorers on an adventure in the countryside but didn't feel confident about finding your way? Do you need to brush up on your navigation skills?

Well this is the day for you 😊


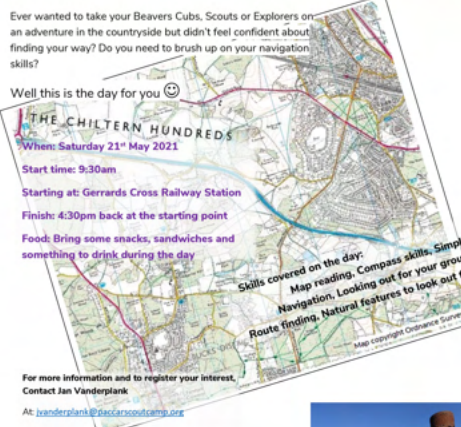
**THE CHILTERN HUNDREDS**  
When: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021  
Start time: 9:30am  
Starting at: Gerrards Cross Railway Station  
Finish: 4:30pm back at the starting point  
Food: Bring some snacks, sandwiches and something to drink during the day

Skills covered on the day:  
Map reading, Compass skills, Simple Navigation, Looking out for your group, Route finding, Natural features to look out for.

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For more information and to register your interest, Contact Jan Vanderplank  
At: [jvanderplank@paccarscoutcamp.org](mailto:jvanderplank@paccarscoutcamp.org)

Getting there:  
Train: From Marylebone Mainline Station via Chiltern Railways (own steps at Stoney Hill Park, South Hill, West Parks, Oakham)  
Bus: From Uxbridge Bus Station next to Uxbridge Metropolitan Tube Station  
Car: Angle parking in the Car Parks around Gerrards Cross



### Traditional Rafting Activity Permit Course Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

GLMW are offering a half day Traditional Rafting Permit Course for GLMW Leaders wishing to obtain a Scout Water Activity Authorisation in Traditional Rafting. The course will cover the permit scheme for a Leadership Permit on Class C & B1 waters. We will include planning and inspiring sessions in a very sheltered environment.

#### Prerequisites

Candidates do not need formal qualifications but should have some basic water sports / paddlesports and raft building experience plus swimming ability.

#### Qualifications

On successful completion of the course to a suitable standard, candidates can apply for a 'Scout adventurous activity permit'. The permit will be a Leadership Permit and restricted to Class C & B1 water. Further restrictions may be applied based on individual skills.

For information on the Scout Adventurous Activity Permit scheme [click here](#)

### Cost

Cost of the course is £15 payable in advance.

### Dates, Times & Venue

Date:- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Venue:- BLYM, Rickmansworth Aquadrome, Frogmoor Lane, Hertfordshire, WD3 1NB

Start Time:- Arrive 8.40am, Start 9am

Finish Time:- Approximately 12pm

### On The Day

Food & Refreshments:- Tea & Coffee provided.

Craft/Boat:- All equipment is provided.

Medicines/Life Saving Devices:- These should be brought, ie Epi Pens or Asthma pumps.

Clothing:- Candidates will go rafting and will get wet. Buoyancy aids & wet suits are provided, good footwear is advised. There are changing and showering facilities on site.

Course instructor:- Duncan Wakeling

### Course Enrolment

To apply for a place on the course, or for any further queries, please email Geoff Vanderplank – [geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk)



We will be running a National Small Bore Rifle Association Youth Proficiency Scheme (YPS) tutor course over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> June based at the 5<sup>th</sup> Pinner Scout HQ.

Participants successfully completing the course will receive the YPS tutor qualification which the Scout Association recognises as being suitable to lead Scout air rifles shooting activities.

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Pinner Scout HQ, Woodall Avenue Pinner HA5 3DY

Cost: £75 per person

If you would like to book a place, please email [geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk) and we will advise details for payment of the course fee.



### Adult Training Dates : April 2022

There are plenty of courses scheduled in for 2022, be sure to check the [GLMW Training Calendar](#) and sign up early.

#### This April:

- 8th-10th April - Managers & Supporters Training - South London Scout Centre
- 9th April - Module 10B - First Aid Practical - 1st Osterly Scout HQ
- 9th April - Modules 10A & 10B - Both First Aid - Greenford District HQ
- 12th April - 10A First Aid - Remote via Zoom
- 25th April - 10A First Aid - Remote via Zoom



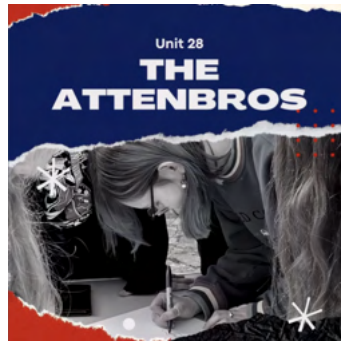
Can you believe we're nearly a quarter of the way through the journey to the World Scout Jamboree?! Both Units 28 & 29 have been meeting up on a monthly basis to help building those friendships, including a great camp at Paccar and some fundraising!

We hope you enjoy an insight into how we are getting on, and if you know of any opportunities the unit can be of help to you or your scout groups be

sure to let us know!

[Georgia & Alex](#)

WSJ23 Unit Leaders



## Unit 28 - The Attenbros!

Unit 28 decided at their second meeting that we will be going by the alias of 'The David Attenbros!'

We have had a great first quarter of the year, with our first icebreaker meeting filled with learning about each other and trying some Korean staples, only for our next meeting to celebrate the lunar new year and making our own kimchi pancakes with great success!

Our most recent meeting was a hybrid; a fundraising event at Waitrose in Ruislip, where through bag packing, parking trolleys and loading cars the Unit raised a whopping £525! In the evening we celebrated with Korean hotdogs in London and a movie.

Many of our members have been cracking on with their personal fundraising! Two of our members are doing a sponsored 100 laps of Northala Hills, whilst others are raising funds at their groups or even by baking or selling fun lamps - quite the entrepreneurs!

If you'd like to follow along with our journey, you can see everything we get up to on Instagram : @unit28\_ws25

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(We'll update you again soon!)



Welcome to Unit 29 – Baden’s Pals!

As part of the build-up to the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year, Unit 29 held their first camp at PACCAR from the 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March. In glorious sunshine the Unit spent their first two (of many!) nights together under canvas, took part in some organised activities on site, but primarily got to know each other and work together to collectively deliver an awesome couple of nights away. They (and we!) were exhausted but elated by the end of the camp, it was a fantastic team building experience. The Unit is getting really well, full of fun and laughter, and can’t wait for the next part of the journey.

As part of the build-up to the camp, the Unit has been working out what they’re going to call themselves, and ultimately opted for Baden’s Pals! We can’t wait to see how the Pal’s move forward throughout 2022 and into 2023. We’ll keep you posted for sure, and keep your eye out for some merchandise, it’s going to be great (and you’re supporting an amazing cause!).

We’re sure to keep you posted as we ramp up activities throughout 2022, until then, Unit 29 – Baden’s Pals, signing out.

### Contact with the GLMW Community.

Here are some handy shortcuts if you want to contact people within the GLMW community.

[District Commissioners](#)

[Local Training managers](#)

[County Team page](#)

To share your news and events with the GLMW community, get in touch !

We'd love to hear from you

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