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Welcome to Spring!

The clocks have sprung forward, the nights are lighter and the weather is warmer. Now is the time to spring clean our HQs, audit those Risk Assessments and finalise the accounts for the majority of us whose financial year now comes to

an end. It's also time to get back to camp or outside programmes with our sections- don't forget those first aid kits, water bottles and sun cream.

We have our annual Jack Petchey Awards night coming up on the 6th May- we are looking for talent to entertain the audience, contact [Claire.Muxlow@GLMWScouts.org.uk](mailto:Claire.Muxlow@GLMWScouts.org.uk) if you know someone/ a group who would be great!

If you have not yet logged into the new system, what are you waiting for? The countdown has begun to finish our top up safety training- it's not long but needs to be done by all to make sure we are fully up to date on how to keep ourselves, our members and our spaces safe.

The number of adults having to be suspended for non-compliance on training is dropping, but we must all remember, it's like an MOT, don't let it run out. If you need help or support, please ask your team.

It's been fantastic reading so many award nominations from across the County. I'm looking forward to presenting them to our outstanding and dedicated leaders.

And finally, Jamboree and Jamborette Leader applications will be opening soon- are you one of the team we need to take our Young People on Adventure's around the World?! Keep at eye out for more info at the end of the month.

Keep smiling,

Cathy



# COUNTY COMMUNITY

GREATER LONDON MIDDLESEX WEST

1sr Greenford: The Nando's experience!

Leader Nas Khan says: "The group session was hosted at Nandos Greenford, Westway Cross, across the road from the hut. The young people are working towards their cooking skills badge. The build- your- burger session was kindly put together by Nandos management. They had a lot of fun. Team Nandos were very kind and enthusiastic, this had a wonderful positive, impact on the Beavers."



Thank you 1st Greenford for getting in touch - you too can share what you've been up to by getting in touch with [media@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Say hello to our 3 new District Youth

# Leads!



Nikhil Varodaria,  
REN DYL



Yunus Marikkar,  
Harrow DYL



Kyle Fawcett, REN  
DYL

We now have Youth Leads in all of our Districts!

## New Leader Skills Weekend



Train the trainer...

On the weekend of March 22nd, 24 leaders from across the County gathered at Paccar Scout Camp for this year's highly anticipated New Leaders Skills Weekend. Under the guidance of a dedicated team of experienced instructors, participants had the opportunity to develop practical Scouting skills such as map and compass navigation, fire lighting, orienteering, knife

& axe handling, and pioneering.

Additional highlights of the weekend was the campfire on Saturday night and the brilliant catering over the weekend.

We're excited to see all the newly acquired skills put to good use as our leaders deliver exceptional programs across GLMW. Here's to a future full of adventure, learning, and growth!

Howard Branley was there to demonstrate pioneering to leaders with varying degrees of experience. He says "Making knots and lashings come to life with real world applicability makes it more interesting and relevant. Each new leader learnt the versatile Marlinspike hitch and how it can be used to build rope ladders (even tying 2 at a time!!) and a much easier way to tie a bowline knot. One leader commented that he'd spent an entire evening trying to learn how to tie a bowline and that by using the Marlinspike hitch method of tying a bowline, he'd got it within 5 minutes (it was the best bit of his weekend). "



Mark Yates, the GLV of 8th Ealing was there to co-lead the fire lighting and knife, axe , saw bases. He said: " So much knowledge was exchanged, along with exciting ideas for projects and activities to take back to each section. I also gained valuable insights from the participants; the learning truly goes both ways! The Inferior Fire Striker was a hit! It was fantastic to introduce it to Scout Leaders who had never seen it in action before. This tool is perfect for teaching others about fire steels!"

There will be more skills days soon - if you would like to know more email:  
[sanjay.chandarana@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:sanjay.chandarana@glmwscouts.org.uk)

## Oxford Youth Forum: Speak Up, Spark Change!



A delegation from GLMW attended the Youth Forum in Oxford with about 200 others from other counties. It was a chance for Young People to have their say on what they think Scouts should look like in the future!

It was a great day for all - filled with lots of discussion and a scavenger hunt around Oxford!

There are 4 Youth Forums taking place around the country, all designed to feed into the next strategy cycle!

Scouts HQ want to hear from Young People in every section and there are a series of self-led programme ideas that you can use: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/acti...> to get involved.

## Postcards to Dwayne!



Earlier this year, Young people and adults from across the County wrote postcards to our Chief Scout Dwayne Fields expressing what they love about Scouts!

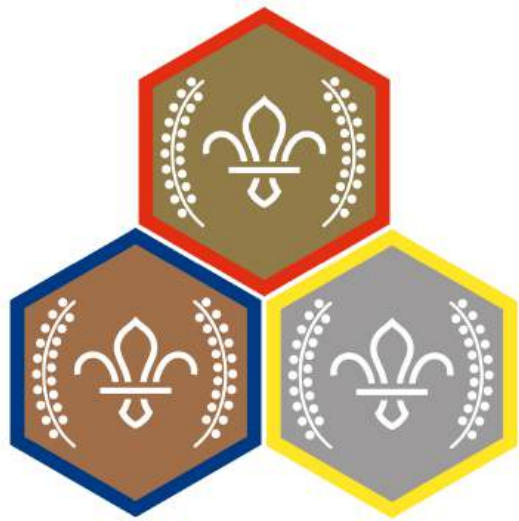
Those postcards have ALL been read, and Dwayne has been busy reading through some of them and has sent a video which we will be sharing soon!



## GLMW Top Awards Day & St George's Day (request)

GLMW are getting ready for the Day of celebrating the achievements of our fabulous Young People!

Its taking place at PACCAR on the 26th April with Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs in the morning, Scouts and Explorers in the afternoon and Network and leaders in the evening.



Invites will soon start going out directly to the parents of the Young People!

*A request from the Media Team: If you would like to share the experience of any of your young people of the Top Awards Day OR of St George's Day, which many of you will be celebrating the next day, (some at Windsor!) please get in touch with [media@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glmwscouts.org.uk)*

*Many of you have lovely stories of acts of kindness, large gatherings and stories of extraordinary young people - please share these positive stories!*

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## GREATER LONDON MIDDLESEX WEST



### Activity Centres in our County

Do you know that we more than a dozen Scout campsites around our County? Or that London's largest indoor Bouldering Wall is in Harrow? Or that you can take your young people on a Narrowboat trip on the Grand Union canal.

We have compiled a list of campsites and activity centres within easy reach of our

County here: <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/programme/campsites-and-activity-centres-around-glmw>

Take a look at the activities on offer - it may give you something new to add to your Summer programme!

## GLMW Leaders – Map Skills Day

Improve and develop your map, compass and navigation skills while  
enjoying a gentle walk in the Chiltern Hills

### Map Skills Day - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Gerrards Cross Station

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.

With other leaders from GLMW county, we will spend the day walking through the Chilterns, learning about map reading, using a compass and looking after your group.

Please register at :

<https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/events/glmw-map-skills-day-2025>



Paddlesports Development  
Weekend 10th / 11th May 2025

GLMW is organising a Paddlesports weekend at Bury Lake in Rickmansworth for adult leaders wishing to development their paddling skills (canoe, kayak and stand up paddleboard). The weekend will

include the British Canoeing Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Skills award.

On successful completion of the course to a suitable standard, candidates can apply for Scout Adventurous Activity Permits. The permits will be restricted based on the ability of the candidate.

The cost of the course is £150 per person.

For details and booking information, please see

[Paddlesports Development Weekend - Greater London MW](#)

Geoff Vanderplank

GLMW Support Team Leader



# TRAINING CALENDAR

## GREATER LONDON MIDDLESEX WEST

GLMW offers a wide range of training for you to sign up to. Please see [First Aid dates below](#).

5th April - Module 10A (First Aid Learning) and Module 10B (First Aid Practical) 9:30 am - 4:30 pm - 5th Hayes Scout HQ

07th Apr - Module 10A (First Aid Learning) 7:15 pm - 9:45 pm  
- Online via zoom with pre-learning

13th May- Module 10A (First Aid Learning) - 7:15 pm - 9:45 pm  
Online via zoom with pre-learning

14th May Module 10A (First Aid Learning) Blended Learning and Module 10B (First Aid Practical) 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Ealing - Leighton Hall

For more current training dates - please see the GLMW website (click [here](#)) to book onto any of these or others.

### [Contact with the GLMW Community](#)

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

[District Lead Volunteers](#)

[County Team](#)

Get in touch to share your news and events with the GLMW community! We'd love to hear from you at:

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