

GLMW NEWS

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Happy New Year to you

2022 promises to bring a fresh look at how we enjoy our Scouting. After two strangely, hectic years we have become used to a vast array of changes to our enjoyment and delivery of Scouting. Right now, we are probably in the best place to understand and manage the changes that happen to our world and what we do on an almost daily basis.

Remembering back to those heady days just before the pandemic 20's arrived, you may recall

we were on the cusp of launching in to the new brand of Scouting for the 21st Century. The new logo was out there, we were looking forward to making our volunteer journey more welcoming, fun and inclusive for everyone. We wondered how we would cope with new, digital tools for delivering Scouts. We worried that change might break what we

had. External events have made much of this happen and become almost second nature. We have emerged stronger for it. Scouts has been shown to offer a strong bedrock of support for both young people and adults that has enabled them to cope better with change all around us.

We have had an externally imposed pause to the strategy for 2023, pushing it out a couple of years, but the planning and work to prepare has continued. New, online tools for planning and growing the range of our programmes have continued to appear, the way that Scouting was seen to be delivering all the way through lockdowns and other enforced restrictions has brought a new and better perception of the value Scouts offers to every community. New members both young and adult have come flooding back towards the movement.

This year, let's take all of this in our stride. Let's give a big welcome everyone we meet. Welcome everyone returning and joining us for the first time on the great adventure of Scouting in a way that means fun and achievement for us all. Have a great 2022.

Richard Williams
County Commissioner, GLMW.



Things you want to know about Scouting but didn't know who to ask!

Looking for inspiration for your upcoming programme? Have a specific question and not sure where to find the answer?

If you have a question for your fellow Scouters or one of the County team - send it to media@glmwscouts.org.uk and we can get the answer for you and publish it in the next newsletter.

No question is too small!

email media@glmwscouts.org.uk



Please note that there was a change in the UK Scouting readiness level

This means that from 2nd December:

England

Readiness level: YELLOW

This means: All activities can resume for members who live in England. Residential activities and international travel may take place.

Group sizes and limitations:

- All non-residential activities (including young people, Scout Network and adult only groups): No limit on group size, although all activities must be able to safely manage the risk of transmission of COVID and, if this is not possible, they must not take place. Face coverings are required indoors (unless exempt) for those aged 11+.
- Residential activities: Nights away activities may take place, more details in the [planning_COVID-safe Nights Away in 2021 guidance](#).
- International travel: Visits abroad may resume but must follow the [FCDO travel advice](#) and still manage the transmission of COVID and ensuring that the trips are safe and accessible. Consideration for the changing government requirements must be built into the trip plans prior to approval being given locally for the trips to go ahead.

Jamborette

In 2023 GLMW will be sending a contingent to the Haarlem Jamborette, an international jamboree situated on the outskirts of Amsterdam in Holland.

Following an extensive selection process and after much deliberation, 36 young people have been selected to attend. Congratulations go to the 36, but we must also recognise that there were around 150 applications, tough choices had to be made and some excellent young people failed to gain a place.



Alongside the young people selection, a team of leaders is currently being assembled. The team is planned to be a combination of some leaders who attended in 2019 together with some newcomers.

If you are a leader interested in joining the leader team, please email the expedition leader Cathy.muxlow@glmwscouts.org.uk with a brief note of why you would like to join the team and what skills and experience you would bring to the team.

As well as attending the Jamborette itself, there will be a commitment to attend most of the pre expedition events: 2 weekend camps and 3 all day meetings. We aim to finalise the leader team by the start of February 2022.

Cathy Muxlow, Expedition Leader



New year, new beginnings



**NEW LEADER
SKILLS
TRAINING**

A weekend crash course in Scouting Skills

**23RD - 24TH MARCH
PACCAR SCOUT CAMP**

Pick up some new skills

if you have new leaders joining the team, or if you would like a skills refresher of core skills, this weekend course is for you!

This course is being put on especially for leaders within GLMW county. There are limited places, so register your interest as soon as possible [here](#)

We are hoping to cover the following:

- Lighting wood fires
- Essentials of map reading and orienteering
- Running a campfire
- Cooking at camp
- Running wide games
- Pitching tents

- Using axes, saws and knives safely

And much , much more.

This is great opportunity to meet fellow leaders and pick up new skills at our County Scout Campsite - PACCAR.

If you have any questions, get in touch with Deputy County Commissioner Sanjay : sanjay.chandarana@glmwscouts.org.uk



The County Calendar



TRAINING



Adult Training Dates : January 2022

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

In January:

13th January: Module 11 (Administration) Remote via zoom

15th January: Managers Training: Part 3 (Meeting the Challenges) Greenford
HQ

16th January: Module 36 (Adjustments to Scouts) Greenford District HQ



Adventurous Activities

Are you are interested in training towards
an adventurous activity permit? Please
email

geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk

with your name, group/unit and which activity or activities you are interested in.

You will be added to a mailing list to be advised as and when courses become available. (If you have already registered an interest in an activity with me, there is no need to register again.)

We hope to be covering the following activities this year:



Climbing (artificial top rope)

Map skills day

Hillwalking (Terrain 1 and 2)

Paddle sports (canoe, kayak and stand up paddle board)

Narrow Boating

Power Boating

Archery

Air Rifle shooting

Geoff Vanderplank, DCC Activities



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

The Media team wishes you a very Happy New Year!

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

We'd love to hear from you

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