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Lead Volunteer Update

Thank you for all you are doing to be part of the team and allow young people to access and enjoy skills for life and grow to be the best versions of themselves they can be!



The District Lead Volunteers, Transformation Teams, Youth Lead Volunteers and The All England team have all had meetings/conferences over the last week to make sure we are all ready for the coming changes with transformation and in response to the inquest. Elizabeth Henderson, the UK Chief Volunteer, awarded all Counties and Regions that grew last year a 'growth

zebra' - (featured picture). The Zebra joins our growth giraffe from last year – so well done to all who have helped us grow!

As a county, we are in a very good place, but there are still tasks to be done. Please log into Compass and check that your email is correct and training/learning data is correct- if it's not- get it fixed!

We are launching Safety Teams across the County who will be here to help us all produce and follow best practices in our Sections/Groups/Units and at our sites to ensure we are keeping each other safe.

We will be looking for great examples to share with others, so if you're feeling proud of your paperwork or policies, please share it with us!

Keep safe and keep smiling!

Cathy Muxlow

County Lead Volunteer - GLMW

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Celebrating the King's 'official' birthday!

His Majesty King Charles III was confirmed as our new patron just in time for his 'official' birthday! Some members of GLMW were lucky enough to be invited to the 'Trooping the Colour' which took place to celebrate our Sovereign's big Day. Our mascot, Buddy, also went along!



Eliza. 8th/19th Harrow Scouts was there. She said: "I loved going to the Trooping the Colour ceremony because it was such a cool experience to see all of the soldiers in their regiments. And seeing the King, Queen and all the Royals with the whole procession was an amazing experience. Walking down the Mall and being on TV was so cool too! The flypast was amazing too because there were so many planes. And the 41 gun salute was very loud as well. Seeing the Royals on the balcony and being so close up was absolutely crazy. I had so much fun and would like to thank all the adults who arranged this and took us with them. Thanks".

In advance, a very happy birthday to Queen Camilla, who's big day is on the 17th July!



Bear Grylls stepping down as Chief Scout

After 15 years as our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls will step down in September but will remain Chief Ambassador of World Scouting. See his message [here](#) :

South Asian Heritage Month

Lights...Camera...Action!

7th Wembley Beavers and Cubs spent their last meeting earning their International Activity Badge by learning more about South Asian Culture – and whilst they were doing so – they were filmed for a video HQ is making to celebrate South Asian Heritage Month!



They played a popular 'table board' game called carrom, went outside in the sunshine to play cricket, tried out some drumming and learned how to do traditional dancing called 'garba' and 'dandiya', taught by a professional teacher – Ajay Punatar!

Lots of fun was had by all – and, we will of course share the video as soon as its complete!

Thank you to all the Beavers and Cubs that participated – and of course the wonderful leaders, especially at 7th Wembley, who helped facilitate!

South Asian Heritage Month is a month-long celebration to celebrate the heritage of people with roots in the South Asian countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. It runs from 18 July to 17 August each year. You can find out more about the activities that are taking place [here](#)

Buckingham Palace Garden Party

During the Summer, Buckingham Palace hosts garden parties to recognise and thank people for their public service. Thousands attend and as you may expect, Scouts are always present! GLMW's Sanjay Chandarana was invited to one, and lucky for him, the sun was out too! He said:

" I had the privilege of attending the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on a sunny day in May. It was fantastic to see so many volunteers representing different

organisations from around the country attending the event. Meeting and speaking to the King in the palace gardens was a real bonus to the day. He was very knowledgeable about the life skills that Scouting delivers for young people and the need for more adult volunteers.”

And Sanjay is pictured below looking very smart with the King's Bodyguard!



Jack Petchey

Every year, the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex. Groups on the scheme get to celebrate the achievements of young people and apply for grants to support their activities.

We had lots of award winners from GLMW – a few of them are pictured here!

Sean Keogh was nominated whilst a Scout at 1st Greenford. from Primus Explorers, Greenford & District was said ' I really enjoyed the Jack Petchey evening, especially hearing all the charitable acts people did for scouting, and the spectacular talent we saw in between the awards. The host was interesting and I'm very glad I received the award.

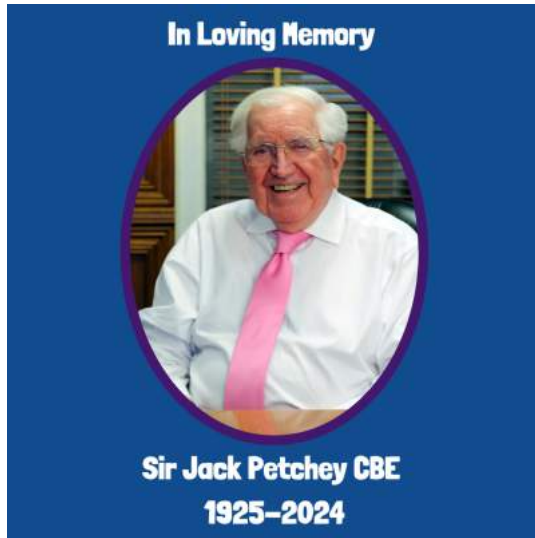
The funding off-sets costs of attending 'The Game is Now' escape room.

Receiving the Jack Petchey award is an incredible achievement and I feel honoured to be recognised for my achievements. It motivates and inspires other people to achieve and make a good impact. Alongside the award was the £300 which is given to the scout's community so it can improve with activities and create an overall better experience.

Veer Rathod , who was a 3rd Kenton Scout and is now in Alpine Explorers said: The award ceremony itself was a surreal moment. Seeing so many people, all achieving so many different awards from different places, really shows how large this accomplishment is and the impact it has. During the break there was a range of entertainment; from singing to magic, making the whole ceremony livelier. When your name is called up you go onto the stage and greet the guests of honour: the local Mayor and one of the scout's leaders and receive your award and have your picture taken. Overall, the Jack Petchey ceremony is a moment I will never forget!

Veer's funding has been used to buy equipment for the Scouts – Bluetooth speakers, stands/microphones for recording videos/reels, camping chairs and toasting forks for marshmallows! Thank you!

There are lots more pictures from the evening on the GLMW website - [click here](#)



Sir Jack Petchey CBE

We received the very sad news last week that the founder of this award, Sir Jack Petchey CBE passed away.

His generosity has touched the lives of so many. To date, his charity has invested over £170 million in grants to youth projects.

We thank him for his work, and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

SAFETY

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Safe Scouting

As we plan summer camps or day trips and hikes keep yourself up to date with [weather warnings from the Met Office](#) before completing any activities.

Consider what impact the hot weather will have on your activities, think about what you're doing, when you're doing it and where you're doing it.

Try and stay in the shade, keep cool and make sure everyone is protected from the sun and drinking plenty. Check out the guidance for [hot weather and summer activities](#) more tips. The NHS has also published guidance on [coping with hot weather](#).



Remember to think about fire safety, with hot and dry weather there is a greater risk of a fire spreading. Before setting up your stove or building your fires, check it's necessary - is there an alternative? Make sure you check for any local restrictions, keep a good distance from any natural materials which could combust and have a water bucket on hand.

All these considerations will lead to a [review of your risk assessments](#), please communicate any changes in how things are being managed to everyone involved so they can play their part in keeping everyone safe.

Safety near water , rivers or canals

The waterway is a wonderful place to spend some time with young people, you can hunt for bugs , see historic locks work, spot wildlife , fish , take boat rides or just take a walk.

But it's very important they learn about staying safe next to the water as part of their visit.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways>

Have a great summer and if you need any help or support, please contact me

Roger Rixon

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URGENT: Vango Product Recall

We've been made aware of a product recall on two models of Vango Folding Stoves. The stoves affected are:

- Folding Gas Stove ACXSTOVE DAKZ36
- Folding Stove with Windshield and Piezo ACXSTOVE DEWZ36

The products have been recalled due to risk of fire, explosion and burns. It has also been identified that the gas hose may degrade over time, leading to a gas leak and possible hose ignition.

With camping season now in full flow, safety should be at the forefront of your planning. Please check your equipment before your nights away activity to make sure you're not using one of these models.

If you own one of these models, please stop using it immediately and [follow government advice](#).

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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OUTDOORS IN 24

Camping season is well and truly underway! Its also an opportunity for sections to gain another badge!

There are loads of ideas to help you <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/planning-your-programme/outdoor-in-24/>

The Media Team want to hear from YOU about the camping you are planning on doing over the Summer! Get in touch with media@glmwscouts.org.uk and we may be able to help you get some local press to promote Scouting in your area!



London Marathon Opportunity!

South and South East London Scouts programme team and the [TCS London Marathon](#) Events team and holding a Vitality Westminster "Scouting Mile 2024! This is a 100% accessible event and open to all ages and abilities. Whether you run, walk, push a wheelchair or carry a Squirrel on your shoulders - it's open to all, and it's only a mile!

The Vitality Westminster Mile takes place on a spectacular course that starts on The Mall and finishes in front of Buckingham Palace. It takes place on Saturday 21 September at 12.55 and is completely free for Scouts. Every participant receives a beautiful medal. You'll also get free entry to the fantastic Vitality Wellness Festival in Green Park! All children will need to be booked alongside an adult who will be running with them. All Scouting friends and family should book using the same link in this post. Each Scouting group attending is responsible for its own ratios and supervision.

<https://bit.ly/ScoutingWave>

They say they will have some fun surprises planned - it will be a memorable day - we'll see you on the start line!



Kandersteg - opportunities to volunteer



GLMW is going to Kandersteg on the 12th August 2025!!

To make this trip unforgettable for our Young People, we are currently recruiting team members to help with organisation.

If you have an eye for logistics and are keen to help at an International Expedition, take a look at the vacancies page. Get in touch with Terry Kingham if you have any questions at:

terry.kingham@glmwscouts.org.uk

If you would like to learn more about the GLMW Kandersteg expedition click [here](#)

Kandersteg 2025 Vacancies

COUNTY CALENDAR

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Can you help deliver our adult training?

Are you a great facilitator of conversations? Can you help others with their learning? Could you lead a training session or organise a course? Do you enjoy teaching others first aid?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions then we'd like to talk to you. We would like to recruit people to our team who deliver and manage adult training across the county. Our training provision reaches about 2,000 adult volunteers, those who work directly with young people, trustees, those who manage other volunteers, and a plethora of other role holders.

We are looking for people who could help in any of these ways:

- Acting as a facilitator for small group conversations on training courses, both in-person and online;
- Managing training for a number of groups or a district, making sure everyone's training is up to date and helping people navigate the requirements;
- Leading sessions on training courses, presenting material and delivering engaging learning;
- Training others in first aid;
- Putting in place a internal moderation process for modules which have been validated;
- Updating the records in our systems and creating reports;
- Helping others deliver all the things above, from administration, to communications, to organising venues and making the tea!

At the end of 2025 our County Training Managers Terry Kingham and Phil Power will come to the end of their appointments. We are also looking to identify a number of people who could job share their roles. Could you:

- Lead and manage the teams who support learners in districts and deliver our training provision?
- Coordinate the process of organising in-person and online training courses?
- Manage the budget, update the website and chair meetings?
- Support District Lead Volunteers and the County team with matters connected to learning?

If you are interested in talking more about these fantastic volunteer opportunities then get in touch with Terry Kingham (terry.kingham@glmwscouts.org.uk) or Phil Power (ppower@glmwscouts.org.uk)

As we start getting to the end of the Scouting year – it may be a good time to look at the training you may need to do during the remainder of the year. Remember – all the core training needs to remain in-date as much as possible. Here are the dates for some training in the County and beyond.

One-day courses to complete both modules 10A and 10B

- Greater London North also have opportunities on 16 June, and 7 July - <https://www.gln-scouts.org.uk/adult-support/training>

Online (with pre-learning) module 10A

- 11th July - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-58>
- 16th August - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-59>
- 25th September - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-60>
- 15th October - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-61>
- 7th November - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-62>
- 10th December - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10a-first-aid-learning-63>

Practical sessions for module 10B

There are four timeslots scheduled on 15th June at 1st Osterley HQ to complete the practical elements, but people must have completed 10A before attending (there are three different opportunities to do this as detailed above). We will add more sessions on this day if these fill up:

There are also four timeslots on 14th September at Leighton Hall in Hanwell for module 10B:

- 09.30 - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10b-first-aid-practical-23>
- 10.15 - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10b-first-aid-practical-24>
- 11.00 - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10b-first-aid-practical-25>
- 11.45 - <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/module-10b-first-aid-practical-25>

[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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[Chip](#), [Claire](#), [Jocelyn](#) & [Nisha](#)

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