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The Media team is taking a break for the Summer. The next newsletter will be back on the 1st October! Please do get in touch and let us know about your adventures media@glmwscouts.org.uk

Congratulations to Chad Lake

A huge congratulations to Chad Lake, our County Chair who has been recognised in



this year's King's Birthday Honours List for Services to Scouting!

Chad has been awarded an MBE in recognition of the significant long term impact he has had to the Scouting over his many years of involvement.

Thank you for all you do - and we look forward to hearing about your official investiture in due course!

Programme planning roadshow!

Are you a new leader and need some help putting together a programme or just stuck in a rut and looking for some new ideas?

After a long break, we are really excited to be getting our new and revitalised programme roadshow back on the road and coming to a District near you!

During the day we will have hints, tips and cheats for putting together a programme, planning a session, risk assessments and also help with any of your problem areas before spending the afternoon having a go at some of our tried and tested activities. We'll have a team of experienced leaders, we'll cover opening and closing ceremonies, games, badgework and fillers. They'll be 'giveaways' and you'll leave with resources and ideas to support your section meetings.

Our first roadshow will be on Saturday, 19th September from 10am-3pm in Hillingdon-West District. This time we will specifically focusing on the Squirrel and Beaver sections and is open to volunteers across the County.

Dates for other sections and other areas to follow shortly!

MORE INFO/ SIGN UP [HERE](#):



YOU London - Scouts get involved

YOU London is a partnership of Youth Organisations in Uniform working together to maximise opportunities for young people in London.

Scouts get involved in many of the different events that are on in the capital - read about them [here](#):

Giving back to the community : Silver Sunday

Silver Sunday is a national day where communities come together by hosting fun



and free activities for older people. Simply put, it's a day for older people to have something special to look forward to and enjoy themselves.



SILVER SUNDAY
CELEBRATING OLDER PEOPLE

This year it is taking place on Sunday 4th October 2026

If your group is interested in finding out more - or holding an event - email.26silversunday@gmail.com

AROUND THE COUNTY

GLMW Top Awards Day 2026

It was the County's first ever Top Awards Day on Sunday the 5th July. The sun was out, the inflatables were ready and our Young People turned out looking smart and ready to receive their certificates and woggles.



A huge congratulations to all the Young People and of course the leaders who helped get them over the line.

The awards were split into morning and afternoon. Our Chief Scout Dwayne Fields joined us for the afternoon.

The photography team took pictures of all young people and will soon let you know how to receive them.

A huge Thank You to Georgie Horwich and the rest of the team for organising such a brilliant day - one our Young People won't forget!



The Explorer Programme Re-Launch of 2026.

What a great time we had. My fellow explorer, Oscar, and I were given the amazing opportunity to venture up north to be a part of the Re-Launch of the Explorer programme in partnership with Rolls-Royce.

We got up to lots of different activities, such as tomahawk throwing, archery, and team building, whilst being filmed for the TV!!! The following day, we headed to the Rolls-Royce headquarters, where we completed

several new activities and badges as part of the Explorer programme, which you can start now!!! (If you're an explorer, I must add). I would say that the highlight of my trip was definitely flipping pancakes with Dwayne Fields, the UK's Chief Scout, before gobbling them down.

Written by Henry Hillman - Brigantia ESU

Between the 24th and 25th of June, myself and fellow Explorer, Henry, travelled up from Ealing to Derby for the official relaunch and rebrand of the Explorers section, including new badges and a nice new logo. After arriving at the Drum Hill campsite in Derby, we were put through our paces during a media training exercise and got to know the other Explorers attending. With young people coming from Scotland, Wales, and all corners of England, Henry and I felt very lucky to be selected alongside the 26 other young people in attendance. We then began our evening activities—including tomahawk throwing, bouldering, archery, and more team-building exercises—as we socialised a bit more with everyone.

We were then off to bed for an early-ish night to prepare for the 4am wakeup the following day. We needed to arrive at Rolls-Royce in time for the morning media before all of their employees showed up for work. This early wakeup meant we were all on the coach by 4:45am and heading off to the site.

Once we arrived, we completed some initial workshop activities and met Dwayne Fields (UK Chief Scout) during a navigation/teamwork exercise involving an RC rover, which was really cool, and of course had to have our picture taken! We were then treated to a wonderful breakfast put on for us by Rolls-Royce, before being led on a tour of their training, maintenance, and repair workshops for aerospace engines, where we met their lovely staff and apprentices.

My highlight of the mini-break to Derby was definitely meeting the other Explorers, leaders, and volunteers from all parts of the country. It was really interesting hearing about their own experiences within Scouting, and it has definitely given us some great ideas for future camps. With the brand-new badges and requirements that come along with the programme revamp, I cannot wait to see where Scouting will take me next! Huge thanks to Dio, Liz, all the volunteers, and Rolls-Royce for an amazing opportunity!

— *Written by Oscar Hillier, Brigantia ESU*



Poland Jamboree

Unit 28 had an amazing time at Strategy and Evolution Camp. One of the highlights was the strategy walk, where we took

part in a variety of exciting activities, including rock climbing, shelter building, balancing balloons, and even learning circus skills. It was a great opportunity to challenge ourselves, work as a team, and try something completely new. We also loved the discos, which were exclusively for the older Strategy+ age group. There was both a silent disco and a traditional disco, and everyone was singing, dancing, and enjoying the mosh pit together. Overall, it was an unforgettable weekend filled with adventure, laughter and new experiences.

Rachel - WSJ Unit 28 member



UK Jamboree

From 19th–21st June, 27 members of our UK Jamboree Unit headed to Thriftwood Scout Campsite for a thrilling Traitors-themed weekend.

Secret Traitors, mysterious overnight "murders", dramatic Roundtables and plenty of banishments kept everyone guessing until the very end. In a nail-biting finale, the last remaining Traitor was exposed, giving the Faithful a well-earned victory.

Between the plotting, patrols tackled a range of Scouting challenges, including pioneering, campfire skits, a campsite picture quiz, wide games and team-building activities.

A fantastic weekend of adventure, teamwork, laughter and betrayal—the perfect way for the Unit to get to know one another!



Brigantia Explorers: Docklands Scout Project

We had a great time doing numerous activities such as rowing, sailing, canoeing and kayaking. Florence and Maisie (us) went sailing on the Thames and almost capsized, even though Florence said that she was “experienced”. There were a couple of expensive yachts nearby that we may or may not have almost crashed into but that was actually the wind’s fault of course. When we went canoeing, we had a water fight with the leaders and Florence used me as a human shield, so that was lovely. At the end we jumped into

the river but not before throwing Jacqui in as she was ageing out, as you can see from our amazingly picked photos!

Overall, it was an awesome and enjoyable experience and was definitely needed in the hot weather. We would definitely recommend it to other scouts and scout groups.

Florence and Maisie



King's Scout Award for Harrow Explorer!

Congratulations to Alex from Harrow District on getting his King Scout Award!

He did some excellent tasks including raising £10k for a bike shed at a local high school, clearing outside space and litter picking for/with Alexandra SEND school, getting ready to open a Scout provision based at the school, completing his Gold DofE and helping to organise a day out during at international camp for the Group/Unit where he is now a Leader.



Changes to First Response

First Response is mandatory training and with effect from 26th November 2026, those members who should have completed First Response (see list below) and haven't, will be subject to the suspension process.

This impacts people as follows:

- Section Team Members and Section Team Leaders
- Group Lead Volunteers
- 14-24 Team Leaders
- First Response Trainers



- Or those who may be reasonably expected to work directly with young people on a regular basis

Currently, First Response learning must be completed within 12 months of starting the role. It is valid for 3 years

There are three routes to validation of the First Response Module:

Face to Face training (6 hours) Attending a one day training course run by Scouting First Response Trainers. This will include both the theory and practical elements needed to complete the First Response module.

Blended Module (3 elements, approximately, 2.5 hours online, 3 hours on zoom, 20 minutes practical) Work at your own pace to complete an online training module enrolled via the "My Learning" section in Membership System. Then...Book in to attend a follow up session, normally via a Zoom or Teams, but can be face to face. Then...Undertake a practical demonstration in person with a First Response Trainer for both Adult and Child CPR.

External Training Some people may undertake an external First Aid course, either at work or perhaps it is part of their job (e.g. a Police Officer or a Nurse).

In those case details of the qualification should be validated with a Scout First Response Trainer. Any gaps in the syllabus can then be identified and usually covered off via an online training top up module and / or a Practical CPR demonstration.

Where to find Training Training Opportunities within GLMW can be found at: [Training Calendar - Greater London MW](#)

Where to get help Please speak to your District Volunteer Development Lead (if you are not sure who this is, contact your Group Lead Volunteer or District Lead Volunteer)

'Place to Belong'

This generation has so much promise. But so much pressure too. Many feel isolated and lonely . Nearly half don't have a trusted adult they can talk to. Nearly 40% don't have the chance to make new friends. More than 7 in 10 spend most of their free time on screens.



That's why young people need a third place – somewhere that isn't school or home where they can find themselves and be themselves. Where they can be seen, heard and accepted for who they are. It's a safe place with trusted adults.

Scouts is that place: a community of kindness, where fun and friendship run through everything . A local community that also connects you internationally, to a movement of more than 60 million Scouts . Scouts is a place to do your best.

If you want to read more about our new Strategy – Place To Belong – the link is [here](#)

Network 26 in 26

Looking for a new challenge for the year?

Take on 26 exciting challenges inspired by a letter of the alphabet...

You could try adventurous activities, learn new skills, get involved in your community,



go camping, or just have fun! The choice is yours!

Find inspiration for your A-Z challenges here [26 in 26: a Network Challenge | Scouts](#)



Planning a visit abroad?

If you are looking or planning your next adventure, you must complete a Visits Abroad form and submit to Gillan for review before you send it to your DLV/ CLV. Gillan Barnard

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Activity Centres in our County

Do you know that we have 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 programme!

Quality Coach Travel

Scouts have officially partnered with [Quality Coach Travel](#).

This new relationship aims to help groups that don't have qualified drivers or their own transport, access safe, good value, travel options in the UK and abroad.

You can find out more [here](#)



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:

media@glmwscouts.org.uk

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