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From the County Chair.

Dear Colleagues,

We are seeking an enthusiastic and capable volunteer to work alongside Cathy Muxlow as 'Joint County Lead Volunteer', supporting Scouts in GLMW during the delivery of our new strategy.

We recognise the competing demands on people's time and have therefore evolved how volunteering operates within Scouting. By introducing more flexible, shared leadership roles at Group and District levels, we have made it easier for volunteers to collaborate effectively. We are now extending this approach at County level, recognising that shared leadership is equally important in successfully leading our County.

The County Lead Volunteer is a senior leadership role with responsibility for providing effective support and oversight to the County's eight Districts. The primary focus of the role is to ensure Scouting is accessible to every young person in the County, regardless of faith, background, or circumstance and to enable Scouting to continue changing lives.

This is achieved by leading and supporting District Lead Volunteers and other County appointees, working closely with the Growth & Communities Team, and ensuring there are sufficient places to meet demand. The role also champions the delivery of a high-quality, balanced programme that is challenging, relevant, and rewarding for all young people.

Working jointly with Cathy, you will help shape and deliver the County's strategy, build and support a strong County team, and share responsibility for the day-to-day leadership of the role. The ability to mentor, motivate and support volunteers, while ensuring essential governance and management tasks are completed, will be key.

You will be joining a committed and talented team of volunteers who are passionate about delivering excellent Scouting and enjoying the journey along the way. We are keen to build a leadership team that reflects a wide range of experiences, skills and perspectives.

The Scout Association website has a good [role description](#). If you are interested please use the form for [self-nomination](#) or if you know someone who you think would be suitable for this role please [nominate](#) them. If you would like to discuss this opportunity please call me. (details below)

Please return either form to chad.lake@glmwscouts.org.uk

Thank you for everything you do to support our young people.

Best wishes, Chad.

COUNTY COMMUNITY

GREATER LONDON MIDDLESEX WEST

1st place for Ruislip Explorer!



There's no end to the talent in
GLMW!

Huge congratulations to Ruislip Explorer Ellis Mackenzie for becoming the FKL Junior Light World Champion at Willow Springs International Raceway in California!



The win at the global competition means Ellis has qualified for the selection programme in Spain with the aim of getting a seat at the British F4 Championship in April.

Ellis says "It feels amazing to be the first ever Junior Light World Finals winner. I'm over the moon to be honest, I didn't think I could do this."

Good luck from everyone in GLMW - we look forward to following your success!



Jack Petchey

Congratulations to everyone from GLMW who attended the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony in February!

Pictured - is Aaron Patel from 7th Wembley. He's the first member of Brent District to have been awarded.

His citation reads: Aaron is helpful to other Scouts and always steps forward as the Senior Member of the group. He acts as a role model to the younger members, which is greatly appreciated by the leaders. He has thrown himself into the world of Scouting by being fully immersed in what we do. He never says no to anything we ask of him and always exceeds expectations every time. He has planned activities to happen in our sessions that are always well thought out, fully inclusive and most importantly, which are fun.

Well done Aaron, and all other young people and leaders - get in touch with media@glmwscouts.org.uk if you have Jack Petchey news to share!

First Aid Kits - Safety Update

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency are reminding the public not to use 4 specified non-sterile alcohol free products. Please check your kits and dispose of any of these products:

- ValueAid Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Microsafe Moist Wipe Alcohol Free
- Steroplast Sterowipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Reliwipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes



For details click [here](#)

Jamboree updates



POLAND

Manheer Matha - unit member writes:

From the very first Jamboree meeting, everyone felt so welcome. We were greeted with big smiles from the leaders and everyone there, which instantly made every interaction feel comforting. There's such a kind and supportive atmosphere and you can tell genuinely everyone wants

you to feel included.

I also love how the team challenges and activities focus on really inclusive skills (whether it's creative, cooking, problem solving or thinking outside the box) everyone is always able to give their best. We have done lots of team challenges I have never tried before for example building a moving 'vehicle' from paper and tape. It is honestly so amazing to see how our skills have adapted each time. I already feel like I have formed some great bonds even after just two meetings, which makes me even more excited for camps together and everything ahead.

WSJ Unit 28

UK Jamboree

The team are busy preparing for the first meet up of the unit on the 7th March at PACCAR! The 41 Scouts will be getting together for a day of cooking, laser tag and escape room style challenges! We'll update you on how it all went in the next newsletter!

Hear our Chief Scout on Desert Island Discs and nominate a leader for a Make A Difference Awards!



Our Chief Scout on BBC Radio
4's Desert Island Discs

Find out more about our
inspirational Chief Scout Dwayne
Fields on BBC Radio 4's Desert
Island Discs!

Listen [here](#).



Nominations are open!

Nominate someone you know for
the Volunteer Award - it will be
given to : an individual who makes
a notable difference to the
community by giving their time
voluntarily to help
others. Applications close on
Tuesday 31st March 2026.
Nominate [here](#).

LONDON ADVENTURE CONFERENCE

14TH MARCH 2026 | MARYLEBONE HIGH STREET

**ARE YOU DELIVERING AN ADVENTURE
PROGRAMME FOR YOUR GROUP OR UNIT?**

**COME AND HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS FOR ADVENTURE
DELIVERY IN LONDON**

Confirmed Guest Speakers

Dwayne Fields - UK Chief Scout
TSA HQ Adventure Team
More to follow

To register or get more information email :

Richard Williams - London Region Lead Volunteer
richard.williams@scouts.org.uk

Geoff Vanderplank - Conference Lead and GLMW MAPS
geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk

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](#)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRICE INCREASE

Please note that with effect from April 2026 the price of DofE places is increasing:

Bronze - £33.00 Silver £33.00 Gold £40.00

Please ensure you apply the correct amount when paying for places after the increase.

Duke of Edinburgh Skills Activity

Listening Books is a UK charity supporting people whose illness, disability, learning difference or mental health condition impacts on their ability to access printed text. They are an approved activity provider for the Duke of Edinburgh skills section and offer a skill for both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants.



Listening Books offers an audiobook-based Skills activity, allowing young people to complete their Skills section by developing listening, comprehension, focus and reflection through audiobooks. For bronze this consist of learning the skills to review an audiobook and for silver taking that review a step further by learning ways to present the review to an audience.

Young people:

- Access an online audiobook library of over 10,000 titles
- Commit to regular listening over the required DofE timescale
- Reflect on what they have listened to and follow guided instructions to put together a review (and for silver record that review)

The Skills option is designed to be inclusive, flexible and low-cost, and works particularly well for young people who may experience barriers with traditional reading-based activities, including those who are neurodivergent, have a disability or live with mental health conditions.

Membership is £25 per year, and we also offer free memberships for anyone who would find the cost a barrier to joining, ensuring the activity remains accessible to all.

More details about the Skills option can be found here:

<https://www.listening-books.org.uk/extra/the-duke-of-edinburgh-bronze-skills-award>



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

gillan.barnard@glmwscouts.org.uk

Triple Birthday Celebrations: Celebrate at PACCAR!

2026 is a big birthday year. In fact, it's a triple birthday year!

We're celebrating 5 years of Squirrels, 40 years of Beavers and 110 years of Cubs across the UK.

That's over 250,000 young people and volunteers all celebrating, making it one of the biggest birthdays ever.

Sections can celebrate at any point in the year -there lots of programme ideas [here](#)

Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs can celebrate at PACCAR - on the weekend of 11th/12th April.

You can sign up for a day of activities by booking [here](#):

Its £30.00 per YP, free for leaders and YL's. There are only a limited number of spaces left!

If you are celebrating any of the birthdays - get in touch with media@glmwscouts.org.uk to let us know your plans and we can help with getting wider publicity!



'Your Vote Week' - Teaching Young People about democracy

The government is looking to lower the voting age to 16, and in attempt to teach our Young People more about their democratic rights - Your Vote Week has released resources for Scout age and upwards, to get your young people engaged in democracy.

Your Vote Week takes place in march.

Find out more , and sign up for the free resources [here](#)



Greater London Scout Region



London Challenge Award



Greater London is recognised as a global hub of world events, culture and history. It is one of the most diverse cities in the world, with over 300 languages spoken. A centre of European and world trade for over 2000 years, it remains one of the principal centres of international markets. It has the world's oldest underground railway system. With a population of around 10 million, it is the largest conurbation in the Country and yet hosts the geographically smallest UK City in the Square Mile at the centre. Greater London is home to more than 170 museums and four UNESCO World Heritage Sites. London also holds the unique distinction of being the first City to host the Summer Olympics three times, and London defined and holds line from which all other places measure time. Get to know our great city by completing the London Challenge Award.



It is an exciting opportunity to find out about Greater London, to celebrate our heritage and explore the city in which we live. Completing the London Challenge Award will earn you a distinctive 63mm woven badge which has been approved by the Regional Lead for London as an Occasional Badge that can be worn on your uniform.

So what is the London Challenge Award:- Your journey to completing the award will take you on a trip through five different zones: 1) London in the past, 2) London in the future, 3) A Celebration of London's Diverse Culture, 4) Where we live, and 5) Places to go and things to do. Many of the themes along the way will align with your own existing Scout programmes and help you to complete your Scout top awards in your section. You can pick from a vast array of different ways to complete each zone.

How do I complete the Award:- To get started, ask a member of your Section team to email the Greater London Region Programme team. Tell us the name of your Group / Section and the approximate number of young people who will be taking part. We will send you an electronic copy of the award zones together with some suggested ways to complete each of the zones. When you have completed them, simply email back the record sheet to tell us what you did and how many badges you need.

How do I register to participate:- To get started, ask a member of your Section team to email the Greater London Region Programme team. Tell us the name of your Group / Section and the approximate number of young people who will be taking part. We will send you an electronic copy of the award zones together with some suggested ways to complete each of the zones. When you have completed them, simply email back the record sheet to tell us what you did and how many badges you need.

To Register please email:- programme@scoutslondon.org.uk

What does this cost:- The cost of the badges are £1.00 each. Once the completion sheet is received and payment is made, the badges will be posted off and an electronic copy of the certificate which can be printed locally will also be emailed over for your use.



Vacancies & Opportunities



Grant opportunity

The James Cowper Kreston Foundation has opened its Winter funding round. They are offering grants of up to £5,000 for specific projects based areas including London.

To be eligible, applicants must be registered charities, the application must be for a defined project, and the organisation must not already be a client of James Cowper Kreston.

Full application guidance can be found here:

<https://www.jamescowperkreston.co.uk/downloads/jck-foundation/winter-2025-final-documents/grant-application-guidance-document--winter-2025.pdf>

[Apply for the funding using this link](#)

Vacancy: Greater London Regional Team Member (Volunteer Development)

An exciting opportunity has been created to work across the Region, supporting the development of our Leaders. As a Greater London Regional Team Member (Volunteer Development), you will act as the lead for learning in the Region, supporting and coordinating the delivery of Manager and Supporter learning opportunities for volunteers across London.

You will help identify learning needs, align delivery across the Region, and ensure volunteers have access to high-quality, engaging development opportunities.

See more details and about nominating someone here: [Greater London Regional Team Member \(Volunteer Development\) Vacancy | Volunteering Vacancies | Scouts](#)



Paddlesports Development Weekend

Greater London Middlesex West, along with Hertfordshire County Scouts have a Paddlesports development weekend for adult leaders in May 2026. The course is being operated via The Canoe Sports Trust at Bury Lake, Rickmansworth.

The event will run over the weekend of 16th / 17th May 2026. The course will include the British Canoeing Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Skills award. Details can be found here:

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

Geoff Vanderplank

Minibus for sale!

Greenford & District are selling their two Ford Transit 17-seater minibuses.

If a group or district is interested in purchasing one of these, please email for more information on minibus@greenfordscouts.org.uk.

Details of the minibuses may be viewed at <https://www.greenfordscouts.org.uk/minibuses/>.



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!

New Partner: 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](#)



Are you a member of a City of London Livery Company or do you know someone who is?

London Scout Region is working with the City of London Livery Companies on an exciting project. We would love to hear from you if you are involved in the Livery movement or know people who are.

Please contact Adam.Taylor@scoutslondon.org.uk
and Nicholas.Thompson@scoutslondon.org.uk to
discuss the project.

scouts.org.uk/join

#SkillsForLife

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TRAINING CALENDAR

GREATER LONDON MIDDLESEX WEST

GLMW Leader courses



There are lots of leader courses available throughout the year.

In particular, on the weekend of 7/8th March the following courses are running

7th March - Modules 16 (Introduction to Residential Experiences), 18 (Practical Skills) and 19 (International)

Book [here](#)

8th March - Modules 8 (Skills of Leadership), 9 (Working with Adults) and 13 (Growing the Section)

Book [here](#)

GLMW offers a wide range of training for you to sign up to.

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:

media@glmwscouts.org.uk

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

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