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Welcome Back!

After a break over the summer to enjoy camps, recharging and holidays, we are back with a new edition of GLMW News

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An update from our County
Commissioner



After one of the hottest summers on record and so many endless days of sunshine, the return of what is now referred to as meteorological Autumn may be a welcome relief to some. For us, as leaders in Scouting, however, we know that the real excitement is getting back

into our weekly adventures with the young people in our Section meetings.

Preparing for the New Volunteer Journey

The next six months is going to include the most exciting transformation in the way we encourage and introduce new volunteers to Scouting. It will be making it easier for us to recruit new help for our section teams and many other parts of our organisation.

In recent years, it has been clear that some of our procedures for bringing new team members on-board have seemed rather bureaucratic and ponderous. This has often left many in the team frustrated and has often put new volunteers off getting involved. The changes we are preparing for now will lift much of this away and leave us with a more welcoming process.

At the same time, a new set of online tools will be rolled out across the organisation that will improve much of what we can achieve in Scouting. From looking after our own membership information, or submitting DBS applications, to the way we learn new skills or gather information, the new digital systems will offer a simpler way of getting to the knowledge we need. All accessible through the Scout website at [Scouts.org.uk](https://scouts.org.uk), this digital change will bring all the different things we need to do in to one place, accessible with a single sign on.

New and simpler ways of learning the information and skills we need when we need them will also be brought in to place. Reducing the training burden that many of us have felt, will mean that we will be accessing the learning we need, when we need it. We will be learning at our pace because it is the right thing to do at the time that we need to do it.

When all of this is in place, we will still be meeting with our Section Teams and young people every week. We will still be developing and delivering great SkillsForLife. We will have the benefit of a much stronger support from our movement, significantly better systems and a much easier way for new volunteers to join us.

GLMW has been selected as one of the pilot counties for the roll out of the new volunteer journey. We will get early access to the new systems and our feedback will help inform and improve the roll out across the rest of the country. In the next few months, we will be trialling elements of the new volunteer journey with you before we implement it in full next February.

As a preparation for this transition, we need to make sure that our individual, personal information is properly recorded in the Scout database system. I'm guessing that you will know this as Compass, so please, take a look at your data and make sure that all your details are correct. Your email address will be the user ID for the new digital system so please make sure that you have an email address that is unique to you recorded in Compass.

For the moment, there is very little else that we need to be doing to prepare in our Sections for this transition. Across the County, we will be working with your District teams to get things ready. We will keep you updated about the transition to the new volunteer journey and, nearer the time, asking for your help and support. In the meantime,

a huge and happy welcome back to your Scouting. Thank you for all the encouragement and support you are bringing to the young people of Greater London Middlesex West.

Richard Williams, County Commissioner



16th Edgware - Kent Jamboree

Stephen Gafson wrote to us over the summer to share all about the great fun that the 16th Edgware Scouts and Young Leaders had at the Kent Jamboree!

We enjoyed a week of activities including climbing, quad bikes, It's a Knockout, mountain biking, day trip to Hastings and driving real cars!

How incredible, what a great way to spend the summer!



Jamboree Update!

Units 28 & 29 are now only a year away from their journey to the next Jamboree, based in South Korea!

In what has been a wildly anticipated part of the journey, both units now have created their unit badges with their profits going towards the fundraising goals of the unit and their young people.

See below the great two badges, if you're interested in purchasing one you can contact:

Unit 28 - georgia.miller@glmwscouts.org.uk

Unit 29 - Alex.mccormac@glmwscouts.org.uk



Gilwell Reunion 2022

In case you missed it, 2nd-4th September was the Gilwell Reunion, run at the Scouts HQ in Gilwell Park.

Workshops, activities, campfires, and one of the largest meetings of adults in scouting, it really was a success. You can see more of what happened at the event here: <https://www.facebook.com/GilwellScouts>

Amongst all the excitement, two incredible young people from GMLW were asked very kindly by Scout HQ to come along and read to hundred of volunteers about their experiences in scouting. To say they have done their Units, Jamboree Units and County proud is an understatement.

Izzy & Santiago had the whole audience in the palm of their hands, even earning a double applause and a great moment with UK Contingent Leader Liz Walker!



21st Hammersmith - London Marathon and World Scout Jamboree

Sam Reidy and Stanley Butcher from 21st Hammersmith, are both preparing for two big events. Stanley is part of one of the GLMW units going to the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Sam was picked to run the London Marathon in October 22, on behalf of the Scout Association.

As part of this, they are hosting a quiz and a raffle with a whole range of excellent prizes on offer. This will be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Brook Green, Hammersmith, W6 7BL on Friday 23rd September.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation and follow their journeys you can on the below links.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samantha-reidy3>

<https://gofund.me/b98f441f>

Events



JOTA / JOTI

JOTA-JOTI season is here!

JOTA-JOTI is the world's largest virtual Scouts event, taking place every year in October. It's a great chance for groups and sections to take part in an international Jamboree. Find more information, ideas and support here: <https://bit.ly/3dUY3EU> Don't forget to register!



GLMW has a selection of great opportunities to gain new skills, as well as practising existing ones! Be sure to take a look at the opportunities below and contact the relevant person for more information!

GLMW Climbing Training and Assessment Calendar 2022

Climbing - Artificial Top Rope Leader Course

This program is for leaders wishing to take groups climbing on artificial surfaces such as indoor or outdoor climbing walls. The course covers the syllabus outlined for Artificial Top rope Leaders on the Scout website for Climbing and Abseiling (FS120452)



<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/programme-guidance/general-activity-guidance/roped-activities/climbing-and-abseiling/>

The full course consists of two days practical Leader Training, followed by a consolidation period following which participants can attend a one-day or two-day Assessment depending on personal competence and log book experience. The course will cover group management, risk and safety, belaying, abseiling, instructing, warm-up, climbing games and movement, emergencies, equipment and leader responsibilities. At the end of the assessment course, successful participants will receive a full or restricted permit, depending on their level of skills and experience.

This weekend will accommodate both training and assessments, as well as refreshers for anyone who feels rusty.

- Day 1: Either PACCAR or Phasels Wood, Hemel Hempstead (TBC)
- Day 2: Either Brunel University Climbing Wall, Uxbridge or XC Climbing Wall Hemel Hempstead (TBC)

The cost is £28:00 for a full weekend course or £18 for a one day refresher or assessment.

Booking form :<https://forms.office.com/r/VD2xG8zVRP>

For further enquiries please contact the County Assessor: Alison Stockwell
alison.stockwell@glmwscouts.org.uk

County safeguarding and online safety day.

We have an exciting opportunity to gain some skills to support our young people online and to get some valuable safeguarding advice.

The day will take place on Saturday November 26th from 9:30 until 4:30 at Greenford District Head Quarters. (Between 111 & 113 Hill Rise, Greenford, Middlesex. UB6 8PE)

Teas and coffees will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

There will be the chance to take part in workshops run by charities helping young people online and updates from within Scouting.

One of the sessions will be run by Young Gamblers and will look at specifically supporting some of the communities in which we are scouting.

I am sure we all have some questions around good online practice and how we can help our young people there. If you would like to book a place, please complete the form here:

<https://forms.gle/p7AZeRBHLcN4ufkN9>

Adult Training Dates : September 2022

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

This September:

- 10th September - Module 10B First Aid Practical - 20th Chiswick Scout HQ
- 11th September - Module 13 Growing the Section - Zoom
- 11th September - Module 11 Administration - Zoom
- 13th September - Module 10A First Aid Theory - Zoom
- 24th September - Module 10B First Aid Practical - 8th Ealing Scout HQ
- 26th September - Module 10A First Aid Theory - Zoom



Are you interested in Media? A dab hand as a writer or looking to work on your design skills?

Why not join the media and communications team either as part of your District or as part of the GLMW County media team?

One of the big aims of 2022 is to develop and improve how we communicate with each other around the County. This includes updating how we share important information or even just really improving our social media game!

If you are interested, or simply wish to know more contact media@glmwscouts.org.uk

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](#)

To share your news and events with the GLMW community, get in touch !
We'd love to hear from you

media@glmwscouts.org.uk

[Georgia](#) & [Nisha](#)

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