



Greater London Middlesex West Scouts - April 2019



Spring is Sprung... time to get out and Shout-Up for Scouting

The clocks have adjusted and the daylight hours are getting longer and warmer. These are, of course, just some of the ingredients we need for getting outdoors and building the Scouting adventure for all to see again. Over the last few years we have been successfully finding ways for more young people and adults to see and experience the benefits of Scouting every year. This last twelve months have continued that success once again for GLMW. I'll be bringing you more of the results from our annual Census very soon but as a headline for the county, we have seen growth once again and are very firmly established as a county with over 10,000 members active in Scouting. Over the next year we are planning a number of events and activities where every one of those members can get involved in raising the profile of Scouting in London so that we can attract even more participants to the fun and adventure we all enjoy. The first of those activities is right here for our youngest members now.

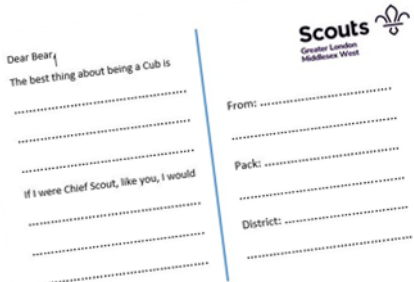
#TellBear

Last month, I mentioned that we are working on a project to connect our Beaver and Cub Scouts directly with the UK Chief Scout. I can now give you more detail on the exciting activity we have for the summer term that will show that even our youngest members are proud of their Scouting and can give their own views on how the movement can go forward.

Working directly with the team at Gilwell, we have arranged for every Beaver and Cub in the County to be able to send a postcard to Bear Grylls. On it, they



can tell him what they enjoy most about being in Scouting and also give him their own advice about what they think they would do if they were the Chief Scout. Bear and the team at Gilwell are looking forward to our putting over 4,500 postcards on to his desk.



#ShoutUpForScouting

In addition, we will be asking leaders from every section meeting to send us a video clip or photo of the Beavers and Cubs completing the postcards and shouting up for Scouting while they do it. We will be editing them in to a video compilation of the activity to send along with the huge postbag for Bear to see. This will be complimented by a video reply to the Beavers and Cubs of GLMW from Bear where he will respond directly to many of the best ideas that they suggest. No other County in the UK will have this opportunity to work directly with him on this activity. It has been agreed uniquely with GLMW.

The project will be going live on April 29th when coordinators in every district will be bringing the postcards to every Colony and Pack so that nobody misses out on the chance to communicate direct with Bear Grylls. The aim is to have all the cards written, coloured in and collected for sending by 15th June. The district coordinators, working with Sarah Appleby as the Lead for the Beaver Section Cards and Sandra Burke leading for the Cub section, will be getting in touch very soon to make sure that everyone is prepared and ready to go. As the cards come in, we will be looking out for the best suggestions from every District. The top ones selected will be getting a special mention from Bear in the video reply.

Fifteen New Explorers Invested at Alpine

Congratulations to the 15 new members of the Alpine Explorer Unit in Stanmore & District. It is great to see so many new Explorers joining the Unit. They were invested last week while they were on a visit to the Prince Albert Dock Locked in a Room Escape Rooms experience. Everyone agreed that it was a great activity.

The activity focuses on solving puzzles and team questions as a way to escape from a locked room. From prisoners dilemma to team escape strategies the venue offers a great challenge for Explorers. You can find out more [here at their website](#)



Cover for the County Commissioner in April

Richard will be out of the UK for a while in April so if you have anything that you would normally need to contact him about there will be someone else standing in for him.

Philip Power will be the lead contact from April 3rd until April 12th. (PPower@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Geoff Vanderplank will be the lead contact from April 12th until April 24th. (geoff.vanderplank@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Appointment of our new County Secretary

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we have a new member of the County Executive Committee. Zach Seddon-Deane has agreed to take on the role of County Secretary with immediate effect. Zach who already manages the County website and has a number of roles in the District leadership team for West London will bring a tremendous new focus to this important role in the County. Please join me in welcoming him to his new role.

Chad Lake – GLMW County Chairman

Paccar Scout Camp – Evening Activities



As you plan your summer terms meetings why not pay us a visit and have a go at one of our activities now the lighter evenings have arrived?

Climbing, Crate Stacking, Archery, Rifles, Gladiator Challenge, Quick Drop, Abseiling, High All Aboard, Leap of Faith can all be booked for evening sessions, and are all floodlit also!

Why not give us a call or drop us an email to check availability?

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On Monday 8th April 16th Edgware Scouts spent the evening helping at a local food bank . The food bank is in NW London and supports over 200 families each week.

Well done to all those involved.



Activity Team

We are pleased to confirm that the GLMW website has been updated with information regarding activity permits.

The link is here: [GLMW website activities](#)

On the GLMW website you will find a further link to the main Scout HQ activity pages, which include a permit application form.

For anyone requiring a new permit, or for a renewal of an existing permit, the application form should be sent to the relevant activity assessor. The activity assessor will carry out a technical assessment based on skills and experience for the role. After assessment, the application will then be passed to the relevant District Commissioner (or County Commissioner for those holding a County Appointment). The DC / CC will undertake an assessment of suitability for a permit, considering factors such as mandatory training e.g. safeguarding. If approved, details of the permit will be entered on Compass.

At the moment GLMW has assessors for Archery, Hillwalking, Climbing, Kayaking, Raft Building, Narrow Boating and Power Boating. We currently have assessor vacancies for the watersports activities of Pulling and Dinghy Sailing, any requests for assessments in these disciplines will be directed to nearby counties. If anyone has suitable activity qualifications and would like to apply for either of the vacant assessor posts, please let me know. (For Pulling, assessors need to hold the UKCC Level 2 Award and for Dinghy Sailing to be qualified as a Senior Sailing Instructor with the RYA.)

After many years of service as our Pulling assessor, Ken Crisp has decided to retire as an assessor and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for the many years of service he has given in this regard. I am pleased to say that Ken will still be around to provide advice where needed.

It should be noted that Air Rifle shooting is not part of the Scout Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme and relies on a permit issued by one of the shooting National Governing Bodies, see HQ web site for details [air rifle shooting](#). These permits are not recorded on Compass.

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING WEEKEND

We are running another training weekend for all Young Leaders in October at Paccar. The weekend covers all of the training modules with time for some fun activities on the site as well. Dates are 18 to 20 October. The weekend is residential in one of the buildings and fully catered - all you have to do is to come along and take part.

Please email Paul.Catchpole@glmwscouts for more details.

If you have any items for the next MX News please email [Claire Booth](#)