



Greater London Middlesex West Scouts - May 2019



Scouting for Opportunities

A recent report featured on the TV News highlighted a 'new and innovative solution' to the growing anxieties of young people in an English town. There, a number of coordinated initiatives in the town were focusing on teaching and encouraging life skills such as cooking a meal, shopping for food, planning to use one's time usefully in helping other people and other similar features that go in to surviving in the modern world. It struck me as I listened that the reporter could have been reading from the list of things that fall naturally in to the Scouting programme from the very first sentence. The list was full of the things that, as Scouts, we take for granted as part of the way we help our young people to grow and develop on their Scouting journey. It is why we have many parents recognising that Scouts is a movement that they want their children to be a part of. As a result, they offer us a growing pool of potential recruits who can each add a small amount to help us grow. Our constant task is to help them to see that even a small amount of time volunteering with our group will be a valuable addition to the journey we can offer.

Surveys commissioned by the Scout Association in the last few years have shown that young people who have taken the Scouting journey are, among many other things, more likely to: demonstrate leadership skills; to be better problem solvers; to show emotional intelligence and be physically active than young people who don't take part in Scouting.

| Care | Respect | Integrity | Cooperation | Belief |
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| We support others and take care of the world in which we live. | We have self-respect and respect for others. | We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. | We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends. | We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. |
| Our mission Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. | | | | |

Project Bear



To Bear
From our
cubs

One of our current initiatives to show our Beavers and Cubs that it is good to interact with the wider community they belong to is now live. Over the next six weeks, some 4,500 postcards will be coloured and completed by Beavers and Cubs across the County as they tell Bear Grylls what they find most exciting about Scouting and send him their advice on how to be a Chief Scout. We'll keep you updated on the progress and make sure that everyone can view the response from Bear when he sees that huge postbag from GLMW.

New DC Team in Stanmore & District

I'm really happy to be able to let you know that we have a new DC team in Stanmore and District. Colin Glass, Kate Barry and Ashley Martin have come together to for the new team. I am looking forward to joining them as they help the district to continue to grow and deliver great Scouting. Stuart Hogge, who is stepping down after five years as DC will remain a part of the team as the Local Training Manager along with many other roles in the district to help the new team along the way. I'm grateful for all the hard work that he has given in his time as DC. Please join me in welcoming the new team to their role.

St Georges Day Celebrations

Over the last week, it has been a great pleasure to see and join with many of you across the county to celebrate St Georges Day and recognise the many achievements we have seen across all the sections in the last year. Photographs of many of these are included below. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Richard Williams – County Commissioner

****World Scout Jamboree Bon Voyage Event****

On Monday, 27th May we will be bidding farewell to our Jamboree team during the All Action American Adventure.

The Sherlock Homies and Royal Guards would like to invite members of GLMW to join them in the Jamboree marquee at PACCAR Scout Camp for presentations and refreshments from midday. These events are always a wonderful opportunity to look back on the journeys of the two units so far and wish them well on their trip to West Virginia, USA this summer.

If you would like to join the event, please confirm your attendance with Claire Booth, County Administrator by 10th May and also indicate any dietary requirements. claire.booth@glmwscouts.org.uk

ReBoot

On 31st August and 1st September, PACCAR exclusively invites adult members and volunteers of Scouting or Guiding to REBOOT; a weekend packed with activities, workshops and drop-ins, for you to meet new and old friends, share ideas and try them for yourself.

Whether you choose to stay overnight or drop in on the Sunday, they'll be plenty of time to try out some of our site activities and join some of the workshops.

[Get in touch](#) now for more information or call 01753 882640.



£35 per person Saturday, overnight camping & Sunday £20 Sunday only Includes activities, workshops and meals.

Gladiator Challenge
Quick Drop
Pioneering
Climbing
Abseiling
Pedal cars
Bushcraft

Just for the grown ups...

REBOOT 2019

Saturday, 31st August - Sunday, 1st September

Campfire
Rifle Shooting
Archery
Tomahawks
Twin Zips
High ropes
Evening entertainment

Call 01753 882640 or email office@paccarscoutcamp.org

Elements 2019

On 27th September, PACCAR Scout Camp really will have it all! Bring your Group to our Elements weekend where each section has their own challenges and competitions and then join together at the end to celebrate their successes.

This year, Beavers take on the challenge of Earth as they become eco-warriors and set about making the world a better place. Beavers will explore animal habitats, go on bug hunts, investigate different power sources and teach fellow campers how to be more considerate to our environment. All warriors need to take a break though, and as a reward for all of their hard work, Beavers will also have time to try out some of the site activities and have some sporting excitement. A fully programmed weekend packed full of exploration, discovery and fun!

Cubs will be taking on our Air challenge in 2019 as they take to the skies and become super heroes. During the weekend there will be a whole host challenges that will see Cubs race, make and investigate whilst not forgetting their main mission of saving the planet!

The Scouts will be in the depths of PACCAR woods ready to take on our Water challenge as they embark on a bushcraft weekend. After a series of workshops, Scouts will put their new skills to the test and go back to basics as they prepare to sleep in their own shelters, cook on an open fire and live in the woods for the weekend.

SkyCamp is a well-established and very popular part of our Elements weekend for Explorers and Network, but this year you will be set the additional challenge of Fire. Your fire lighting techniques will be judged and we will be setting some fire related tasks to keep you on your toes. Whilst still camping in the trees, we would like to see you embracing the environment around you and be heard but not seen! There are now limits on equipment and we encourage you to use natural debris and natural foliage and to build your home in the branches with the focus being on minimalist whilst still being functional, creative and inventive!

The weekend is just £50 per participant for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which includes a supper on Friday and then all meals through until Sunday lunchtime. As part of the SkyCamp competition is to prepare your own menu, this is priced at £20 but teams will need to provide their own food. Non competing leaders are priced at £20 each if they wish to be catered for.

This event always sells out so don't hesitate, book your places now. Email office@paccarscoutcamp.org or call 01753 882640



GLMW Hillwalking Weekend – Places Available



Breath-taking Views - Fresh Air - Skills for Life - 18+ Social -

The GLMW hill walking team's next trip is to the beautiful Peak District over the weekend of 17th – 19th May. New to hill walking or looking to gain a permit, these weekends are designed to cater for all comers.

The weekends are friendly and social, and run by experienced and qualified Scouters, including members of the GLMW Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) scheme team.

About

Is this for me? Absolutely! All you need is a basic level of fitness.

This trip is ideal for those who may want a skills refresher, to learn something new, are a seasoned pro, or just want to experience a nice weekend with good company in the British hills.

We offer training from basic to advanced, to enable you to gain the skills required for the UK hills, used more locally to your Scout hut, and towards gaining a hill walking permit. The weekend can also be used for testing your current skills, enabling you to build experience of quality mountain days for your log book.

Attendees from new leaders, young leaders (18+), the more experienced or committee members are all very welcome!

Key details are as follows:

Date: 17th – 19th May 2019

Location: Crowden, Peak District

Cost: £25:00

Open to Adults (18 and over):

Involved in any Scouting role in GLMW (*outside of GLMW, contact us below*)

That are members Scout Network

Transport: Car Sharing is a common option and helps to reduce the overall cost. We liaise with people who have signed up to organise this.

Accommodation: Crowden, Camping and Caravanning Club Site

OS Map: OS Explorer OL1 (<https://dash4it.co.uk/catalog/product/view/id/24786/>)

What you need to bring:

Details will provided once you have booked your place.

Book a place: (*And why not bring a Scouting colleague or two*)

Visit www.glmwhillwalking.org.uk/book-a-place

Or go to our [GLMW hill walking page](#) and select “[Book A Place](#)” from the menu options.

Once booked, we will send you further details.

If you have any queries please send an email to getinthehills@glmwscouts.org.uk.

Following Trips:

Dartmoor (Indoor accommodation) in 13 - 15 Sept 2019

Lake District (Indoor) Nov 2019

Snowdonia (Indoor) Jan 2020.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Hill walking team coordinators: Phil Gamston and Aaron Wiles (getinthehills@glmwscouts.org.uk)

www.facebook.com/GLMWHillWalking

The Great Step Forward

To celebrate one hundred years of Scouts at Gilwell Park the Scout Association is holding an exciting new challenge event – the Great Step Forward. You can take part by getting in a team of four and joining many others at Gilwell Park on 20 July 2019. Together, everyone will complete a 25-mile hike, taking in the beautiful local scenery and enjoying a mass celebration at the end – complete with BBQ, entertainment, goodie bags, and the chance to meet some of Scouting's celebrity ambassadors. For more information, take a look at the attached flyer. The Great Step Forward is a perfect opportunity to raise important funds, learn new skills, and work towards a significant goal.

[GSF Leaflet](#)

Duke of Edinburgh

As of 1st April 2019 there was a small registration fee increase for the DofE scheme. Please can you make sure you are using the new form with the correct fee's for all future registrations.

[New Duke of Edinburgh Enrolment form](#)

Thank you

Buddy the Monkey

Buddy has been out entertaining himself at the climbing wall at PACCAR this week but what he really wants is to go on an adventure with you!!!

If you have any events coming up that you feel Buddy would enjoy then please contact [Claire Booth](#) County Administrator.



If you have any items for the next MX News please email [Claire Booth](#) by 27th May.