



Greater London Middlesex West Scouts - November 2019

"20in20" The GLMW Challenge for 2020

A great new challenge award for which everyone in the County can participate is here. With a badge that can be achieved by every member of every section from Beavers all the way through to Explorers, this is an exciting way to add new interest and opportunities to our programme for the year. There is even an award badge for all of our adults in GLMW from leaders, commissioners and executive committee members too.

The idea for this badge came directly from our young people. In 2020, the County Programme will be very much a Youth led experience. One of our Cubs, when completing his Postcard for Bear this summer said, "*If I was Chief Scout I would give everyone 20 challenges ... to complete in 2020...*". Among hundreds of really great ideas, we thought that this was one of the best and have made it a central element of our County programme plans for the year. There will be lots of opportunities to achieve the challenges throughout the year. With badges available at a subsidised rate from the County, this is an ideal aid to planning your section and district programmes in 2020.



Monitor Your Progress on OSM

There are personal record cards that you can download and print, we have arranged for the award levels to be available as a badge on OSM so that everyone can even e-track their own progress through the year.



There are challenges that fit with everything that we can already do in our great weekly programmes across the County so the awards can work for everyone. From Camping and Cooking to Hiking, making fires, helping to reduce plastic pollution to Zorbing, there is something for everyone to achieve. There is great flexibility in every one of them so reasonable adjustments can be made for everyone to take part. To see the challenges for yourself, you can find them on the [County Website 20in20 Challenge Page](#). For example, climb 100 metres for one of the Scout Challenges could be achieved by doing lots of climbing sessions with ropes and climbing walls, walking up some hills in the Chilterns or even by having a sponsored stair climb in a London tower block.

Take your Progress with You

If a young person moves section during the year, they can take their 20in20 progress with them to their new section. So if they have completed 16 challenges already, they will still have only 4 remaining to achieve in their new section and they will get the badge for the section that they are in.

And Our Adults have a Badge to aim for too...

We didn't want the adults in the county to miss out so if your over 18 and have a determination to get involved, there is a set of 20 challenges for you to. We hope that you are ready for 20in20 and look forward to seeing and hearing about the ways you make it happen across GLMW in 2020.



Richard Williams

GLMW Expedition Training Programme 2020 – for Explorers, Network and Scouts commencing their DofE Bronze Award – LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP

The GLMW Expedition Programme is a great way for our young people to complete the expedition requirements of our Top Awards in Scouting and for each level of the DofE. Every year many of our participants complete successful expeditions that create memories for a lifetime and build great skills. Applications opened in September and the deadline of 15th November is approaching fast.

This year we are starting the programme a little earlier than usual so that we can get more training in sooner in the programme. In addition, in line with the changes to the DofE Bronze programme we are opening up the programme to older Scouts who are looking to start their DofE journey as they go in to year 9 at school. If you have Explorers or Scouts wishing to join this year's programme please give them a copy of the [application form](#) attached here. If you are a Network member then please complete and send the form back direct.

A Great Debate at the GLMW County Conference

The County Conference took place on 19th October 2019. Representatives from every district in the County came together to share ideas, hear the latest news and best practice and help us plan for the future. With presentations from Scout Ambassador, Dwayne Fields, TSA's digital programme team and the DofE organisation, there were updates on the Scout strategy and how the County is leading the way on many of the latest initiatives. To see more about the information shared on the day, take a look at the [Conference Report](#) page on the GLMW website.



Scout Ambassador—Dwayne Fields

Bear Sent us a Reply

The Postcard for Bear activity that ran right around the county in the Summer term saw around 2,500 postcards from Beavers and Cubs across the county filling a postbag that was delivered to Gilwell in July. The response from every Beaver and Cub completing a card was fantastic with some amazing ideas and advice for Bear and some really great reasons to like and enjoy being in Scouting. The team at Gilwell and Bear himself were really impressed, so much so that he has sent us back a video reply. You can see the video by following the [links via the County website](#). You can see some analysis results of the feedback from the beavers and cubs [here](#).



The Postbag When it Hit the Desk at Gilwell

Young Leader Training

Well done to the Young Leader Group who completed their training at the course at Paccar in October. Hard work for everyone but they still found time to relax around the site and make new friends. They are now working to complete their four Young Leader Missions.

Further courses are planned for next year so watch this space for details.

Paul Catchpole—ACC Young Leaders

APPLICATIONS FOR THE UKWP ARE NOW OPEN.....

Are you looking to spend a week in the mountains, make some new friends and doing some manual labour. Half working on various projects and the other half relaxing, sightseeing around Switzerland or just having a nice coffee and cake in the village.

If the answer is yes then the UKWP (UK Work Party) might just be the thing for you.

The UKWP this year will be taking place [from the 25th April 2020 – 3rd May 2020](#). Please see below what an average day would look like, the ethos that the Pinkies have at KISC is to work hard and play hard. The work hard comes first, to give you an idea what the “WORK HARD” part is then imagine being on IST for a busy long weekend camp and you have some idea at what level of effort is required.

[08:05](#) – Meet in Coffee area for Grounds Manager

[08:10](#) – Work commences, log stacking, raking leaves, collecting chopped up wood

[10:15](#) – Coffee break

[10:30](#) – Commence work

[12:00](#) – Lunchtime

[14:00](#) – Resume work

[18:00](#) – Dinner

As you can see it's a packed day, you could be working outside raking leaves, stacking wood or other tasks needed to help out the centre. Some of the days you might be inside deep cleaning, some of the rooms, or other areas of the Centre or some of the other buildings. All tasks will require you to have equal amount of enthusiasm and can do attitude. This is easy to do because you will be in such an amazing place.

The cost will be approximately £130 which includes an activity on the Sunday, UKWP Polo, UKWP Hoodie, Meal out and the host party for the Pinkies.

Please note - The above cost DOES NOT include, flights, transfers, insurance or spending money.

Closing dates will be [the 31st December 2019](#) and you will be told if you have been successful by [7th January 2020](#).

Applications are welcome from all, however priority will be given to those that match One or more of the below points.

1. Scout Network age members needing to complete the residential aspect of the QS Award or Gold DofE
2. Scout Network aged members whether needing the above or not
3. Those that have not previously been on a work party

For an application form or further information please drop me an email. Keyur.patel@scouts.org.uk

Yours in Scouting

Kiwi

KISC - UK Work Party Co-ordinator

2020 Core Training Courses

The dates for the core adult training modules are now available on the website at <https://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/adult-support/training-calendar>. For next year we have added in extra course dates which are moving between venues around the county, as well as our weekend courses at PACCAR.

All training courses can be booked online via the website, and early booking is advised as courses are filling up quickly.

Phil Power

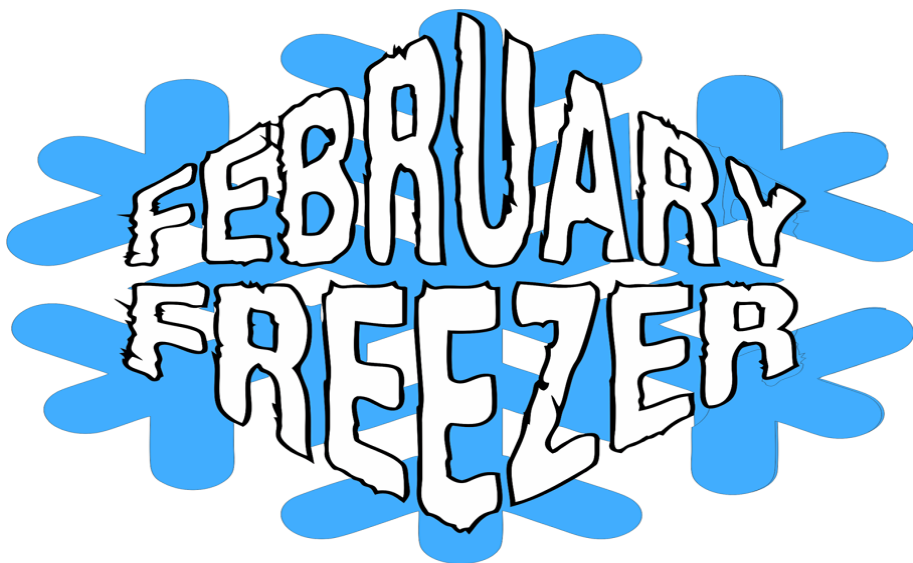
Deputy County Commissioner (Volunteering)

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February Freezer

14th-16th February 2020

Preparations for February Freezer 2020 are in full swing and looks set to be another awesome weekend. We have live bands booked, over 25 activities including quads, laser tag, bungees, evening sessions and some mad outdoor fun. You'll be so busy, there'll be no time to get cold!



We are now over 70% full with limited availability on our fully catered package...book now to avoid disappointment.

Email us at office@paccarscoutcamp.org or download a form from paccarscoutcamp.org/freezer

Need more leaders?

Register now for the live Volunteer Recruitment Webinar on Thursday 7th November to find out how to attract more volunteers!

Don't miss out, we will be sharing top tips on using tried and tested resources to recruit more parents. It'll cover a mixture of old school techniques that've been refreshed as well as new ways to appeal to parents and make the joining process simple and help you grow your team. [Join the live webinar](#) on Thursday 7th November, 7-8pm.

SunStock 24 – Celebrate the longest day in style!

19th – 21st June 2020

What better way to celebrate the summer solstice than to pack it full of activities and make the most of every minute? From 10am Saturday right through until 10am Sunday, PACCAR will have 24 hours of non-stop activity....challenge your friends to a midnight archery session, fly down the zip wires at 3am or make your way through the treetops as the sun rises.

Add to that music, foam party and open mic session and there really won't be time to sleep! A full on weekend with a festival vibe.



Event open to Explorers and Senior Section Guides.

£50 per participant (includes 3 meal tokens)

Email office@paccarscoutcamp.org or call 01753 882640

If you have any items for the next MX News please email [Claire Booth](#) by 27th November 2019