



Greater London Middlesex West Scouts - June 2018

#SkillsForLife



Over the last month, many of you will have seen that our new Scouting Strategy for the next five years has been launched. Focusing more effectively on what we do, the Skills for Life message is the culmination of a consultation process over the last two years that many of you have contributed to in local surveys and fora.

The Vision

In Scouting by 2023, we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Plus ça change...

While there is some change in the new strategy, much of what we have been working towards in GLMW remains the same. We keep working towards the same four key objectives:

- Growth
- Inclusivity
- Youth Shaped
- Community Impact

So that we continue to reach more young people with more adult leaders giving Inspirational guidance to help them achieve their individual potential. By helping our Explorer Scouts develop their leadership skills as Young Leaders, reaching in to more of our diverse communities and encouraging a growing achievement of our Top Awards at all ages, we will be helping to reach these objectives.

The new brand

The most visible sign of this new direction is in the updated branding for Scouts. Thank you to everyone who has already switched over to this new style. Thank you also for continuing to do the things that you do best: delivering great Scouting to all of our young people every day of every week all year round.

The pillars of the strategy

Much of what we will see over the next few years will build upon three pillars of work by the Scout Association that will help to improve support for volunteers, to make life easier so that more time can be spent on delivering an inspiring programme and to help recruit and retain more leaders. They will be:

Programme
People
Perception

A full version of the plan, including a full list of initiatives under the three pillars of work, is available on www.scouts.org.uk/ourplan.

Richard Williams

GLMW County AGM

You are invited to attend the County AGM on Sunday, 23rd September 2018 from 3pm at 1st Greenford Scout HQ.

Uniform should be worn as appropriate.

Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Voting forms will be sent to those eligible to vote.

RAF Takeover Days



The Royal Air Force is working in partnership with the Scouts to sponsor the Air Researcher Badge.

The RAF will be hosting a number of takeover days to help Scouts complete the badge. Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

Jack Petchey Celebration Evening

Earlier in the month, GLMW celebrated the achievements of 60 Scouts, Explorers and Young Leaders at the Jack Petchey celebration evening.



It was great to hear about the amazing contributions of these young people and also enjoy performances from Claire Muxlow and Ben Green from Greenford & District.

Thank you to all of those involved in supporting these young people and coordinating the Jack Petchey Award in their Districts.



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District Commissioner - West London District



Following a call for nominations by the County Commissioner, and interviews conducted by a selection panel involving members of the District, I am pleased to announce that the new District Commissioner for West London District is Alex Norori-McCormac. Alex has most recently been the District Chair, and before that a member of the District Team. Professionally Alex works at University College London as a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

As we congratulate Alex on his new appointment we must reflect on what has been achieved in West London District over the past two years. I would like to formally record our thanks to Lee Clark for his leadership of the District. Much has been achieved in a very short time, and a 49% growth in numbers is a testament to both Lee's leadership but also the hard work of leaders throughout the District. Lee has recently been appointed as the County Commissioner for Greater London North East, but will be staying in touch with West London as a Training Advisor.

Online Scout Manager

Working with the District Commissioner teams in the County, we are pleased to announce that we have now arranged Countywide access for OSM that will be paid for directly by GLMW.

Using OSM will help your Groups fulfil their obligations under the new General Data Protection Regulations and allow leaders to control their data storage and use.



Please contact [Karen Tempest](#) for the County code.

Do you want to make an impact on how we support the programme across the County?

We are looking for keen, enthusiastic and innovative individuals to join our growing team to help us support section leaders and districts to deliver fantastic programmes for young people.

We are interested to hear from anyone who wishes to make an impact on the way we support programme, but particularly from those who have knowledge and interest in the Beaver Scout or Explorer Scout sections.

If you think this is you then get in touch with [Phil Power](#).

Heathrow
Community Fund



The Heathrow Community Fund is an independent charity which receives funding from Heathrow Airport and other funders. Through their grant programme, they support significant and positive improvement in quality of life for communities in the boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Young Leader Training Weekend

5th – 7th October 2018



Following on from our successful collaboration with Berkshire Scouts in 2017, we will be running another Young Leader module training weekend this October at PACCAR Scout Camp. The residential weekend will enable Young Leaders to complete training on all of the modules in the Young Leader programme. In addition, the weekend will offer an opportunity to meet Young Leaders from a very different background to anyone active in our metropolitan county plus there will be time to enjoy some of the activities at our County campsite.

Places are limited so applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. So if you have a young leader who would like to participate, please help them to send completed application and health [forms](#) plus a cheque for £45 to Karen Tempest at our County Office (address is on the forms).

Buddy visits Brownsea Island

The County mascot, Buddy, joined Polaris Explorer Scouts on their trip to Brownsea Island last weekend.

Whilst there, 4 new Explorer Scouts were invested and a Gold Duke of Edinburgh award was awarded.



If you have any adventures planned that you think Buddy will enjoy, please [get in touch](#) and we will send him your way!



Scout Experience Survey

The Scout Association have released their annual Scout Experience Survey to explore:

- What young people take part in through Scouting
- What Scouting gives them and how satisfied they are
- How supported adult volunteers feel and where we can improve
- Why young people and adult volunteers join and leave Scouting
- How parents/carers view Scouting



To help improve the impact Scouting has on young people, get better at recruiting and supporting adult volunteers, win the support of decision makers and funders, and make better decisions about how time and resources are spent, please [share the survey](#) with all adults who have volunteered in the last 12 months, parents/carers of young people who have taken part in Scouting in the last 12 months and young people who have taken part in Scouts and Explorers in the last 12 months.

Elements Weekend 2018

28th-30th September 2019



The Beaver's Air Challenge is now full, but we do still have limited space for Cubs, Scouts and in SkyCamp! Book now to avoid disappointment...spaces are filling fast!

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.

Cubs will be taking on our Water challenge in 2018 as they take to the open seas and become pirates. During the weekend there will be a whole host of pirate challenges that will see Cubs race, make and investigate whilst not forgetting their main mission of finding the treasure!

The Scouts will be in the depths of PACCAR woods ready to take on our Fire 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, but this year you will be set the additional challenge of Earth. Whilst still camping in the trees, you are now challenged with becoming part of the environment around you and be heard but not seen! There will be new limits on equipment and we encourage you to use natural debris and foliage to build your home in the branches. This year, the focus will be on minimalist whilst still being functional, creative and inventive!

Visit the [website](#) for more information and booking details.



Email address'

The County team will now be using the following email address' for County related correspondence:

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Understanding GDPR

To support members with new GDPR regulations, a new [e-learning module](#) has been released. You are encouraged to take the time to complete module to understand how this affects your role and your responsibilities.

Items that you would like to include in MX news should be sent to [Karen Tempest](#) by 25th of each month