



## News and Views for Scouting in Gloucestershire

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Squirrels





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## Editorial

The latest statistics on vehicle speed compliance for 2020 in Great Britain, were released on 6th August by the Department for Transport. They paint a worrying picture according to IAM RoadSmart, the UK's largest independent road safety charity. The statistics revealed **most** drivers and motorcyclists exceeded the speed limit on 30mph roads and motorways.

More free flowing traffic conditions in 2020, resulted in 56% of cars exceeding the speed limit on 30mph roads, compared to 53% on motorways and 12% on national speed limit single carriageway roads. What would the speeders have done with the few seconds they saved? None of them could have been Scouts because they would have made a Promise to do their best to do their duty to the Queen!

On 2nd June 2022, we will celebrate another unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved.

More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.

There is a long and unbroken tradition in our country of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons - on top of mountains, church and cathedral towers, castle battlements, on town and village greens, country estates, parks and farms, along beaches and on cliff tops. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

Town Criers are being invited at 1 pm local time on 2nd June to undertake the Proclamation announcing the lighting of the beacons later that evening. As the sun sets at 9.09pm across the UK and the Commonwealth (this time will vary in each time zone across the world), individual pipers and pipe bands are being asked to play "Diu Regnare" from central locations of their choice from within their local communities as their personal tribute to Her Majesty The Queen. This unique tune has been especially written for this historic Jubilee by Piper Stuart Liddell, 2020 Glenfiddich Champion and Pipe Major of the World Champion Pipe Band, Inveraray and District.

Copy date for the next edition will be **Monday 17th January 2022.**

## From the C.C.

Hey there!

So, we are into the depths of autumn with the nights drawing in and the clocks changing later this month. It's one of my favourite times of year, with activities in the dark and the crisp air of an evening.

Since the last edition of [gscouts](#), I've had the opportunity to do lots of really cool things, which is what I enjoy most in my time in Scouting – meeting young people and their amazing adult volunteers.

So here comes a short list of some of the excellent opportunities I have had:



Supporting the hosting of a webinar put on by the Regional Services Team to help us all put Covid in our rear-view mirrors.

Investing Adults and Explorers in Severn Steel ESU at the brilliant Bugsboarding activity in Maisemore (check out the activity, the Explorers I was with loved it!)



I have been able to hold 1:1s and Appointment Reviews with all of the brilliant GSLs and District team in the Forest Of Dean (as I am acting DC currently).

Watched a brilliant Queen's Scout Award presentation. I love these, they are a great opportunity to see how much hard work some young people put into their Top Awards and to hear how it has supported that young person's growth and development. Truly inspirational!

Ran lots of online training courses! Thanks to everyone who is taking part and getting so engaged!

Presented lots of Outstanding Service, Good Service and Length of Service Awards at AGMs across the County.

Met South Cerney Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Cranham, to see them having lots of fun at their Group Camp. Here I got to do tent inspections, have lots of great chats and for some unknown reason, the Beavers put me in the Stocks and threw wet sponges at me!!! It was a great afternoon and thank you for inviting me!





Presented Silver Chief Scout Awards to a number of Cubs at 1<sup>st</sup> Cinderford before investing their two newest leaders. Welcome to the family!

Supported the World Jamboree Roadshow – it was great to meet with the team and talk to parents as they engage and excite young people into this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

September and October is also AGM season, and I have had the privilege to be able to take part in the AGMs of almost all of the Districts. Each of them uniquely different, each with different things to celebrate and shout about. Thank you to all of the District Executive Committees and District teams that work with you all in order to be able shout about the things we do.

Another personal highlight was the opportunity once again, to stand in front of many of you at Cranham during our County AGM to present awards, share our progress and listen to Kat, Brooke and Harry, our County Youth Commissioners and Deputy Youth Commissioners, lead an excellent presentation about the You Shape Award. It was great to talk to you, whether at Cranham on a cold evening or at home taking part via Zoom. Thank you for joining me.

Don't forget, when you hold your Group AGM, according to POR, you have to send a copy of your annual report and annual accounts to the District Secretary, just as District Executives send their reports and accounts to the County Secretary. If you have forgotten to do this, please try and do so as soon as you are able to.

John (the Editor) does a brilliant job of pulling this all together throughout the year, and I am very thankful for all that he has done.

But many of you will also know that I like to write a review of the whole year that goes alongside our annual report that we publish

at our AGM, although much lighter this year, you can [read the annual review here](#)



## County Youth Commissioner's Good News!

### New Badges? Yes please!

It's here! The You Shape award!

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the You Shape Award was launched by the UK Youth Commissioners. This new badge aims to embed youth shaped Scouting into all parts of the Scout programme and offer young people more opportunities to learn leadership and communication skills.

Since the launch, the Gloucestershire Youth Commissioners have been promoting and supporting the award by making videos, creating resources and visiting sections. We are all very excited by the new award and are keen to see lots of young people getting involved and achieving it.

The award is made up of 4 badges for each section and includes central, plan, lead and represent badges. Each badge has a list of requirements that the young people can choose from – and they can do as many as they like! The most unique part about this badge is that the young person has complete ownership of their award: they decide what they do, how they do it and when they have completed the award.



For more information on the award and the criteria, go to

<https://gscouts.org.uk/youth-shaped> or contact your District or County Youth Commissioner.



### Who are we?

Ever find yourself wondering who your District Youth Commissioner is? Well wonder no more! We have updated the youth shaped area of the County website and added a page all about our Youth Commissioners. So, if you would like to know more about yours, visit <https://gscouts.org.uk/your-youth-commissioners>.

### Fancy a visit?

We want as many young people to be involved in shaping their Scouting experience as possible and we want to support Leaders to facilitate this. If you would like your Youth Commissioner to come along and run a youth shaped evening (this could be a forum or helping start the You Shape award), get in touch. All of our emails are on the County website so please get in touch if you want a visit!

**Kat Holter**

County Youth Commissioner





Join the unforgettable adventure at...

**HAARLEM Jamboreette**  
 SPEAKERS' 9 AUGUST - 12 AUGUST 2023

# Haarlem Jamboreette 2023

## About Us

Join Gloucestershire Scouts this year at Haarlem Jamboreette for 10 action packed days in the Netherlands, with a wide variety of activities including visits to Amsterdam, Haarlem and Walibi World. Young people will be given the opportunity to discover the campsite of over 3,000 Scouts from all over the world!

### Price includes All Expenses

Price covers camping, food, travel, logistics and all activities, pre-camp contingent merchandise.

### Haarlem's 14th Edition Jamboreette!

Haarlem Jamboreette have run the Jamboreette 14 times and each time we go they get better

### Visit Our Roadshows!

25th October - Cheltenham  
 1st Hatherley Scouts, Penrith Rd, GL51 3QB

15th November - Gloucester  
 Murray Hall, Tuffley Lane, GL4 0NU

21st November - Tewkesbury  
 3rd Tewkesbury Scouts, Oldbury Rd, GL20 5LW

25th November - Stroud  
 Stroud and Tetbury Scouts, Leonard Stanley, GL10 3LT

1st December - Online Evening  
 (Email for joining details)

### Email us Today!

Camp Lead: [camplead.haarlem@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk](mailto:camplead.haarlem@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk)


Camp Info: [info.haarlem@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk](mailto:info.haarlem@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk)

Total Cost

**£675**

Fundraising Available

Instagram: [@globe\\_haarlem\\_contingent](#)  
 Facebook: Gloucester Haarlem Contingent

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## Growing tiny Acorns into mighty Oaks

We're proud and excited to welcome the newest section of the Scouts family: Squirrels for 4- to 5-year-olds. It's been 35 years since Scouts launched a new section and this marks a historic moment in the movement's history.

Squirrels is all about making an impact and enabling new skills for life at a time when it matters the most. Squirrels follows the steps of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer sections:

- Making friends
- Having fun outdoors
- Learning new things
- Earning badges through fun activities

In Gloucestershire, we're really excited to be launching two Squirrel Dreys from September 2021:

- 1st Aylburton and Lydney
- 1st Newent

Meet your Squirrels Support team, helping Groups across the County to open new Dreys:

**Rishona Steward:** Main role has always been Assistant Cub Scout Leader but I've had roles in all sections over the years. With young children myself that have been involved in Scouts since they were only days old, it's exciting to see more young ones being able to join the journey and experience a whole new set of adventures.

**Nick Coates:** My primary role is Assistant Beaver Scout Leader for 1st Woodmancote and I also am one of the County Advisors and Cohort Coach for Squirrels. I'm really excited about more young people experiencing new skills and making new friends. 4- to 5-year-olds can now start their journey in Scouting in a historic time for the movement.

Nick Coates





### Module A



This is the mandatory course all Young Leaders need to do. The module has been revised and includes all essential information needed before starting as a Young Leader. Meetings will take place on Tuesdays at Cranham. They will run under tight social distancing guidelines which have been approved by the County and with much smaller numbers. Please complete the [application form](#)

### Module A Online

The next online Module A for anyone aged 14-18 who comes along to a section meeting (for example, the children of helpers, DofE volunteers, over-age Scouts waiting for an Explorer space, Explorers offering to help with Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, or Squirrels, or anyone interested in the Young Leader scheme) will be held on zoom on **24th October**.

Register with Eventbrite below.

Don't forget to register with the YL unit at [fodyoungleaders.org](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dofe-and-young-leader-module-a-24-oct-2021-sunday-tickets-179525635007)

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**Mark Westgate ACC Young Leaders**

### Climber Badge 27th & 28th October



Mid-week course at the Warehouse Climbing Centre in Gloucester: Climbing and Bouldering using the extensive facilities and fully qualified instructors. Scouts gain Climber badge, Explorers gain the Explorer Climber badge.

All climbing equipment provided. **Strict covid procedures are followed.**

<https://book.gscouts.org.uk/climb21/signup/> 12 places. Non-residential. **£56.**



### Climbing is back

We have a limited number of spaces for a four-week climbing course, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November, to be held in Cheltenham, from 7 to 9 pm. The course is for Scouts and Explorers.

The course will cater from the novice climber to those who already climb, with an aim of achieving Scouting Climber activity badges. We hope to offer an additional outdoor session for the participants after the course (additional cost). The cost of the four-week course is £32.00, all equipment will be provided. To book your space, please register here: <https://forms.gle/MBr3cc9pHKPbASoQ7> Spaces are limited so don't delay.

**Gloucestershire Scout Climbing Team**

[climbing@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk](mailto:climbing@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk)

## Strategy & Evolution



We're delighted to be able to announce the 2022 dates for Strategy & Evolution challenge camps. Don't forget that Evolution is now for the Cub age range, while Scouts and Explorers can both enjoy Strategy. Make sure you've got the dates in your diary.

### **“The BEAST of the Rainbow”**

**When:** 15th-17th October 2021

**Where:** Cranham Scout Centre

#### **Activities:**

- Axe Throwing
- Archery
- Climbing
- Rifle Shooting
- Arts & Craft
- Inflatables
- Evening Entertainment



And Much More...

**EXPLORERS-** Talk to your Explorer Leader to sign up!

**Participant Cost:** £45 . **Leader / Helper Cost:** £10

**Group Booking System (LEADERS ONLY):** <https://book.beastcamp.org.uk/beast21/>

**Helper Booking System (OVER 18 ONLY):** <https://book.beastcamp.org.uk/beast21/helpers/>

For further enquiries please email: [admin@beastcamp.org.uk](mailto:admin@beastcamp.org.uk)

## Archery GB Course

6th & 7th November Cranham Scout Centre

This is jointly organised by Glos Scouting and Girlguiding Glos.

It will gain you an Archery GB qualification.

Find more information at <https://gscouts.org.uk/event/archery-instructors-course>



## Shirehike is back!



After the success of Shirehike last year we promised to repeat it. The website for this year's event is now live at [shirehike.shirejam.org.uk](http://shirehike.shirejam.org.uk).

Your logins are unchanged but please do remember to update any details that have changed e.g. moving from Beavers to Cubs; please also update your address if you've moved house. All your results have been carried forward from last year to allow you to continue from exactly where you left off .

If you like a challenge, we have added a further two levels this year - Diamond and Platinum, your progress towards these will

already be showing when you login to the website.

Also new this year is the option to travel by cycle or on the water; head to the routes page and search for 'cycle' or 'paddle'.

We would also like to introduce you to our four bonus challenges, each of which adds an 'edge badge' to fit around your main Shirehike badge.

- Map symbol challenge
- Environmental challenge
- Kit list knolling challenge
- Out of county challenge

Full details can be found on the [website](#), including a great update video from Youth Commissioner Harry. Please do take time to explore the website and ensure you read the pages under *Further Information* before you start each route. These include important safety information and guidance.

Don't forget to take photos of your adventures too.

Happy hiking, **The Shirehike Team**

## Gloucestershire Constabulary Outward Bound Bursary Scheme

Nominations for Gloucestershire Constabulary's Outward Bound Bursary Scheme are now open. (Ages 13-18)

With the support of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire, the next Outward Bound (bursary funded) course will run from the 7th to the 11th of February 2022 at The Outward Bound Centre, Aberdovey, Wales.

You can find out more on their [website](#)



## PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Qualification Course

There's been a lot of enthusiasm out there for scuba diving recently.

Is it the blue sea, crystal clear water, beautiful multi-coloured fish swimming happily just inches away from you in the tropical River Severn? ..... (editor - Who wrote this rubbish? )

Perhaps it's the fun and sheer delight of making the leader team struggle to crow-bar you into the wet-suits. For whatever reason, for the two years before the pandemic, we have had to run two Open Water courses each year to satisfy demand. Now here is the first (perhaps only) 2021-22 one.

Our close relationship with the JCScuba Dive School now in its fourteenth year means that the Octopus Scuba Explorer Unit will again be running the PADI Open Water Scuba Diver course for those Scouts and Explorer Scouts wanting to gain this qualification and embark on thrilling holiday adventures well into the future. This is a qualification

for life and remains valid even if you do not dive for several years due to other commitments (university, relationships, family, work etc.).

For the first time this year, we are moving to digital delivery of the theory training in line with Marlborough College and Dauntsey School (JC Scuba's other main youth customers). Our course set-up this year is slightly different from previous years because of this change, and there will only be one residential Scout weekend instead of two.

On registering for the course, you will be asked to complete a medical questionnaire before being sent the registration codes to allow you to access the training material. The instructors will monitor your performance as you work through the material and complete the on-line review questions, and final exam, ready for the practical training at the first weekend. (Do not worry, nobody has failed the exams on our courses.....yet).

During this weekend, the friendly instructor team from JCScuba will then take you through a review of the material, including a review of incorrect exam answers to make sure everybody understands what the correct answers were. You will also have more training time in the pool, before heading off to do some Open Water dives at a local site.

This will then just leave you with another day's Open Water diving, at the dive site, to achieve the full qualification (which is included in our course fee).

The course also has the potential to deliver various Scout activity badges and these will be agreed with Scouts and their Leaders. For Explorers, gaining the qualification is listed as one possible route for completion of the DofE Physical Activity section and can count towards Chief Scout Awards (Platinum and Diamond).

The residential weekend is based at a Scout HQ in Gloucestershire and all training material, PADI registration, equipment hire, accommodation, food, transport and entrance fees to the training and dive locations are included. For the additional day, you will have to make your own way there, but the entrance fees, instruction and kit hire is again included. The discounted cost is £530 for the whole course but it can be paid in instalments by arrangement with the Course Director (see booking form for contact details).

**The practical training dates are: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May AND 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022.** To apply for a place on the course, please complete and return the **TWO** forms :

[2021-22 Scuba OW Application form](#)

[2021 Medical Questionnaire](#)



## Discover Scuba Diving



Fed up with all your fun activities cancelled due to Covid? Why not join the Octopus Scuba Unit for an hour in the pool trying a new skill – scuba diving. It is a taster session which, if you like it, can then be followed up with us to become a qualified scuba diver and more. Once qualified the world outside Scouts would then be your oyster – Great Barrier Reef, Caribbean, Red Sea etc.

Our Discover Scuba Diving sessions are always popular and oversubscribed (last month we advertised one and have had to book two additional dates to deal with all the requests). They take place in a local swimming pool, so you won't have too far to travel. If you are interested, fill out the booking form and send it with the **£29 fee. 6th November** at Brockworth. Use this [booking form](#)

## Scuba Report – Discover Scuba Diving 10th July 2021

At lunchtime on Saturday 10th July, the next bunch of Scouts and Explorers who had been waiting for Covid restrictions to ease and allow them to do their Discover Scuba Diving experience descended on Brockworth Sports Centre.



There were two cohorts for this event. The first cohort was reduced to five individuals, due to last minute Covid contact isolations. That didn't stop them from spending a hugely enjoyable hour in the water learning the necessary simple skills to equip them to move on and become qualified – which they all seemed keen to do. This cohort also got to see three of their qualified peers enter the pool to test their dry suits ready for their technical qualification dive the next day.

As the first cohort left the water, so the second ones took over. This was a 60:40 split between boys and girls – nice to see more girls giving it a try. They also enjoyed the session immensely – we just needed a shark in the water. They somehow ended up swimming, so that from the surface it looked like a shoal of fish – perfect for a predator to go for (I had fed the instructors first, so the youngsters

were safe)! This was another cohort who seemed keen to carry on to go for the qualification.

## Scuba Report – Dry Suit Qualification 10th/11th July

As the Octopus Scuba membership started to get back into action to clear outstanding courses, the second weekend in July saw the first group of qualified divers waiting for their Dry Suit technical qualification return to the water.

The Saturday lunch time saw the three Explorer Scouts share the pool with a cohort of Discover Scuba Diving participants. Our lads were testing that the suits fitted them snugly enough – no point in having a dry suit if it lets the water in (more of that later)! They also needed to practise their skills in buoyancy as the dry suit itself has to be inflated as well as the Buoyancy Control Device, which is worn by those who dive in wetsuits. This all seemed to go reasonably well and they all emerged dry and happy.

The next day (Sunday) they duly turned up at the Cromhall Dive Site to do their formal qualification dives. They arrived mid-morning, as they were due in once the Open Water course participants (another covid delayed cohort) completed their dives for the day.

Their dives were pretty uneventful – they knew their dive skills and had understood their pool training well. A little over two hours after arrival they were coming back out of the water as fully qualified dry suit divers. I wish I could say they were all dry.....well two out of three ain't bad!

Young Barry managed to have a rather sodden arm – I guess he'll have to check his seals are on correctly next time. Mind you it could have been worse – we've had some in the past come out as wet as if they had been wearing a wetsuit.

Congratulations to the three lads on a highly successful and enjoyable two days.

## SCUBA DIVERS SINK COVID

You will recall from Paddy's July Newsletter that Octopus had restarted its programme and a group of Scouts and Explorers were embarking on their Open Water course. That first weekend at the end of June had seen them complete all the pool training and theory work. Everything was set up for the middle of July for the first Open Water dives. All was going well... or so we thought. In comes the message - one of the lads has tested positive for Covid on a PCR test, even though he was negative on a Lateral Flow Test. We think he got it from his youngest brother (don't you hate younger brothers?)

We crossed our fingers and fins and waited to see the outcome - more infections in the group? Would he be clear in time? We were lucky, no more infections and the whole group were cleared to continue on time. The group assembled at the dive site at 8:30 in the morning (a time most didn't know existed), ready for some time in the warm water (well 14°C is warm for the UK). By early afternoon they had all completed the required surface and underwater skills, tried to prevent us from running by attacking work and completed their first two dives. Everything was set for them to come back the next week to finish off.



Then Covid came back to bite us again. Another of our group has to isolate and will miss the dives as his elder brother has tested positive (don't you hate older brothers? seems to be a common theme here). Unfortunately, that was not all - the dive school suddenly find several instructors also instructed to isolate due to contact with positive cases (none linked). To allow the dives to go ahead, we now have to split the lads into groups who will do their dives consecutively rather than concurrently with the instructors remaining in the water and Shore Support (Me and John Thompson) getting the lads sorted on dry land. The weather forecast is for very hot (30°+). There is absolutely no shade available at the dive site. We further amend the programme, so that each group of lads is given different arrival and collection times so that they are not standing around killing time with a strong sun beating down on them. They all turn up on schedule and complete their further skills tests and dives, including the CESA (Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent) in water now at 20°C on the surface. One lad has a problem which prevents him from completing one of the required skills - he'll have to come back and do that one on another day. The others are all now fully qualified Scuba Open Water Divers.

Two weeks later (1st August), we are back at the dive site to allow the two divers who could not be signed off the last time to complete their qualification. This time the weather is cooler and for



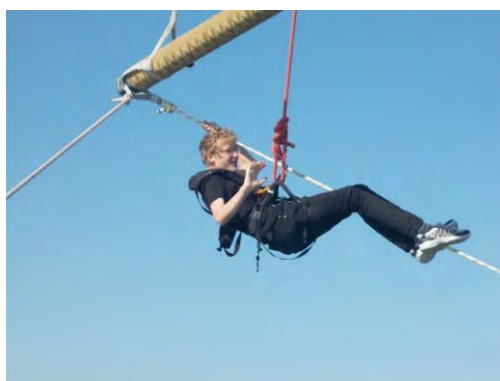
those of us on shore much wetter (rain!). The two lads are soon in the water with their instructors heading off to complete the different elements each still had to do. Everything was completed successfully, and we have another couple of qualified divers.

The message is clear - Scouts and Explorer Scouts will take on Covid and beat it. On three different occasions we followed the rules and defeated it each time. Congratulations to the lads on achieving their PADI award. It also covered Chief Scout Challenge activities in both Scouts and Explorers for all of them, whilst for two of them it also completes a section of their DofE Award.

Derek Newman Cheltenham District Explorer Scout Leader Octopus Scuba Unit

## Tall Ships 2022

We are excited to announce that in summer 2022 we will take a group of Scouts sailing on a 72ft (22m) Challenger Yacht. The yachts are operated by the Tall Ships Youth Trust and the voyage is led by their experienced professional and volunteer crew. Scout leaders will be on board to join in the fun.



This is a unique hands-on experience. You will become an important part of the yacht's crew and this involves more than just the sailing - it will include food preparation, maintenance and cleaning.

The 72ft yachts are great fun for everyone. Fast but safe, the Challenger Yachts provide the perfect introduction to big-boat sailing.

We've run two trips before, in 2015 and 2019, and everyone had a great time.

[Where?](#) We will sail from and to Portsmouth. Transport will be provided from Gloucestershire. During the week we will aim to visit a number of ports.

[When?](#) Setting off first thing in the morning on Monday 22nd August, returning evening of Saturday 27th August.

[Who can go?](#) This trip is for any Scout or Explorer who will be aged between 12 and 15 on 22nd August 2022. For 16 to 18 year-old Explorers, I can't make any promises now, but please get in touch to express interest, if you would like to go. If there is enough interest from your age range, we may be able to take a trip for older Explorers.

[How much?](#) The full cost of this activity is £505.00. However, bursary funding is available from the Tall Ships Youth Trust if you cannot afford the full amount. Anyone who cannot join a voyage due to their financial circumstances is eligible to apply for a bursary.

[Further information](#) Contact Freddie Noble, 07745 639690, [tallships@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk](mailto:tallships@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk)

How to sign up:

Please complete the form at <https://tinurl.com/gscouts-sail>. We need a deposit of £130 to secure your place. Hurry! We must confirm our booking by the end of October for this trip to take place.

## Paddy Langham's Scouting History: Chapter 2

### A move to Abingdon

After two years, I was off to Teacher Training College near Abingdon. I soon found a Scout Group, the 30th North Berks (Abingdon Baptist) and joined the team at one of their Cub Packs. The Cub Master was Ken, a very lively Baptist Deacon. I spent three years helping Ken and even ran camps for them (no permits in those days).



*Abingdon Cubs. Ken in middle of back row. Paddy on right (looking very stern)*

I visited Cub Open Day at Gilwell Park with both 1st Hanworth and Abingdon. On one trip the traffic jam of coaches stretched right down to Chingford High Street! The Abingdon Cubs wore a uniform of grey jerseys and red neckers. No trouble guiding them through the crowd until we crossed paths with another Pack in identical colours. Luckily, we carried a red flag at the front to guide our Cubs.

We held several joint summer camps with 1st Hanworth and Abingdon Scouts. On one camp near Abingdon, Monty arranged to arrive halfway through the camp. He cycled from Hanworth and I drove and met him along his route and picked him up. We also did a weekend trek camp from Hanworth to Sheets Heath, a campsite near Woking. This involved pulling a trek cart loaded with all our kit.

### The Barnacle Hospital Crew

I also joined the Barnacle Hospital Crew at this time, usually travelling from Abingdon to Gilwell on my NSU Quickly 49cc moped. If I got cold, I simply turned off the engine and pedalled for a bit until I had warmed up. I attended about every sixth weekend. The hospital was in two large wooden huts. In the first hut was the surgery, a six-bed boys' ward and a two-bed Leaders'

ward. A girls' ward was added later. There was also a small operating theatre! Our Leader was another Bob but this one was a doctor and a Major in the TA Medical Corps. He ran the centre as an extension of his general practice. Each weekend was run by a 'Charge Nurse' who usually was a TA NCO. They were strict and had a habit of putting on white gloves and checking for dirt on top of cupboards around the surgery. We did more than simple First Aid and on occasions we were required to give injections. We would practise on an orange. One weekend in December the whole crew would meet for a Christmas party on the Saturday evening. Balloons were condoms and we drank from spittoons. It was best not to drink too much, because on Sunday morning came a vigorous written exam. I once did a full week duty in August. Halfway through, our white neckers were looking grubby and we decided to boil them up to wash them. Unfortunately we forgot all about them and they burnt. The problem was that we were having our meals in the White House along with members of the training team running a Wood Badge course. We turned up for breakfast wearing white handkerchiefs as substitutes. This looked OK at the back but stopped very short at the front. We were told off by the great John Sweet and issued with grey training neckers for the rest of the week. I was on duty the day England beat Germany in the World Cup. We watched the match in the storm hut with German Scouts watching a TV at one end of the hall and English Scouts at the other end.



*One of the Barnacle hospital huts.*

During my last year at college I completed my first Wood Badge. This was run on the London Training Ground at Gilwell over four weekends in November and December. We were supposed to be camping out in patrol tents but it was so cold that we all slept indoors. This was the last Senior Scout Wood Badge to be run by Dr Bob and his team that had also run the first one. We became a Senior Scout Troop complete with maroon berets, epaulettes and garter tabs.

On our last weekend, we completed our 14-mile hike in Epping Forest, camping very near a pub. We spent the evening in the bar and slept in the pub's garage. I never made it back to Abingdon that Sunday. I was so cold travelling back on my NSU Quickly that I gave up and went home to Hanworth for the night to warm up.

## **The Culham Crew**

At Culham College we also formed our own Rover Crew and spent a weekend of service at Youlbury Scout Camp. We planted a yew hedge around the campfire circle – it's still there.

I gained three of the four awards towards the BP Award. Unfortunately, I did not gain the Ramblers' Award. I feel this was ironic considering the number of hike weekends I have been involved in since. The BP Award was the Rover's



*Senior Scout Wood badge patrol. Paddy is second from left in back row*



equivalent to the Queen's Scout Award, which was just for Senior Scouts at that time.

I was a Rover until I was 24, when Rovers ended nationally. We then became a BP Guild and then a District Service Team. Andy was our Leader and we had a very large membership. When Pauline took over she suggested we had a Team song. We told her we already had one and proceed to sing it to her. It was decidedly not the sort of song she had hoped for, being more suitable for a rugby club!

girls' ward saw added



Culham Rover Crew in college chapel. Paddy is third from right.

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Bin there! Where is it?

## Know your County

### The Four Shire Stone

At the eastern end of the county stands The **Four Shire Stone** which marks the place where the four historic English counties of Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire once met. Since 1931, with a change to the boundaries of Worcestershire, only three of the counties meet at the stone today.

The Four Shire Stone is not a single stone, but a nine-foot high monument, built from the local Cotswold stone. It is at the northern corner of a T junction on the A 44, a mile and a half east of Moreton-in-Marsh (MR 231322). The existing structure was probably built in the 18th century, and is a Grade II listed building. There was an earlier "4 Shire Stone" on or near the site in 1675. Five (formerly seven) civil parishes meet at the stone.



### Kiftsgate Stone

Five and a half miles northwest of Moreton-in-Marsh, just off the road which runs from Chipping Campden to Broadway (MR 142390), is the three-foot-high Kiftsgate Stone. The origin of this standing stone as a prehistoric feature is not known with certainty but its re-use as a meeting place strongly implies that possibility, since it would have been a well known landmark. The name 'Kifts' is thought to be derived from the Old English 'cyft', meaning 'meeting or conference' and so 'Kiftsgate' would imply this was a gap or gateway where meetings were held (which may also explain the perforation, if the stone supported a gate), thus making this the moot for the Hundred of Kiftsgate. The stone was also used as a central point for making local and national announcements, including proclamations regarding coronations, up until William IV (1830).



Standing stones are prehistoric ritual or ceremonial monuments with dates ranging from the Late Neolithic to the end of the Bronze Age. They comprise single or paired upright slabs, ranging from under three to over 20 feet high where still erect. They are often conspicuously sited and close to other contemporary monuments. They can be accompanied by various features: many occur in or on the edge of round barrows, and where excavated, associated subsurface features such as pits and hollows filled in with earth containing human bone, cremations, charcoal, flints, pots and pot sherds. Several standing stones also bear cup and ring marks. They may have functioned as markers for routeways, territories, graves, or meeting points, but their accompanying features show they also bore a ritual function.



# Rosh Hashanah

(Taken from Wikipedia)



A Rabbi and a bar mitzvah student read about the birth of Isaac from the Torah

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is one of Judaism's holiest days. Meaning "head of the year" or "first of the year," the festival begins on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, which falls during September or October. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day

period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

Rosh Hashanah 2021 began on Monday, September 6, 2021 and ended on the evening of Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The exact date of Rosh Hashanah varies every year, since it is based on the Hebrew Calendar, where it begins on the first day of the seventh month. Rosh Hashanah is almost always in September or October.

Rosh Hashanah is not mentioned in the Torah, Judaism's founding religious text, and appears under different names in the Bible. Though the holiday was likely well established by the sixth century B.C., the phrase "Rosh Hashanah" shows up for the first time in the Mishna, a Jewish code of law compiled in 200 A.D.

The Hebrew calendar begins with the month of Nisan, but Rosh Hashanah occurs at the start of Tishrei, when God is said to have created the world. For this reason, Rosh Hashanah can be seen as the birthday of the world rather than New Year's in the secular sense; still, it is on Rosh Hashanah that the number of the civil year increases. The Mishna described three other "new years" in the Jewish calendar in addition to Rosh Hashanah. Nisan 1 was used to resume the cycle of months and measure the duration of kings' reigns. Elul 1 resembled the start of the modern fiscal year and determined the tithing of animals for charity or sacrifice. Shevat 15 calculated the age of fruit-bearing trees and is now celebrated as the minor holiday of Tu B'Shevat.



According to tradition, God judges all creatures during the 10 Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, deciding whether they will live or die in the coming year. Jewish law teaches that God inscribes the names of the righteous in the “book of life” and condemns the wicked to death on Rosh Hashanah; people who fall between the two categories have until Yom Kippur to perform “teshuvah”, or repentance. As a result, observant Jews consider Rosh Hashanah and the days surrounding it a time for prayer, good deeds, reflecting on past mistakes and making amends with others.

Unlike modern New Year’s celebrations, which are often raucous parties, Rosh Hashanah is a subdued and contemplative holiday. Because Jewish texts differ on the festival’s length, Rosh Hashanah is observed for a single day by some denominations and for two days by others. Work is prohibited, and religious Jews spend much of the holiday attending synagogue. Because the High Holy Day prayer services include distinct liturgical texts, songs and customs, rabbis and their congregations read from a special prayer book known as the machzor during both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The sounding of the shofar—a trumpet made from a ram’s horn—is an essential and emblematic part of both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The ancient instrument’s plaintive cry serves as a call to repentance and a reminder to Jews that God is their king. Tradition requires the shofar blower to play four sets of notes on Rosh Hashanah: tekiah, a long blast; shevarim, three short blasts; teruah, nine staccato blasts; and tekiah gedolah, a very long blast. Because of this ritual’s close association with Rosh Hashanah, the holiday is also known as Yom Teruah — the day of the sounding of the shofar.



After religious services are over, many Jews return home for a festive meal steeped in symbolism and tradition. Some choose to wear new or special clothing and to adorn their tables with fine linens and place settings in recognition of Rosh Hashanah’s significance. The meal typically begins with the ceremonial lighting of two candles and features foods that represent positive wishes for the new year.

An orthodox Jewish rabbi sounds the shofar at the Western wall in Jerusalem. The Western Wall is the closest site to the temple that remained intact, making it an extremely sacred location for Jewish people

Apples and honey: One of the most popular Rosh Hashanah customs involves eating apple slices dipped in honey, sometimes after saying a special prayer. Ancient Jews believed apples had healing properties, and the honey signifies the



hope that the new year will be sweet. Rosh Hashanah meals usually include an assortment of sweet treats for the same reason.

**Round challah:** On Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath) and other holidays, Jews eat loaves of the traditional braided bread known as challah. On Rosh Hashanah, the challah is often baked in a round shape to symbolize either the cyclical nature of life or the crown of God. Raisins are sometimes added to the

dough for a sweet new year.

**Tashlich:** On Rosh Hashanah, some Jews practise a custom known as tashlich ("casting off"), in which they throw pieces of bread into a flowing body of water while reciting prayers. As the bread, which symbolize the sins of the past year, is swept away, those who embrace this tradition are spiritually cleansed and renewed.

**"L'shana tovah":** Jews greet each other on Rosh Hashanah with the Hebrew phrase "L'shana tovah," which translates as "for a good year." This is a shortened version of the Rosh Hashanah salutation "L'shanah tovah tikatev v'taihatem" ("May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year").

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## The Life of Buddha



Siddhartha Gautama, known as Buddha or 'the enlightened one', the founder of Buddhism, was born in north-east India about 568 B.C. He was the son of the Rajah of the Sakya tribe. When he was about thirty years old, he left the luxuries of the court, his beautiful wife and all earthly ambitions for the life of an ascetic.

He first tried the various methods of spiritual discipline practised in his day, but neither Yoga meditation nor self-mortification and rigorous fasting yielded him what he sought. After six years of self-torture, he saw in the contemplative life the perfect way. When he was thirty-six he rested on the banks of a river at a place called Uruvela, beneath a tree, which became famous - the Bodhi or Tree of Enlightenment, where he attained the peace of Nirvana.

For some forty years he taught, gaining many disciples and followers, and died when he was about eighty years old around 483 B.C. His system was perhaps rather a revolutionary reformation of Brahmanism than a new faith, the keynote of it being that existence is necessarily miserable, and that 'Nirvana', or nonexistence, the chief good, is to be obtained by diligent devotion to Buddhistic rules. The death of the body does not bring Nirvana; the unholy are condemned to transmigration through many existences



## The Bear Grylls Adventure in Birmingham



Boasting Europe's tallest high ropes course, as well as indoor skydiving, climbing, archery and even a shark dive, The Bear Grylls Adventure at Birmingham's NEC is an unmissable experience for adrenaline junkies.

The incredible high ropes course has 36 obstacles to tackle, all from 65 feet up in the air. The course is suitable for anyone aged eight or over – as long as they're brave enough to take on the challenge!

The Bear Grylls Adventure high ropes experience is open now, with other activities reopened on Thursday 20 May 2021.



## Flagging Enthusiasm

Perhaps because of their Celtic heritage, Cornish people are particularly proud of their county flag. You have probably seen photographs of it flying from public buildings throughout the county. It is attributed to St. Piran, a 5th-century Cornish abbot.



Devon, too, has its county flag, St Petroc's Cross. Saint Petroc, is a local saint with numerous dedications throughout Devon. The Flag is made of three colours — green, black and white, those traditionally identified with Devon (e.g. the colours of its Rugby Union team, Exeter University and Plymouth Argyle F.C.).

Did you know that **Gloucestershire** also has its official county flag? It was registered in March 2008, and is named the *Severn Cross*. The design was the winning entry in a 2008 competition, judged by High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, Jonathan Carr, in celebration of a millennium of the county's existence. The flag comprises a cross of mid-blue, outlined in cream, against an apple green background. The blue represents the River Severn, the green represents the Golden Valley, Stroud, and the cream represents Cotswold stone.



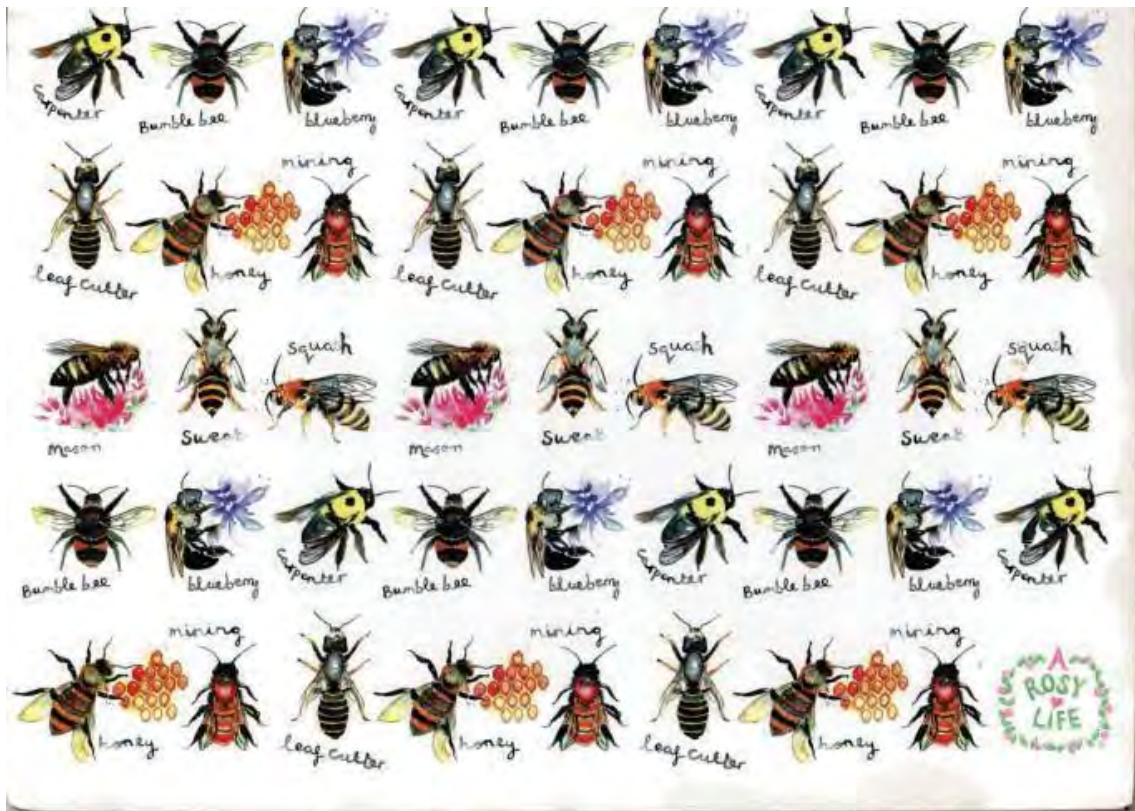
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A meeting of the International Badgers Club will be held at **Malvern** on Sunday, 17th October, 10am-4pm.

1st Malvern Link Scout Group H.Q., Rodway Hall, Redland Road WR14 1LY.

Tea and coffee available. Why not bring some of your young people? Thousands of Scout badges from all over the world for swop or sale.



## Bees

This rather charming placemat was bought for me recently. It illustrates eight species of bee and prompted me to find out more about them.

To my amazement, I find that, apart from honey bees (that live in colonies of between 20,000 and 60,000 individuals), there are 24 species of bumblebee and over 240 species of solitary bee in the UK! There are 20,000 species worldwide!

Bees play a vital role in pollinating flowers, so that we have crops of fruit and vegetables every year. Only honey bees produce honey, the primary species being the Western or European honey bee. Bees can cover 15 miles in an hour but need to cover 55,000 miles for a pound of honey. In fact no one bee could achieve this, as they only have a lifespan of between six and eight weeks and will only be able to produce half a teaspoonful before they die. A bee could visit between 50 and 100 flowers on a single trip for nectar. It must be working hard because the buzz that it makes comes from the beating of its wings at least 200 times a second.

In the hive, the male bees' primary job is to mate with the queen, who can lay 2500 eggs in a day. It is only the females that do the work and provide the food in the form of honey! They have been doing this for 150 million years. At least the honey can be preserved for a long time!

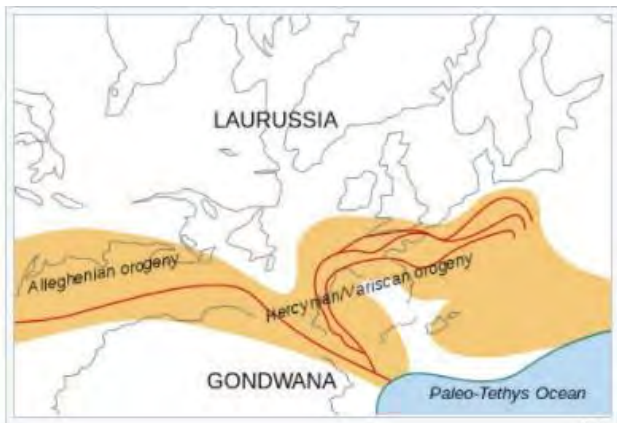
When you describe someone or something as being the bee's knees, they must be something really special, as bees do not have kneecaps, merely jointed legs!

John Morton



## Forest of Dean Geology

This remarkable fold in the rocks is near Chepstow. I guess it is close to MR 530945. Can anybody find it and tell me the exact map reference?



It was formed in the Variscan orogeny, a geological mountain-building event which occurred between 280 and 180 million years ago. It was caused by the continental collision between Laurussia and Gondwana to form the supercontinent of Pangea.

Present day coastlines are indicated in grey for reference.



A photograph taken in 1904 by L. Richardson FGS





## Scout Ambassadors

Meet our incredible team of ambassadors. They're all different kinds of people but have one thing in common: to share far and wide how Scouts is helping young people gain skills for life.

### The inspirers.

The space-walkers and early-morning talkers, the directors and pole-trekkers, the swimmers and rowers. To us, they're all heroes-in-neckers. They're the ones telling the world about what we do – giving young people the skills to succeed.

They broadcast to millions on TV and radio. They've made history walking rivers, reaching poles and travelling the world. All are committed to Scouts and none is afraid to break the mould.



### The astronaut

186 days in space gave Tim a unique view of the world. That's why he spends his time helping young people gain skills, look to the future and dream big.

'Scouts was the first step on a journey that led to me becoming an astronaut. With the right skills, anything is possible.'

**Tim Peake**

### The pole-trekker

When it comes to turning your life around, Dwayne's story takes some beating. He went from being the victim of gun and knife crime on the streets of Hackney, to becoming the first black Briton to reach the North Pole. Today he's encouraging everyone to get into the outdoors, to look wider and be the best they can be.

'Being a Scout changed my life. It gave me confidence, self-belief and skills for life.'

**Dwayne Fields**





### **The naturalist**

What can't Steve Backshall do? Inspiring millions through his Deadly 60 and Expeditions series, he treks into undiscovered parts of world, scales huge peaks and picks up crocodiles in his bare hands. But he never forgets that it's kindness that matters most.

'So many of the skills that I use on my expeditions now, I learnt at Cubs.'

**Steve Backshall**

### **The presenter**

It's impossible to keep up with Anita. From leading the way with the anti-plastics revolution, to trekking through India or championing rare vinyl, she has as many interests and fans.

'The Scouts help young people develop those all-important life skills. It inspires so many.'

**Anita Rani**



### **The survivalist**

It takes a special kind of person to fend off a pack of lions or out-run armed guerrillas in the jungle. These are all things Meg has achieved in her incredible career. Truly at home in the outdoors.

'The Scouts help young people get the best possible start in life.'

**Megan Hine**





## The explorer

Why spend three years walking the length of the Amazon River? Why not? He then spent 60 days marooned on a desert island before living on the streets to help people understand homelessness. Fearless. Honest. Direct. That's Ed.

'My love of adventure really came from those first night camps I went on with the Scouts. My greatest fear is not living my life.'

**Ed Stafford**

## The actor

The force is strong with Warwick. From Star Wars to Harry Potter, he has entertained generations. Both in front and behind the camera, he sees no barriers beyond the limits of your imagination.

'The Scouts gave me some wonderful skills and still does today. It's a fantastic movement!'

**Warwick Davis**



## The rower

Two Olympic gold medals and three world championships tells you a lot about Helen. When it comes to putting in the hours and never giving up, she's top of the list.

'The Scouts led to a love of the outdoors and really grew my confidence. The skills you gain through Scouting are incredible.'

**Helen Glover**





## The swimmer

Winning two Paralympic gold medals in Beijing at the age of 13 was just the start for Ellie. Golds at London 2012 and Rio 2016 followed and she's still at the top of her game.

'Young people need positive role models. They need places to try new things and not be afraid to fail. Scouting is one of those places.'

**Ellie Simmonds**

## The hiker

She's inspired thousands to get up off the sofa and enjoy the great British countryside. A walker, presenter she's also passionate about making the countryside accessible to all.

'The Scouts are brilliant. They give young people those opportunities to experience adventure.'

**Julia Bradbury**



## The climber

Quite simply, Saray is a phenomenon. Born in Zambia, she's carved an international reputation as both a mountaineer and champion for young people's education. As well as conquering Everest in May 2019, she's explored across the world and was the first Black African woman to stand at the South Pole.

'Through my climbing, I've been raising funds and building libraries for under privileged schools.'

**Saray Khumalo**



## The talker

The first voice you wake up to. Always fizzing with energy and bursting with ideas, Chris is the host of the Virgin Breakfast show and the mastermind behind CarFest.

'I love the fact that the Scouts has gone international. It's brilliant.'

Chris Evans

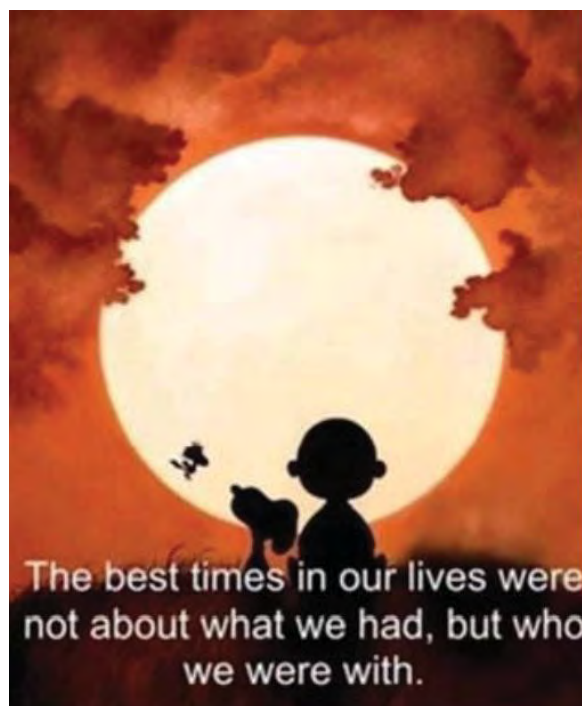
## Local requests

Because their time is precious, our ambassadors spend it reaching the most people. That means they currently support us nationally, rather than locally. This isn't because they don't want to. It's because they can use their time to change millions of minds about Scouts.

If you have a query about a Scout Ambassadors, please, contact [communications@scouts.org.uk](mailto:communications@scouts.org.uk) Please do not contact them or their agents directly with any Scout requests.

You can download ambassador videos from the brand centre.

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## Scouting in Iceland



**Bandalag íslenskra skáta** (BIS, Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association) is the national Scouting and Guiding organization of Iceland.

Scouting was founded in Iceland in 1912 and was among the earlier members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1924. Guiding in Iceland was founded in 1922 and was among the founding members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The organization serves about 1,500 Scouts<sup>1</sup> and 2,000 Guides in 35 Groups.

Scouting was introduced in Iceland as early as 1911, when Ingvar Ólafsson, who had joined the Scouts in [Denmark](#), formed the first Boy Scout patrol. Iceland was at that time a Danish Colony. A growing feeling of [nationalism](#) striving for independence led many societies and movements to look for guidance and motives in countries other than Denmark. This was the case for the Scout Movement, and in 1912 the leaders of Icelandic Scouting turned to the English original and *Scouting for Boys* as their model for Icelandic Scouting.



The first council, *Skátafelag Reykjavíkur* (The Scout Society of Reykjavík) was established on November 2, 1912. A new Scout Group was formed on April 23, 1913 with members from the Reykjavík [YMCA](#). In 1916 a Group was formed in [Stykkishólmur](#) and 1917 in [Akureyri](#), to be followed by Groups in the principal towns of [Hafnarfjörður](#), [Eyrarbakki](#), [Akranes](#) and [Ísafjörður](#).



Guiding commenced on July 7, 1922 as the YWCA established a Company of Girl Guides.

A National Association was formed in 1925. As Iceland became an independent kingdom in personal union with Denmark in 1918, it was possible for Icelanders and Icelandic associations to join international organizations. One of the first in the new kingdom to do this, was the Boy Scout Association, which joined the World Movement in 1924. The Icelandic Girl Guides joined the WAGGGS in 1928. Icelandic Scouts have been present at all International [Jamborees](#) since Ermelunden in 1924.

Scouting had a firm start in Iceland and grew fast during the thirties. In 1939 the Girl Guide Association was formed with Jakobína Magnúsdóttir as Chief Commissioner and [HRH The Crown Princess Ingrid](#) as patron. In 1940 the number of Scouts and Guides was around 3,000, out of a population of 130,000. The Icelandic Scouts and Guides made Scout history, when they formed the first joint association of Scouts and Guides in the world in 1944.





In 1942 the Association leased the farm *Úlfjótswatn* near Reykjavík, which has ever since been the centre of training and camping activities. A new centre at *Hamrar* near Akureyri, in the northern part of Iceland, has been built within the last decade.

Icelandic Scouts have been very active in international Scouting, working together with the *Nordic countries*, effective in the preparation of Nordjamb 1975 (World Scout Jamboree in Norway) and participating in annual programs prepared by the Nordic Scout Council. National Jamborees have been an integral part of Icelandic Scouting, starting in 1925. Ever since, the National Jamboree has been held at first every fourth year and is now a triennial event.

The *Scout Motto* is *Ávallt viðbúinn*, *Always Prepared*.

### Program sections

- Drekaskátar (Dragon Scouts) - ages 7 to 9
- Fálkaskátar (Falcon Scouts) - ages 10 to 12
- Dróttaskátar (Adolescent Scouts) ages 13 to 15
- Rekkaskátar (Ranger Scouts) - ages 16 to 18
- Róverskátar (Rover Scouts) - ages 19 to 22

Rescue Teams - ages 17 and up



Margrét Tómasdóttir became the first female Chief Scout.



**SLYSAVARNAFÉLAGIÐ  
LANDSBJÖRG**

**The Scout Rescue Teams** were founded in 1937 and celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. They are made up of volunteers that respond to emergencies at all times, day and night, all year round. The teams are especially trained in mountain, avalanche and sea rescues, also looking for lost

back-packers and dealing with all emergencies in bad weather.

Their greatest fund-raising is selling fireworks in the week before the New Year, when Icelanders go crazy, shooting fireworks all over the country. The rescue teams also raise money by selling Christmas trees and other items.

The Scout Rescue Teams also take on the security service during soccer games and other sports events, as well as open air concerts and all Scouting Jamborees and large camps in Iceland. They also participated in the World Jamboree in 2007 with great success.

# Everyone's welcome...

When a young person joins Scouting they all come with their own individual needs. Many can be catered for easily, but some need additional support. This is where the **Inclusion Team** can help. We can provide proactive support, advice and guidance. We're happy to visit, share good practice and find the guidance you need to support each young person.

## What is inclusion?

Inclusion is simply respecting and caring for everyone as individuals; accepting their needs and considering how these might have additional needs when planning and delivering a great programme of activities.

**Inclusive Scouting** enables everyone to feel:

- **welcome,**
- **secure,**
- **comfortable,**
- and **celebrates their own identity**

especially their culture, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, religion & faith, beliefs, class, ability, age, mental & physical health, education, parental status, involvement in youth justice, and family structure & responsibilities.



## Get in touch...

Just contact the **Gloucestershire Inclusion Team**. We can help with advice, guidance and visits.

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Inclusion and diversity

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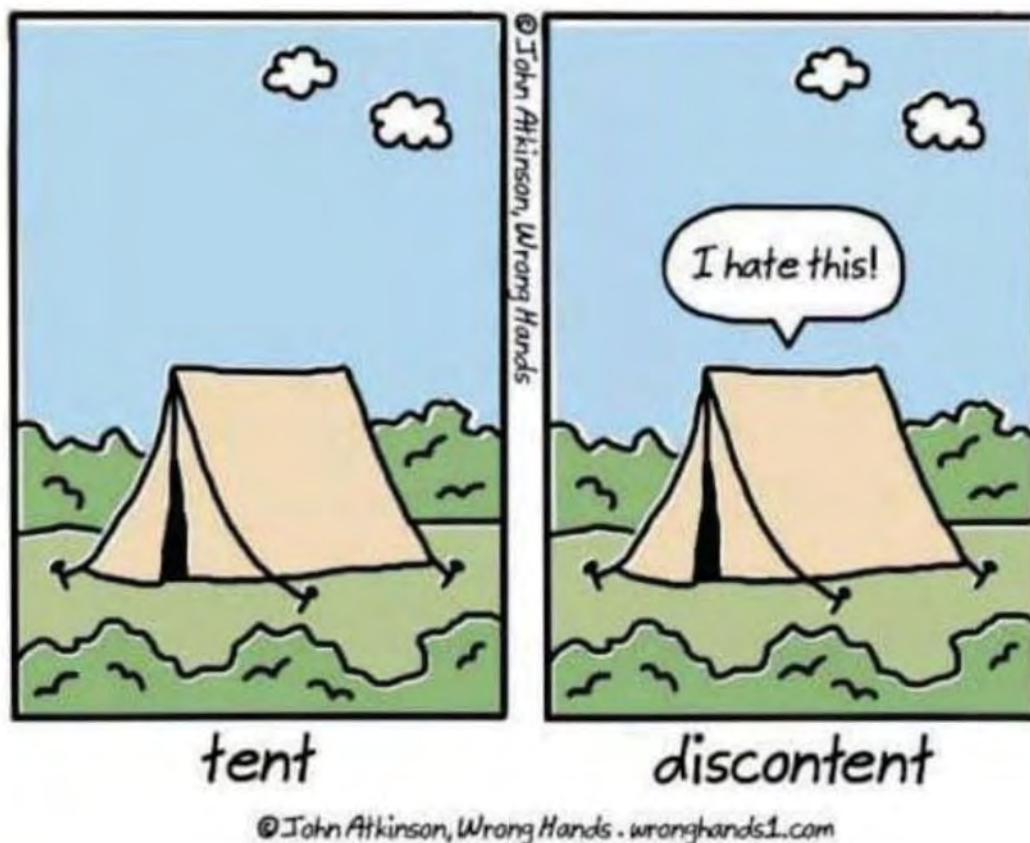
## The History of the Scout Woggle

In the early days of the Scout Movement in Great Britain, the Scout Scarf used to be tied in a loose knot at the neck and naturally became very creased.

However it was known the Americans were experimenting by using a ring made from bone, rope / wood to keep their scarves together. Bill Shankley, aged 18 and one of two permanent campsite employees at Gilwell Park, had the job of running the workshop and coming up with ideas for camping equipment. He found out about the American rings and decided to try and go one better.

After various attempts with different materials, he finally made a Turk's Head knot - adopted in the days of sailing ships, when seamen developed decorative forms of rope work as a hobby - made from thin sewing-machine leather belting. He submitted this to the Camp Chief and, no doubt the Chief Scout, for approval and had it accepted.

The American rings were called 'Boon Doggles', most probably because they were made of bone, and the name was a skit on 'dog bones'. To rhyme with 'Boon Doggle', Shankley called his creation a 'Woggle'. An article in *The Scout* on 9th June 1923 by 'Gilcraft', called 'Wear a scarf woggle', made reference to the idea of it having become very popular among Scouts who had been quick to imitate the fashion set by the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Troop (i.e. Wood Badge holders).





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