



Hi everyone

It's been a while since our last newsletter. if I'm honest I don't quite know where the past few months have gone. Scouting has certainly been exceptionally active in 2022!

I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of the Groups and Units that have been active in providing support to the aid efforts for Ukraine. What is happening in Ukraine is truly horrific but I know the efforts going on across Nottinghamshire will be greatly appreciated and make a difference.

### **Census**

Thank you to everyone for completing this year's census so promptly. Across the County there was significant growth in comparison to 2021 and we are quickly heading back to the numbers we had pre-pandemic. We now have 6,931 young people and 2,441 adults. There are a couple of really pleasing highlights that stand out in the census:

1. Amazing growth in the City District that means they are now significantly larger than they were before the pandemic – well done!
2. A very large increase in Beaver numbers across the County – this is really good news for the future as the Beavers move through the movement.
3. The number of active adults working with young people has increased
4. All Districts have seen strong growth

The challenge now is to keep the momentum going. We know that recruiting, training and retaining adults will have a significant role to play in this. We're currently working on an approach for a large scale roll out of the 4 week challenge – more information to follow soon.

### **Looking out for everyone**

I know that the past 2 years during the pandemic have been exceptionally difficult for young people and adults. As a result the mental health of many members has been impacted. The horrific events that are currently happening in Ukraine are certainly adding to the anxiety that I know many people face. There are some really useful Nottingham and Nottinghamshire specific materials on supporting young people with their mental health. They can be found here: <https://nottalone.org.uk/?a=pc>

If you feel you would be able to provide support to adults in Nottinghamshire supporting young people with their mental health please let me know – [steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk). It would be great if we could recruit a Nottinghamshire Scouts Mental Health Advisor.

### **A final shout out!**

I'd like to welcome Gio Kelsey-DiCabria who has recently taken on the role of District Commissioner in Bassetlaw. Already it's great to see Bassetlaw working with Gio to move things forward.

Please continue to look after yourselves and those around you.

**Steven Tupper**  
County Commissioner





## World Scout Jamboree

On Saturday 26th February 2022 the Nottinghamshire Scouts Jamboree Unit met together for the first time to kickstart their preparations towards attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree to be held in SaeManGeum, South Korea, in the summer of 2023.

Unit 16, as they are known at the moment, comprises of 36 young people and 4 leaders representing every district within the County. The next challenge for 'Unit 16' is to work on the unit branding and arrange fundraising events within their local area. The participants from your Scouting District would welcome your support throughout the Jamboree journey, so please look out for them over the next 18 months!



## 92nd Nottingham Scout Group

Aadam Hussain, Safiyah Smitham, Yusayra Choudhury, Abdul-Karim Razzaaq, Yusuf Iqbal, and Ismael Khan achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and together with Thalbah Permadi achieved Platinum Award. All 5 plus Abdul Mohimen Lateef have already qualified for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition and are currently working on completing their other sections for the Award. They are now planning for their Gold and Diamond Awards

Abdul Mohimen, Aadam Hussain, Yusayra, Thalbah and Yahya Abdelhamid are working towards their street sports badge in skateboarding. Its their dedication and commitment to scouting that I would to be praised. So as a Leader I am proud of them.

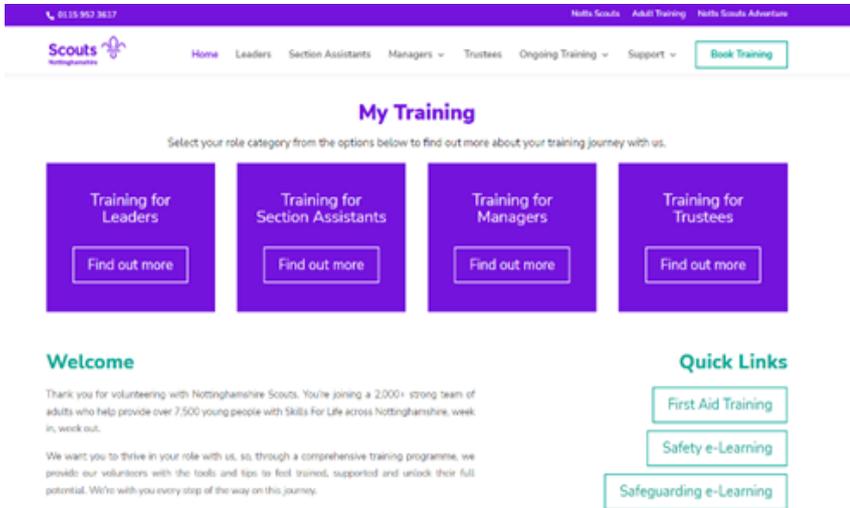
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# Training News

## Welcome back

Over the last few months it has been great to welcome people back to face to face training. Manager and supporter training, first aid training, woodbadge training have all been well attended, keep your eye on what training is available over the coming months on the website.



I am pleased to announce the updated website for Training in Nottinghamshire, we have hopefully made it easier to use whether you are a new or existing adult in Nottinghamshire. The website has all the old features but is split by role so you can find out what training you need to do and links to how to find the relevant training by role.

[Training.notts-scouts.org.uk](http://Training.notts-scouts.org.uk)

## Mandatory Training

Keeping our young people safe should be central to everything we do, so we expect all Leaders, Managers, Supporters, Section Assistants and SASU members to keep their mandatory training up to date.

Safety, safeguarding training need to be completed every 3 years and the links can be found on the website.

Leaders and Managers are required to have up to date first response. We are offering a blended approach for first response where the theory is completed online with a virtual validation session and a short practical validation. Some face to face sessions are available both via County and in some districts.

Trustee's are required to complete the Trustee introduction training.



## Wood badges and support available

In 2021, 57 Leaders completed the wood badge for their role, congratulations to you all. As we all get back to face to face Scouting it is great to see leaders being presented with their well deserved wood beads.

The end of 2021 saw a few changes in the District Local Training Managers. ( DLTM ). We welcome Sharon Lathlane to the DLTM team as DLTM for Newark and say thank you to Val Spyve, Val was DLTM for Newark for many years and was a valued and respected member of the team, my thanks go to Val for all her hard work and support she gave to leaders across Newark

The District Local Training Managers across the County are there for you, to support you with your training and to help you gain your woodbadge. Ashfield – Deb Green, Beauvale – Margaret Cooper, Central – Paul Mellors, City – Lee Redmile, Mansfield – Tee Ailward, Newark – Sharon Lathlane, Rushcliffe – Andrew Hamilton and South West Notts – Annette Daykin.

**Christine Sheard**

DCC People



**AWARDS—Congratulations to the following members**

**Chief Scouts Commendation**

**Good Service to Scouting**



**Central Notts**

David Cooper  
Ellie May Hopkins  
Jodi Merrington  
Ann Davis  
Patricia Jefford  
Susan Mallen

**Rushcliffe**

Stephen Thorne

**Award for Merit**

**Outstanding Service to Scouting**



**Central Notts**

Mark Brown  
Alison Sutherland

**City of Nottingham**

Barbara Kanikowski  
Francis Kanikowski

**Rushcliffe**

Simon Gillespie  
Neil Younger

**County**

Christine Sheard

**Young Leader Training - Breakout Room Facilitators needed!**

*Are you an experienced adult volunteer? Would you be willing to help facilitate and guide discussion from our Young Leaders in a Zoom session?*

Our County Young Leader Training provision continues to grow and thrive post-lockdown, however with the growth in Young Leaders comes the need for additional adult support in the Zoom meetings. We're looking to increase our facilitator capacity in order to continue offering a high-quality, virtual training programme for our Young Leaders across Nottinghamshire.

Should you wish to sign-up to become a facilitator, please complete the form below. We will be in touch once we have completed our training/compliance checks (DBS, Safety, Safeguarding & GDPR training needed) to share more details about our setup, and to welcome you to the team.

Adult Facilitator Sign-Up - <https://forms.office.com/r/OXE5YdmLp0>

The 21/22 session dates can be found at [www.notts-scouts.org.uk/young-leaders](http://www.notts-scouts.org.uk/young-leaders) and we would welcome any questions/queries via email: [youngleaders@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:youngleaders@notts-scouts.org.uk)

look forward to hopefully hearing from some of you soon! It would be great to have representatives from around the County - all offers of support will be greatly received.

**Ed, Connor & Annette**  
Young Leader Training Team



**Poppy Display—1st Coddington**

The Group collected bottle bottoms, Beavers and Cubs hand painted and attached them all to our Scout Hall entrance which led to many passers by remarking on how fabulous it looked!

We did not do an official count but we believe there was over 800 poppies.

# Gang Show

## WE'RE BACK !



Gang Show has been asked to perform at the Nottinghamshire Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

If your young people would like to take part, perhaps meet up with friends from previous shows and help us get ready for the 2023 show, then please click on the link below, and complete the registration form no later than 25<sup>th</sup> March.

After the closing date we will confirm where the rehearsals are to be held. Please note that when registering, you are confirming their availability for the two rehearsals dates and the performance.

It will be fantastic to see everyone, but don't worry, if they are not available for the Platinum Jubilee Performance, Gang Show 2023 starts in September and in one year from now we will again be on the Theatre Royal Stage.

*Christie & Clare*

<https://forms.gle/z1j5BxRETJUjVYUGA>

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## County Camp 2024

We are looking for twelve young people to join our Junior Organising Team (JOT) for County Camp 2024. They will be involved in helping shape the design and feel of the event and the programme. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to have their say on the biggest event in the County since 2018!



See the link below for more information:

<https://notts-scouts.org.uk/our-big-adventures/county-camp-2024/>

If you have any questions, please contact Hugh Atkin, Head of Youth Engagement:  
[hugh.atkin@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:hugh.atkin@notts-scouts.org.uk)

## Walesby Forest Events

### March 18 – 20 Wake up Walesby

Free camping for the weekend, all we ask is that on Saturday you help us tidy up the centre ready for the year ahead and on Sunday morning there will be a selection of activities for you to enjoy.

### April 17 Easter Weekend

2019 was the first year we closed the centre to camping and opened to the public and Scout and Guide Groups for our Easter Egg Hunt and activity days. We are planning to do the same in 2022.

### April 29– May 2 Walesby Challenge Weekend

Our Challenge Weekend is back again with a theme... Take part in a number of events and challenges with the coveted Walesby Challenge Trophy up for grabs!

£46.00 per person (inclusive of all activities and camp fees)

Leaders only £11.00 Meal package only £34.00

### Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June PLATINUM JUBILEE Camp

We are holding a special camp to celebrate our monarch's 70 years of reign. The charge for the weekend is £30.00 for campers and £10.00 for leaders.

### October 7 – 9 Rescue Weekend is back!

A special weekend where your young people will experience a range of training and perform rescues from fighting fires, cutting open car doors, first aid skills and missing person search training.

Bookings must be made prior to arrival. The cost is £60 per person which includes training, food (Friday tea to Sunday lunch) Free camping. Payment in full is required at the time of booking. All bookings subject to availability, the event only has 60 places available for this one special weekend, so numbers are limited, book early to avoid disappointment. Leaders are not required to stay on site, we will have multiple permit holders to cover this event and look after the children for you.

### October 28 – 30 Terry Harris Patrol Challenge Shield.

We are running this new event for us which gives your young people the opportunity to go "Back to Basics" Patrol camping which we hope will inspire your patrols into taking part in something new which is available to all patrols throughout the country. Cost is £25.00 per person including camp fees and activities. The activities will start on Friday evening and will end at lunchtime on Sunday. Leaders will not be required to attend as we will have Nights Away permit holders on site, but a Nights Away Passport will be required.

## 2023

### Advance Notice

### **Walesby World Experience (The Forester) 2023**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

