



Hi everyone,

I want to start with a huge thank you for the care and compassion everyone in the County has shown following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It has been lovely to see so many of you taking part in events and playing a real part in your communities. We even had representation as part of the Scouting volunteers who supported the Queen's Lying in State.

Throughout the period of mourning I have had numerous people asking me for advice on what is right to do and what is not. I understand that it has sometimes been difficult and we have learnt together — there was no written rule book. What I am clear on though is that we are much better to make a considered decision than none at all so please be rest assured I support you in what you have done over these sombre few weeks.

As we look to the future, I'm sure Scouting will play an important role in the reign of King Charles III and we should be ready for this when asks arise.



### **Training Compliance**

You will all know that the mandatory safety, safeguarding and first response training is a vital part of keeping both our young people and adults safe. Over the past year some adults have had roles changed due to lack of action. The clear steer from Gilwell is that compliance is going to be tightened still further. Please do not ignore reminder e-mails on this, they won't go away and I know it causes upset when roles are changed. You can access the safety and safeguarding training at the links below. Further information on first response is included later in this newsletter.

<https://learning.scouts.org.uk/safeguarding/index.html#/>

<https://learning.scouts.org.uk/safety/index.html#/>

### **Changes**

Over the next 12 months you can expect to see a number of changes to the way Scouting is organised and run from a national level. For many of us they won't seem like anything new but we will all need to sit up and take notice of them. Group Scout Leaders have been invited to an event in November to find out more. If you are a Group Scout Leader and haven't received the invite please let the office know. [office@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:office@notts-scouts.org.uk).

Speak soon and thank you for everything you continue to do.

**Steven**

**County Commissioner**





## COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA SUPPORT

My name is Adam, and I've recently taken over as lead for Communications and Media in the County.

This little segment in the newsletter is to let you know about three things:

1. Support for comms and media
2. Increasing social media reach
3. Joining the Media Planning Team

### 1. Support for comms and media

I'm no expert when it comes to social media, and you don't have to be either! Even in the most basic setups, social media can be an extremely useful channel in building a good dialogue between those interested in Scouting, as well as offering real time updates on the awesome things we get up to.

I'd be happy to offer assistance in your group/district where I can, including, but not limited to:

- Help you improve/setup a website
- Help you improve/setup Facebook/Twitter pages
- Suggest some ideas of posts for social media

### 2. Increasing social media reach

There's so many exciting things going on in Nottinghamshire, and lots that groups/districts already post about on their social media. This theoretically makes my job easy, in that I can reshare the excellent content already out there.

If you post anything as a group/district on social media in the future, then it would be great if you also tag our county [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, making it easy for us to share with our thousands of followers. I can also like/follow your group/district pages if @NottsScouts isn't already, just let me know.

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### 3. Joining the Media Planning Team

I'd like to put together a small team of adults who would support Comms and Media in the county, possibly by creating new content for our social media. There'd be virtually no pressure as there wouldn't be an official Compass role or anything, but you'd be able to put in as much time as you'd like.

You might be a great fit for this team if you're into journalism or writing, or perhaps taking photographs at section evenings, or perhaps some other idea I haven't thought of yet.

Drop me a line if you're interested in the above media team via [adam.blakey@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:adam.blakey@notts-scouts.org.uk), with a short description of the sorts of things you'd be interested in helping with by **30th September 2022**. Or get in touch if you have any media/comms questions or ideas, and I'll be happy to help all that I can.

**Adam Blakey**

## AWARDS

### Wood Badge Congratulations

Over the summer months both District Training Managers and Training Advisers have been busy validating Wood Badge training across the County. Well done to the following :- Jonathan Wheeler, Alan Scothern, Paul Reed, Matthew Bond, Harry Wood, Elissa Hawksworth, Aniesa Hussain, James Hollingworth, Louise Knapper, David Horne, Claire Livesey, Gopal Rao, Andrew Marshall, Ben Harrison, Gareth Chell, Rachel Lawson, Helen French

I look forward to seeing you all presented with your wood beads and certificate.



### County Commissioner Commendation

It was a great privilege and honour to present on behalf of Steven Tupper, County Commissioner Commendations to Alexandra Hacker and Amy Simpson at 2<sup>nd</sup> Toton. (South West Notts ) on the last day of the summer term.

For Alex it was in recognition of belonging to 2<sup>nd</sup> Toton for over 20 years, for her commitment, hard work and dedication from joining as a Beaver to becoming Cub Leader.

For Amy it was in recognition of belonging to 2<sup>nd</sup> Toton for over 12 years, for her commitment, hard work and dedication joining as a young leader to becoming Cub Leader

It was great to see them rewarding the Cubs with badges and especially the 8 Chief Scout Silver Awards and for 4 new Cubs making their promise. It showed how hard they have worked to run a successful growing pack, planning and running fun, exciting, rewarding programmes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Toton Cubs, the evening was rounded off with a huge water fight.

Well done to Alex, Amy, all the Cubs and Leaders



## Mandatory First aid training

Doing things safely is fundamental to everything we do in Scouts, and completing the first aid training - also known as First Response course - is a key part in that.

We recognise that renewing or gaining for the first time has not been easy over the last 2 years but we now require all leaders to have a valid first aid/response as a minimum qualification so we are compliant with the rules of the Scouts Association.

### How to complete it

First aid training can be completed by:

1. Face-to-face 6 hour training course
2. Blended approach which is made up of 3 sessions - e-learning, virtual and a final practical validation, all 3 sessions must be completed.

Over the coming months there are opportunities to complete your First Aid

By Face to face sessions, full 6 hour course

Courses are available on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 11<sup>th</sup> December  
More details can be found on [training.notts-scouts.org.uk](https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk), or by

The Blended Learning Approach which combines a 2.5 hour e-learning with a two hour online session for the theory part of the training (10A). The practical validation (10B) is a short (15-20min) face-to-face session, which covers the practical elements of the life support training.

The eLearning can be accessed via [training.notts-scouts.org.uk](https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk), once completed you can book for part 2 online virtual session a live video call facilitated by a first aid trainer, with some more detailed knowledge checking exercises and discussions.  
You can only attend the practical validation once the theory part (both eLearning and online session) is completed.

### How do I book?

Face to face sessions have limited spaces and must be booked by following the link on [training.notts-scouts.org.uk](https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk) to the training calendar  
Or follow the link to first aid training where you can register for part 1 of the blended approach and once complete will be able to book parts 2 ( virtual session) and part 3 (practical validation)

### Blended learning approach

If you have already started the blended learning approach this needs to be completed as soon as possible, again dates for the virtual and practical sessions can be found on [training.notts-scouts.org.uk](https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk).

Christine Sheard - County Training Manager



# UK Parliament Week (UKPW) 2022

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WEEK

This year, UKPW will be taking place from 14-20 November, and offers a great opportunity to discuss all things politics, democracy and Parliament with our young people. It is no secret that the political arena has suffered from some serious toxicity over recent years (working for an MP, I have experienced this first hand!) which makes discussing key themes such as democracy, debate and tolerance all the more important.

You can sign up to take part in Parliament Week here: <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/> and by signing up, you'll receive a package of goodies to equip you ready for a fun filled session. There are also further resources available here: <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/resources/>

Parliament have partnered with Scouts to produce the booklet so all topics and activities have been designed for our audiences.

By taking part in UKPW you could also tick off a few badges... The YouShape Award is a perfect example, among others.

As an example, could your young people:

**PLAN:** A debate / an activity about Parliament / a trip to see democracy in action (e.g. local council) / a visit from a local politician.

**LEAD:** A debate / a game or activity about Parliament or democracy / A decision making forum.

**REPRESENT:** Write to a local politician to tell them how great your section is / write an article for the local paper about the fun you had taking part in UKPW / Present the results of your sections voting to your group or district executive.

More about the YouShape Award can be found here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/>

## SESSION SUGGESTION:

Why not finish the session with a vote on something that affects your young people? By ordering a UKPW kit, you will receive a cardboard ballot box, and ballots (voting slips) can be found in the resources section of the UKPW website.

## BALLOT PAPER

Place an 'X' in one box only

Question: What activity would you like to do for Christmas?

Christmas Crafts

Christmas Baking

Watch Elf!

None of the above...

X

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WEEK

# Nottingham Gang Show 2023 - We're back

## Junior Cast Auditions

Sunday 25th September 2022 10am to 12pm

In March 2023, (6th to 11th March 2023) we will be taking to the stage at the prestigious Nottingham Theatre Royal for 7 show stopping performances of our fast-paced variety production.

**AND WE NEED YOU!!**

Interested in performing arts? We are looking for enthusiastic members of Scouting and Guiding who would like to learn or develop their singing, dancing and acting skills.

## Audition Venue

Nottingham High School  
Forest Road East (Car Park)  
Nottingham  
NG1 4HH

### Junior Auditions

8 years old by 6th March 2023 to 11 years (year 6)

If you would like to help in any other way, Dressers, making costumes, makeup, band member, or stewarding, contact us.

Jayne.burton@notts-scouts.org.uk



## Nottingham Gang Show

Members of Nottinghamshire Scouts will once again tread the boards at the Theatre Royal in March 2023. The Gang Show Team support another Charity by carrying out a bucket collection at the end of each show. The Charity we have chosen is the Nottingham Hospitals Charity. The Gang Show Team have agreed, the Group raising the most funds by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 for our chosen Charity, will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the show on either a Monday or Tuesday evening and will also be treated to an exclusive back stage tour.

### A message from our chosen charity:

Hello! We would like to introduce ourselves as **Nottingham Hospitals Charity** and extend our thanks for choosing to support The Children's Hospital at this year's Gang Show.

Nottingham Hospitals Charity exists to support Nottingham's four NHS hospitals - including Queen's Medical Centre, City Hospital, Ropewalk House and the Nottingham Children's Hospital.



### Ways you could fundraise for The Children's Hospital:

Take on a [Hike for Your Hospitals](#)

Hold a cake sale

Organise a Robin Fun Run

To support you, we offer posters, leaflets, pedometers, fundraising packs and fundraising tips for your groups. We are more than happy to work with you to find a fundraising challenge that works best for you.

We would also love to visit a session and talk to your young people about our Charity and how they can get their fundraising kick-started. We can help you work towards activity badges, such as the fundraising for Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Or Awards, such as the Personal Challenge Award for Beaver and Cub Scouts. These are only examples.

To get in touch, please email [charity@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:charity@nuh.nhs.uk) or give the fundraising team a call on 0115 962 7905. We are here to help and support you every step of the way.

We look forward to meeting you at rehearsals and working with you through to the Nottingham Gang Show – and hopefully beyond!

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

**Charity, Sophie, Jules and Ella**

**The Nottingham Hospitals Charity community Fundraising Team**



## The YouShape Awards

Since the launch of the YouShape Award a number of small tweaks have been made. The Scouts website now hosts suggested activities to help achieve the badge, and lists more options for completing each section of the award - all good improvements to make the award easier to access!

If young people in your section have completed all 4 segments of the YouShape award, please let us know! As a County Team we'd love to share this achievement with you, and over the coming months will be visiting groups to present the YouShape certificates.

Email [jack.kellas@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:jack.kellas@notts-scouts.org.uk) to let us know of your achievements, or to organise a visit.

### BEAVERS

YouShape: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/beavers-youshape-award/>



### CUBS

YouShape: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/cubs-youshape-award/>

### SCOUTS

YouShape: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/scouts-youshape-award/>



### EXPLORERS

YouShape: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/explorers-youshape-award/>



## Walesby Forest's emergency rescue weekend is back!

Over the weekend (**7th - 9th October**) you will experience a range of training and perform rescues from:

- Fighting fires
- Cutting open car doors
- Gaining new first aid skills
- Training to carry out a search on a missing person
- Water rescue



The event only has 78 places available for this one special weekend.

Cost is £60 per person which includes training, food (Friday tea to Sunday lunch) and camping fees for the weekend.

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.

Scouts can sign up on their own or with friends within scouting.

## Other Walesby Events

### October 28th – 30th 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.

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### Advance Notice

**Walesby World Experience (The Forester) 2023**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Please note - Walesby Forest is a separate charity that does not sit within The Scouts Association but does have direct links to the City of Nottingham Scout District. These activities provided by Walesby Forest are for the benefit of Scouting but are not Scouting led.**

# And finally.....

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Charity Shop

If you have a spare afternoon or morning each week or even just a couple of times a month then we would love your help in running the Nottinghamshire Scouts Charity Shop in Sherwood

If you are able to spare some time then please contact the County Office :

Telephone -0115 952 3617

Email - [office@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:office@notts-scouts.org.uk)

Alternatively just pop into the shop and leave your contact details

### County Vacancies

There are also two exciting volunteering opportunities to join Nottinghamshire Scouts. We are looking for a County Treasurer to oversee our finances (supported by a paid member of staff) and an Assistant County Secretary to work with us on our charity governance. See the link below for the detailed role descriptions. We are a great charity, in good financial shape who have just been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. We support 10,000 members across Nottinghamshire. If you fancy a chat about either opportunity email [recruitment@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@notts-scouts.org.uk) with contact details.