

Dear Volunteer



### **County Lead Volunteer**

It's extremely satisfying to read about the many Scouts' and Explorers' camps across the County. We've had Scout Troops and Explorer Units in this country and on the continent. We've had some of our young adults at the Moot in Portugal with 9,000 other similarly aged people. I'm sure that all of those who attended will have returned with many happy memories of the camp. My thanks to all the volunteers who plan, organise, and deliver great experiences for those children and young people.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Claire Heasman who has been awarded the Silver Acorn. Congratulations also to Tessa Ingram who has taken on the role of England Leadership Team Administrator.

### **Jamboree and Grand Tour leadership teams**

The leadership team for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027 is:

Alex Dale Team Lead (Misbourne Valley), Georgina Hoy Deputy (Buckingham and Winslow), Chris Scadden Team Member (Buckingham and Winslow) and Jade Soricelli Team Member (Buckingham and Winslow).

The leadership team for the Grand Tour/International is: Andy Honour Team Lead (Misbourne Valley), Amy Swindale Deputy (Buckingham and Winslow), Noah Grottrup Team Member (Marlow), Thomas Diamond Team member (Milton Keynes), Mitch Walton Team Member (Buckingham and Winslow).

Each District will be selecting young people to attend the above events. To be eligible to be considered for either event, the young people must have been born between 30 July 2009 and 30 July 2013.

Both teams are now busy working on their plans for the next two years. The Grand Tour team are busy planning their "mystery" tour. Watch this space for more details.

### **First Response Training – Now Available to Book Online**

Following feedback from volunteers, we are pleased to announce that First Response training is now available to book online. This essential first aid course helps ensure that both young people and adults in our care are safe and supported should something go wrong. The new online booking system offers a live view of course availability throughout the year, instant booking confirmation, and an easier way to plan your training. This update reflects our commitment to making training more accessible and responsive to your needs.

<https://bookwhen.com/bucksscoutslearning>

## **Important dates in 2025**

Annual General Meeting – 12 September

Young Leaders' training weekend – 26 to 28 September

Beaver Sleepovers at the National Space Centre – 4-5 October and 8-9 November

Big O – 11 October

PL / APL weekend – 22/23 November – Braid Wood

## **Young Leader training**

Registration for this year's young leader training course is now open. If you have any young leaders working with your sections who need to complete Module A (Mandatory for all young leaders) or would like to sign up for the whole or part of the weekend course, please share this link with them. This is being run from 26 to 28 September at Braid Wood.

We also have a second opportunity for young leaders to complete the First Aid module (K) on 18<sup>th</sup> October (PM) (with online pre-course module forming part of the training. Use the following link to book a place [Buckinghamshire County Scouts Adult Training Diary](#)

## **Heartwarming stories**

I have been asked if I can find a good Christmas campaign/story that a Group, Unit or District are planning. The Scouts are hoping to get some media coverage in a nationally distributed magazine. If you know of what could be a heartwarming and human interest story, please let me know.

## **Thinking about opening Squirrels**

Are you thinking about opening a Squirrel Drey but you're a bit unsure about it? Detailed here are some information events where you can share your thoughts, listen to what others have done and hopefully this will put you at ease. <https://www.scouts.org.uk/events/thinking-about-opening-squirrels/>

Alternatively, invite Bev Delaney [bev.delaney@bucks-scouts.org.uk](mailto:bev.delaney@bucks-scouts.org.uk) to one of your meetings.

## **CST and IST**

If you are interested in applying for a role on the Contingent Support Team or International Support Team at the World Scout Jamboree, there are three key dates: 4 Sept CST webinar, 10 Sept IST webinar, 26 Sept closing date for applications. More information is available from Scouts website

## **Bucks Scout Camp 2026**

We are holding a County camp from 22 to 25 May 2026 at the Penn House Estate. More details about cost, activities and how to book will be available over the next few months. Please put the dates in your calendar. We are looking for members to join the Day Time Activities Team either as a Lead or Member. To find out more about these exciting roles, please contact Claire at County Office or email [county.office@bucks-scouts.org.uk](mailto:county.office@bucks-scouts.org.uk).



A colorful poster for the Bucks Scouts Carnival 2026. The top section features the text 'COUNTY CAMP IS ON!! JOIN US IN 2026' and 'PENN HOUSE ESTATE MAY 2026'. The main title 'BUCKS Scouts CARNIVAL' is in large, colorful letters. Below it, the dates '22 - 25 May 2026' are shown. To the right, a purple box lists activities: 'BIG TOP', 'CIRCUS SKILLS', 'INFLATABLES', 'ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES', and 'CRAFTS, FUN & GAMES'. It also says '...open to all sections!'. The bottom section, on a yellow background, is titled 'WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW... Costs' and lists prices for young people and adults for whole camp and single day. A note mentions transport and food costs. A red circular badge in the bottom right corner says 'REGISTER FOR PLACES AT wkf.ms/3NWc6Zx COME & JOIN US!'. A small asterisk at the bottom left says '\* Day to be advised'.

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW... Costs**

	Whole Camp -	Single Day -
<b>YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	<b>£85.00</b>	<b>£35.00*</b>
<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£15.00*</b>

**NOTE:** Transport and food costs not included and will need to be added on.

**For the £85.00 cost this roughly breaks down to:**

- 50% Logistics and camp set-up** - water, power, marquees, toilets, showers, waste, tables, chairs, security, site cabins etc etc...
- 25% Day and night activities**
- 25% Other costs** - such as insurance, administration, licenses, staff...

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## **The Big O**

This is an orienteering event for children, young people and not-so-young people! It is being held at Wendover Woods on Saturday 11 October. You can register via <https://bucksbig.org.uk/>

## **I volunteer because...**

Sarah Ashbourn-Stacey and I attended a webinar with other charities around the County. The subject was recruiting volunteers. We were able to input a considerable amount about how we try and recruit volunteers. One of the things we picked up was the possibility of putting together a video about volunteering.

If you would like to participate, the guidelines are:

- 20 seconds maximum video length
- Uniform/ necker/ branded clothing encouraged but not necessary
- There should be some action in the background, e.g. water rockets, archery, cooking
- Videos should be in portrait format.
- The sentence should start with, "I volunteer with Scouts because..."

- Please do not mention your Group. Please feel free to mention the section.
- Please send them to me. Erin will then use her video editing software to get a final product.

The plan is to put the video onto community Facebook pages. We could then use this video across the County, hence not identifying the Group.

If you do submit a video, it shall be presumed that you are content to have your piece shared across social media.

### **YoungBUCKS: - A New Initiative for 18–25-Year-Olds**

The County Youth Team are excited to launch *YoungBUCKS* — a brand-new initiative for our Network-age members (18–25) across Buckinghamshire. Whether you're actively volunteering, away at university, or considering your next step in Scouting, this flexible programme is here to support and empower you. *YoungBUCKS* focuses on real-life, transferable skills within a Scouting context — helping you develop confidence, leadership, and connection, wherever you are. We know that Network provision varies across the County, so we're aiming to build something consistent and engaging. Our first step is a training weekend on **13–14th September at Braid Wood**, which will include:

**Skill-building workshops** (e.g. leadership, event planning, conflict resolution, public speaking)

**Practical and real volunteering opportunities** across District and County teams

**Peer support and social connection** through forums and County-wide events

Whether you're based locally or away, *YoungBUCKS* is designed to be low-pressure and flexible — you can get involved in person when home, or stay connected online.



**Interested?** Fill out this

short <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wY4K9VGbmEupLhe62EOB6lC-SXITUbZCjYN4Pvegxx9UOTRRWTZMWVJWNEszQUJCMUZQWTNVU1dUMC4u>



**Questions?** Contact: [youthteam@bucks-scouts.org.uk](mailto:youthteam@bucks-scouts.org.uk)

Please share this with all 18–25-year-olds in your Groups and Districts — let's make sure everyone gets the chance to be part of this exciting next step!

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