

Dear Volunteer

County Lead Volunteer

What a lot we have done in the last few months. We've had the County dinner, County conference, County Awards and County Cub camp. Thanks to everybody involved in planning and delivering these events. I've had the pleasure of popping into Braid Wood and meeting different Groups from in and out of the County. I'm aware there have been lots of Groups camping, having activity days and attending school and village fetes.

Safety training – for many months we have been advising all members that they must complete the updated safety training by 14th July. Even if you refreshed your safety training in October 2024, you must do the new module. I'm grateful to the County leadership for telephoning volunteers giving people a gentle nudge. If you have not completed the new safety training by 14 July, you will be suspended. The reason for everybody having to do the new training was as a result of the death of Explorer Scout Ben Leonard. As part of the PFD (Prevention of Future Death) report, The Scouts were committed to completing some new and updated training.



Local Growth Officer

You can submit projects for your Group, Unit or District using the link below. Any projects submitted will be discussed by the Steering Committee that oversees the projects Erin deals

with, and might be referred back to your District Team but please do send in your requests for help. <https://wkf.ms/3QMv1HK>

Important dates in 2025

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

Bucks Scout Camp 2026

We are holding a County camp from 22 to 26 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. An online meeting for more information and team building will be held on 9 July or we can chat to you personally.

Thinking of Squirrels



‘Thinking about Squirrels’ online workshop

Are you unsure about the benefits of Squirrels and what they’re all about? Do you want to open a drey but don’t know where to start? Interested in learning more about the support available at Squirrels?

Come along to one of our hour long workshops organised specially for volunteers in Buckinghamshire

Thursday, July 10th at 18:30
Friday, July 11th at 18:30

To sign up, please fill in the form below
<https://forms.office.com/e/Fn8SmbzJbb>



Any questions? Please contact erin.bridges@scouts.org.uk



Learning

Details of training modules for the next few months are:

Modules: **Wood Badge Modules**, 8, 9, 11, 13,16,18 & 19

Date: Saturday 5th July & Sunday 6th July 2025

Location: OH Building, The Quarries Scout Campsite.

Modules: **First Response**, modules10A & 10B - Full Course

Date: Saturday 26th July 2025

Location: Schofield Building, Braidwood Scout Campsite,

Modules: **First Response**, modules10A & 10B - Full Course

Date: Sunday 27th July 2025

Location: Schofield Building, Braidwood Scout Campsite

Modules: **First Response**, modules 10A & 10B) - Full Course

Date: Sunday 13th September 2025

Location: Marlow Scout HQ, Sheepridge Lane, next to the Little Marlow Road, Little Marlow, SL7 3SG

Modules: **First Response**, modules10A & 10B - Full Course

Date: Sunday 14th September 2025

Location: OH Building, The Quarries Scout Campsite,

Please contact Claire at the County Office to register for any of the learning.

Annual General Meeting

We would like to invite you to the Buckinghamshire Scout Council's Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 12 September at 7.30 pm via Teams.

To register your attendance or send your apologies, RSVP by return email. The agenda will be circulated with the Team link prior to the meeting.

In advance of the Annual General meeting, nominations are now open for membership to the County Trustee Board. If you would like to nominate yourself please email county.office@bucks-scouts.org.uk with details of the position you would like to apply for (see below) and a little description of what you would bring to the Board and the skills and experience you hold to enable you to do this. The Board meets three times a year plus the

Annual General Meeting and members can join the sub teams that oversee Braid Wood and finances.

The Trustee Board is responsible for the Governance of Scouting in the County. We are seeking nominations for the roles of Chair, Treasurer as well as Trustee Board members. The closing date for applications is 31 July. If you don't want to apply, but you know someone (and they don't have to be currently involved in Scouts) who would be an asset to the Trustee Board, please make them aware of the opportunities and encourage them to apply.

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

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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