

## Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Lincs County Bulletin. This is issued on the first Friday of each month. The bulletin will be sent to all adults registered on the membership system and distributed widely. To submit material for the bulletin please email [howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk).

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## From the County Lead Volunteer

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and are now looking forward to the start of a new term. Although autumn brings shorter days and darker evenings, it also provides many opportunities to engage in new and rewarding activities with your sections.

From Squirrels through to Network, the enthusiasm of our young people is evident – whether they are embracing new challenges, working towards badges, or simply enjoying time together within their section. Thanks to the dedication and creativity of leaders across the County, our members are consistently offered opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork, and resilience.

As we enter the autumn term, there is much to anticipate. With County events, training opportunities, and group activities ahead, this is the season when Scouting truly comes into its own – providing structure, fun, and adventure at the heart of our young people's experiences.

We continue to volunteer in an increasingly demanding environment, where time is often stretched. I would like to extend my sincere thanks for everything you do to ensure young people gain valuable Skills for Life. At the same time, it is vital to remember the importance of training in keeping our young people safe.

If you are asked to complete training or a DBS check, please do so as promptly as possible—or reach out if you encounter difficulties. None of us became involved in Scouting to spend our time chasing others about compliance, and it is worth remembering that those who are reminding you are themselves being reminded by others. A little courtesy and cooperation makes a great difference.

Finally, I would like to express my deep thanks to all our volunteers. Your commitment ensures that every meeting, trip, and activity contributes to brilliant and life-shaping experiences for our members.

Here's to a successful and inspiring new term of Scouting!

Howard  
County Lead Volunteer  
Lincolnshire



## Award Nominations

We're excited to celebrate the amazing contributions of our scouting community! To make sure every deserving volunteer is recognised, please log any nominations for this year's Scouting Awards on the new database by Wednesday, 25th September. This is a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on the dedication, creativity, and commitment that keep scouting thriving. Don't miss the chance to put forward someone who has made a real difference. Submit your nominations today and help us ensure every achievement is celebrated!



## Are you looking at getting your nights away permit?

Are you looking at running over night experiences? Then look no further we have the course for you Nights away training. The next course is on the weekend of the 19th September to 21st September 2025.

The course consists of

- How to plan and run a safe experience, including the skills and knowledge of the documentation required to run the events
- Roles and responsibilities planning and during the event
- Campsite skills and knowledge

The course costs £50 per person this includes all camp fees and meals.

To book on please email [secretary@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk)

## Hykeham Scouts rescue a 'vessel in distress' in the North Sea

While out on the water on a recent trip in the North Sea with Adventures Offshore, the young people and leaders of the North Hykeham based 15th Lincoln Scout group received a 'PAN PAN' radio call and a request for the Dover Coast Guard. "Pan Pan" is an internationally recognised radio call used to signal an urgent situation that is not a life-threatening emergency but still requires attention as soon as possible. The group took decisive action and immediately went to assist, recovering the vessel which is believed to have run out of fuel. By leading this rescue the scouts have been able ensure the safety of all without the need of a lifeboat being launched, giving emergency services better capability to respond to other potential emergency situations.

Well done Hykeham Scouts!



## Splash Lincs - Last few places available on 21 September £20 per scout per day

We are holding two Splash! days for the Scout section at Whitewater, near Stamford that will include Sailing, SUPs and paddlesports. These events are open to Scouts 10-14 years old. The events are only open to members of Scouts. You can book for 1 day or both days. The events are designed to get more experience or have a taste of watersports. The link to book is

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1533761886089?aff=oddtcreator>



## Lincolnshire ProgFest Saturday 12 October

Calling all section based and programme support volunteers!

This Autumn, our amazing Programme Team will be running a support events for you, our Section Team Members!

This event will give you an opportunity to:

- refresh your programme basics including running a quality programme and keeping our young people safe;
- pick up tools, resources and programme ideas; and
- tell us about the programme support you need to offer exciting and adventurous activities and enable all our young people to achieve their section top award.

We would love to see as many of our Section Team Members as possible in attendance.

The event is designed for Section Team Leaders and Team Members (formerly Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants) as well as District Programme Support roles (formerly Assistant District Commissioners District Explorer Scout Commissioners and teams).

The event is being held at The Stanhope Hall in Horncastle. Address is The Stanhope Hall, Boston Road, Horncastle, LN9 6NF

JOIN US: Saturday, 12th October 2025 – Arrival 9.30am for 10am start. Departure 3.30pm.

BOOK AT <https://forms.office.com/e/2F2LQwHK9p>

## LincsFest - Don't miss out!

The county over 18s only camp, training and social event is back from 13th - 14th September 2025 at Sudbrooke Park Campsite, Lincoln.

The event is running from Saturday 13 September (with activities starting 10am) to Sunday 14 September (Lunchtime) and also the option to just come for the day on the Saturday. Full information and details will be shared with all participants before the event.

The cost of the event is £7 for member within Lincolnshire Scouts and £10 for any other member of the Scout Association.

All scouters, including Trustee Board members and Helpers are welcome. Cost includes badge, travel mug, access to the event and all activities and tea/coffee/squash facilities throughout the event.

Booking Link = [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QyFEsSceqkGXT\\_kCaIBQ3q-HEZPLrxVCm8sIMQEI9TVURUo1OVBETERETE5NTzVMUIY0MVJOMTIBSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QyFEsSceqkGXT_kCaIBQ3q-HEZPLrxVCm8sIMQEI9TVURUo1OVBETERETE5NTzVMUIY0MVJOMTIBSS4u)



## Kate Marnoch appointed as the new Lead Volunteer for Louth District

I am sorry to announce that Andy Merrikin is no longer Lead Volunteer for Louth District. I would like to thank Andy for his service as Lead Volunteer.

I have appointed Kate Marnoch as the new Lead Volunteer and she will take up the role immediately.

Kate has been supporting the District for some time and I am looking forward to working with her.

Please join us in welcoming Kate to the role.



## Bookings are now open for the Young Person Selection event for Jamboree

Apply now to be part of the Lincolnshire Unit & UK Contingent to the 26th World Scout Jamboree in Poland from 30th July to 8th August 2027.

Is your birthday between 30th July 2009 and 30th July 2013? Do you want to have the adventure of a lifetime? Then apply now via the link <https://forms.office.com/e/jzrW1JxiZk>

The deadline for applications to attend the selection event is the 30th September 2025. This is due to take place at Sudbrooke Camp Site on 4-5th October 2025.

For any questions please contact [international@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:international@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there

Georgia, Dawn, Kev and Shaun

## Membership Fees Explained

Every year every youth member is required to pay a membership fee, this membership fee is made up of 3 elements. The fee is made up of 3 parts:

- The National Fee
- The County Levy
- A district Levy (if there is one)

The National Fee for 2026/27 will be £44, £43.50 if paid to HQ before 23rd April.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/news/2025/august/membership-fee-for-2026-27/>

The county has a Trustee meeting every November in which it decides how much the county levy will be. This county levy includes payment of OSM for every group and section, paid administrative support to operate the county, free first response and leader training, support and further development of our activity units. As soon as we have decided the levy for next year we will notify District Lead Volunteers and District Treasurers.

Each district can then apply a levy, this will depend on the number of activities the district provides for free and if it has any assets. Your district will notify you of the levy that each youth member has to pay.

The county and all districts are mindful of the ever-increasing costs and if you are opening a new section please consult your District Volunteer to ensure that you do not find yourself with a bill you can't afford.

If you are concerned about anything financial please ask.

## Perfect Permits: The Ultimate Skills Weekend for Activity Permit Assessors

Oxfordshire, 10-12th October 2025

Get ready for mud, maps, and mastery with CPD workshops (new sessions offered for 2025), hands-on activities, and real-world scenarios to sharpen your skills in assessment planning, specific activity skills, and tackling tricky environments. You'll also have exclusive access to the HQ Safety Team through targeted workshops and our networking sessions. Designed specifically with Activity Permit Assessors in mind, these events are a great opportunity to connect, learn and develop your assessment practice.

Times: Arrival from 16:00 on Friday, departures from 14:00 on Sunday.

Pricing: £80 per person for general admission with arrival on the Friday - includes workshops, catering and camping. Upgrade to shared indoor accommodation for £30 per person (male and female dorms available).

To find out more, please visit:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/national-events/perfect-permits-the-ultimate-skills-weekend-for-activity-permit-assessors/>

To secure tickets for the event, please visit:

Perfect Permits Oxfordshire at Youlbury: <https://scouts.eventsair.com/perfect-permits-youlbury-2025/booking/Site/Register>

If you have any questions about Perfect Permits, please email: [training@scoutadventures.org.uk](mailto:training@scoutadventures.org.uk)

We can't wait to see you there!

Scout Adventures