

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.

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From the County Lead Volunteer

This Bulletin highlights the breadth of activity and opportunity across the County. It includes updates on growth support available to Groups and Districts, details of upcoming soft fencing courses, and information on the international pen pal scheme, helping young people build global connections. We also celebrate youth voice and participation through the Lincs Youth Shapers Fun Run, alongside ongoing work from our Youth Leads and the Youth Consultation Group, ensuring young people continue to shape Scouting locally.

Poacher 2026 remains on track and planning for this event continues to move forward at pace and remains in a very strong position. Interest in the event is high, with 5,813 participants registered across more than 294 groups, and deposits received from the majority of those groups. Staff recruitment is also progressing well, with over 1,093 applications received and 1,053 staff already confirmed. International participation is taking shape, with confirmed contingents and ongoing engagement to ensure the right support and logistics are in place. Junior Poacher remains a key part of the event, with 1,641 young people already included within the programme. I would like to thank all involved but especially the SLT and in particular Andrew Selby who is leading the event.

I would also like to thank Steve Hartley, Paul Jackson and team for putting on an excellent Explorer Christmas event with over a 100 people in attendance.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our leaders and volunteers for everything you do. Your commitment, energy and care make Scouting possible week in, week out, and the impact you have on young people across Lincolnshire cannot be overstated.

Howard
County Lead Volunteer

Scouts First Response

Top Up & Consolidation Sessions

Scouts First Response is the mandatory first aid training required for adult volunteers across Scouting. In addition to completing the full course (Module 10), there are Top Up and Consolidation sessions designed to help volunteers stay compliant.

First Aid Top Up Session

The Top Up session is for volunteers who already hold a valid First Response certificate but need a short refresher to meet the First Response guidance

First Response Consolidation Session

The Consolidation session is designed to reinforce learning after completing First Response training or to support volunteers who want extra practice. This typically follows the Hampshire Online module.

The courses we have are listed below:

Scouts First Response Consolidation Session Thursday, 5 February 2026 19:30 Online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981047016956?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Aid Top Up session Thursday, 12 February 2026 20:00 Online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981047782245?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Sunday, 22 February 2026 09:00 Manby

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981041338973?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Saturday, 28 February 2026 09:00 Lincoln

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981046153373?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Consolidation Session Thursday, 5 March 2026 19:30 Online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981047673921?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Aid Top Up session Thursday, 12 March 2026 20:00 Online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981047782245?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Saturday, 18 April 2026 09:00 2nd Stamford

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981046486369?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Sunday, 31 May 2026 09:00 Altham Terrace

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981373701077?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Saturday, 20 June 2026 09:00 7th Grantham

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981373765269?aff=oddtcreator>

Scouts First Response Module 10 Sunday, 25 October 2026 09:00 Manby

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981048749137?aff=oddtcreator>

Growth Support

Recruiting Leaders was identified by GLV's as the most challenging part of their role, acting as a blocker to growth of sections, and one which is becoming more difficult. In response County are offering to support projects identified by you with paid expert help.

This will include paid advertising through social media and professional part time support staff paid for by County to make your project a success and support to start or expand sections. We also hope to recruit local volunteers who are interested in recruitment and growth to join in the training provided by HQ to help support the project and once the project is complete, be able to continue using the skills locally. To maximise the use of the funding we are hoping to identify a number of posts located near the projects to minimise travel costs.

This is your opportunity to put forward a project for your Group/ District for consideration. You will need a well-defined project, give some background as to what you have already tried/achieved, the support you can give your project as volunteers, and the project outcomes you are hoping to achieve.

We will scope the project with clear timelines, define and agree the project outcomes with you, and identify the professional who will support you. We are hoping to start this project in March 2026.

If you want to be considered either for a project, part of the volunteer support team to be included in the HQ training, or you want to be considered for the part time fixed term paid roles, please email me at malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk

Census 2026

Thank you for completing the annual Census. County and Region will review the figures to identify areas that require support and we will be in touch with District Leads to discuss their plans for development.

Volunteer champion

Some Districts have identified a lead for Volunteer Development but we are hoping to develop teams in every District that will support best practice in the volunteering process of recruitment, welcoming, induction, and encouraging Learning. If you would like to be considered as a volunteer champion please email me malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk No obligation.

Soft fencing

There are still 3 spaces available at the course on 7th March at Earlsfield Rd HQ Grantham for any leaders who would like to learn soft fencing. This is a course taught by GB fencing and certificated by them to allow leaders to run soft fencing for scouts. It is a single day course costing £40 pp. Please contact Carolyn.Greig@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk if interested

LINCOLNSHIRE YOUTHSHAPERS FUNRUN

Save the date!

The Youthshapers are organising a charity funrun on Saturday 18th April.

Beavers and Cubs session in the morning, followed by Scouts and Explorers in the afternoon.

More details to follow - keep an eye out for booking links and adverts.

International Pen-Pal Scheme:

We are very excited to announce the launch of our International Pen-Pal scheme, working with the youth team from British Scouting Overseas. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to get involved with globalising their scouting journey in an accessible and inclusive way.

Sign up here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QyFEsSceqkGXT_kCaIBQ3tMpbnNAbK1PkS_VE_rTBfbBUNDJTn1JMMUilVlUzNDA4SDI5M1IyTVlTc4u&origin=QRCode



Nights Away Training

Are you looking at working towards your nights away permit?

Are you looking at running over night experiences? Then look no further we have the course for you

We have two dates this year,

Weekend of the 8th may to 10th May 2026

Weekend of the 18th September to 20th September 2026

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

District Youth Leads & Youth Consultation Group

District Youth Leads:

We're currently recruiting for district youth leads in Boston, Rutland, South Holland, Skegness and Spilsby and Stamford and Bourne. If you, or someone you know may be a great fit: please speak to your District Lead Volunteer or contact youthteam@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk.

Youth Consultation Group:

Just a reminder that if you don't think you've got time to commit to a full role of a DYL but still want to support and have your voice heard - join our youth consultation group!

You'll be kept up to date with youth opportunities, options to be part of focus groups and be able to help out with running youthshapers events! Email: youthteam@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk