

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

In August, I had the absolute privilege being part of Poacher 2026 as the County Lead Volunteer for Lincolnshire Scouts.

What an incredible week it was.

With more than 12,000 young people, volunteers and supporters involved, Poacher 2026 once again showcased the very best of Scouting and Guiding. Jointly organised by Lincolnshire Scouts, Girlguiding Lincolnshire South and Girlguiding Lincolnshire North, it brought together thousands of young people to enjoy adventurous activities, build international friendships, develop new skills and create memories that will last a lifetime.

My sincere thanks go to Camp Chief Andrew Selby, the Poacher Leadership Team, and every single volunteer who gave their time, energy and expertise. Events of this scale simply don't happen without the dedication of thousands of people working together behind the scenes.

Poacher is the largest Scout and Guide jamboree held in the UK since the World Scout Jamboree in 2007, and everyone involved should be immensely proud of what has been achieved.

Thank you to everyone who made Poacher 2026 such a success. You have demonstrated the very best of volunteering and created unforgettable experiences that truly embody the values of Scouting and Guiding.

Good luck with the term ahead - hope to see you at LincsFest if you are able.

Howard
County Lead Volunteer

County AGM

The County Chair and County Lead Volunteer invite you to the Annual General Meeting of the Lincolnshire County Scout Council 2026.

Where: Sudbrooke Park Campsite

When: Saturday 12th September @ 1630.

Apologies to secretary@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk

Further details at <https://www.lincolnshirescouts.org.uk/county-agmc56a51fc>

Kinder Challenge

Are you looking for a challenge for your section?

The Kinder Extreme & Kinder Challenge are hill walking events in the Peak District, open to Scouts, Explorers, Network & leaders. This year's events are on Sunday 11th October with both starting and finishing at Chapel-en-le-Frith in the High Peak. The Kinder Extreme set over 30km whilst the Kinder Challenge is shorter at 16km and is ideal as an introduction to hill walking for the Scout section.

To book teams onto either event or to find out further information please visit www.derbyshirescouts.org/kinder. Teams entered and paid for by the 17th September will also be eligible for a free, exclusive Kinder t-shirt.



The Kinder
11.10.2026

The 2026 Kinder Extreme & Kinder Challenge are being held on Sunday 11th October.

Bookings are open.

Teams booked and paid for by the 17th September will receive a free Kinder t-shirt.

For more information or to book your team head to derbyshirescouts.org/kinder

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Scouts
Derbyshire

Lincs Scouts Kandersteg Trip 2027

Details at <https://www.lincolnshirescouts.org.uk/2027-kisc-trip>

Booking link

- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=QyFEsSceqkGXT_kCaIBQ3iuhgkVsWdDvWkoXMEEi3BUMVJBWEdOUVZOWTZYNU9VQTBERTNWT0dWUS4u&route=shorturl

Lincolnshire Scouts

SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming trip to

Kandersteg!

More information will be coming soon but here are some

EVENT FAQs

When?

Departing Mon July 26 2027
Arrive Kandersteg July 27
8 nights camping
Depart Kandersteg Aug 4th
Arrive home Thurs Aug 5th

Where?

Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland. The permanent mini Jamboree, opened in 1923, and visited by BP himself in 1930

What?

We will be traveling by coach, and camping. We will meet scouts from around the world, take part in lots of fun and adventure (details tbc).

Who?

Limited to 34 Scouts/Explorers and 10 Network, first come, first served.

Cost?

In the region of £1600pp, which will include everything except personal spending money.

Register your interest

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8uU8dV76jq>



More Information

[Lincolnshire Scouts 2027 KISC Trip](#)



26 JULY

2027

5 AUGUST



Kandersteg
International
Scout Centre

Roverway 2028

Roverway 2028 will take place in Switzerland during July 2028 under the motto “Battasendas” the Rhaeto-Romanic word for Scouts. It symbolises friendship, community, nature, growth, adventure and everything that Scouting can mean for young people.

Exact start and end dates have not yet been finalised, but the event traditionally spans about 11 to 14 days during the peak European summer holiday period.

We have not received our allocation of places yet, but with people returning to university, we would like to get ahead of the game and start preparing, so we can hit the ground running as soon as information is released.

So if you are:-

- Between the ages of 16 & 22 in July 2028
- Resilient and positive in challenging circumstances
- Self-motivated and able to use your own initiative, whilst recognising the limits of your authority
- Excited about the experiences an international Scouting event can offer young people
- No envisaged barrier to holding a valid passport for the duration of the event – and having the rights to enter Switzerland and other European countries
- Be able to take time off work and travel out of the country for approximately 2 to 2.5 weeks in Summer 2028 (dates are not yet confirmed)

Registration & Fees: Expected by the end of 2026

In the first instance please email your details to howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk

We will need your:

- First and last name
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Date of birth
- Scout Group/Explorer Unit and District

If you are under the age of 18, you need to ask your parent or legal guardian to sign up to this mailing list on your behalf.

Volunteer discount at Scout Store.

Remember, you can use the code 'VOLUNTEER26' to get 20% off all Scout Store purchases, excluding programme badges and young people's uniform. It's perfect for stocking up for the new term or a treat for yourself.

Individual Support Plans.

At this time of year, we may see new starters in Scouts, or there may be changes in the support a young person needs.

Our [guidance on supporting neurodivergent and disabled young people](#) in Scouts can help you explore reasonable adjustments, put individual support plans in place and have valuable conversations with parents and carers.

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

Nights away training

We have two dates this year,
Weekend of the 18th September to 20st 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

Volunteer Development

Recognition of adult's service to young people and to the movement

Anyone can nominate an adult for one of the national awards by logging into your membership and clicking awards. There is help available to effectively word your citation. Once completed, it then goes to the nominees manager for them to confirm their nomination and they can add further information about that persons service and commitment. The county awards team then look over the nomination to see that it meets the required standards. If the award nomination can be improved, it may be returned to the nominator with suggestions to give the nomination its best chance.

Branching Out

I attended a volunteering development meeting online where we discussed how to support those leaders who have opted to complete a wood badge. Once the new system is launched, there will still be a need for learning assessors to verify learning. We need volunteers now under the present system and to continue in the role once Branching out is launched. If this is something you feel you have the experience to do, please let me know.

We will also be supplementing online learning with local courses for those who find that easier. To do this, we need volunteers in Districts and at County to effectively deliver this learning. It involves completed some learning yourself in preparation, but recognition of existing skills will also happen. Contact me if you want to know more. I plan to hold an in person meeting in the autumn to explain more about what is involved.

Growth

We are identifying areas for growth of sections within the county. If you are thinking of starting a new section or even considering a new group, please let me know so we can support you.

First Aid

Compliance requirements will include First aid from November 2026 with it being treated with the same importance as Safety and safeguarding. If your role requires first aid, please do your best to maintain your qualification. Should you need help contact firstaid@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk.

Malcolm Moore
Lincolnshire Team Lead
Volunteering Development

E splash

Watersports for Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders 26 / 27 September 2026, 10-3pm

Your Unit is invited to join us for a day of water based activities on Whitewater Reservoir, Stamford. Planned activities include SUPs and Sailing. Explorers can attend 1 day or both days over the weekend as part of a pack. Explorers can not attend independently.

Each day is limited to 100 participants so please ensure you get your booking in early! Participants will need to bring a packed lunch and a couple of changes of dry clothing, just in case

Further information will be sent to leaders once booked in. Cost. - £20 per participant per day. There are no refunds for this event although places may be exchanged with other Units.

Leaders do not need to pay. When purchasing tickets please ensure you put your group number and district in the box which asks for a name, this way we know which groups have booked onto the event. Leaders children can attend but can't take part in activities as these are for explorers.

[E-Splash 2026, Watersports for Explorer Scouts Tickets, Saturday 26 September-Sunday 27 September • 10 AM-3 PM | Eventbrite](#)