

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

October already feels like another busy month for Lincolnshire Scouts, following a fantastic few weeks of activities and events across the County.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in Lincs Fest, County AGM and eSplash. Both were great examples of what our volunteers do so well – creating opportunities for young people to have fun, develop skills and enjoy brilliant Scouting experiences. We now have Chiller to look forward to, which promises to be another great County event.

There have also been a few changes within our volunteer teams.

I would like to say a particular thank you to Sandra Donnor, who stood down as Deputy District Lead Volunteer – Adult Support for Lincoln at their District AGM held at Lincs Fest. Sandra's contribution to Scouts has been amazing. Thankfully, Sandra isn't disappearing from Lincoln District! She will still be around, continuing with Nights Away permits and assessing, supporting awards, and remaining part of the team at Sudbrooke. My sincere thanks to Sandra for everything she has contributed through these roles and, importantly, for everything she will continue to bring to Scouting.

Carolyn Grieg has also stood down from her role as County Programme Team Leader. My thanks to Carolyn for the time, energy and commitment she has given to the role and to supporting our County programme. I am pleased to confirm that Neil Onyon has been appointed as Team Leader – Adventure. Neil will help us continue to develop the adventurous side of our programme and ensure that young people across Lincolnshire have access to exciting, high-quality opportunities.

Looking a little further ahead, 2027 will mark the 120th birthday of Scouting. That feels like a very good excuse for a party! I would love us to use the anniversary not just to celebrate our history, but to celebrate everything Scouting is doing in Lincolnshire today and look ahead to what we want to achieve over the next 120 years.

Finally, thank you to everyone who continues to make Scouting happen across Lincolnshire. Whether you are running a weekly section meeting, supporting an event, maintaining a campsite, serving as a Trustee, assessing permits, supporting volunteers or doing one of the many other jobs that often happen behind the scenes – it all makes a difference.

Howard
County Lead Volunteer

Chiller

Bookings to Shirley at secretary@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk



A Place to Belong.

We were very lucky to hear Inspirational words from Chief Scout Dwayne Fields at the national AGM about the power of Scouting to give every young person somewhere they feel welcome, valued and able to be themselves. This is embodied in our new strategy <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/>

Scouting is more than adventure. It's about friendship, confidence, opportunity and belonging.

A simple but powerful message: there's a place for everyone in Scouting

Jamboree on the Air

Talk to Scouts around the world – from Horncastle!

Join us for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) 2026, part of the world's largest digital and radio Scout event. JOTA gives young people the opportunity to get on the air using amateur radio and make contact with Scouts across the UK and around the world. It's a brilliant way to discover different countries and cultures, learn about radio and communications, and experience just how international Scouting really is.

Horncastle Masonic Hall, Banks Street, Horncastle

JOTA weekend – October 2026

Radio and communications activities

Connect with Scouts around the world

Open to young people and adults from across Lincolnshire Scouts

JOTA takes place worldwide from 17 October 2026 and connects Scouts across more than 170 countries.

Find out more and book your place at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jamboree-on-the-air-tickets-2001763330006?aff=oddtcreator&_gl=1*11q9nld*_up*MQ..*_ga*NjQ3MTEzMTUwLjE3ODk4OTg3NzY.*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*cze3ODk4OTg3NzQkbzEkZzAkDE3ODk4OTg3NzQkajYwJGwwJGgw

Water Activities - Save The Date.....

February 26th - 28th 2027

Adult Only WASU members Sailing and Paddling Social Weekend.

Where.... Rutland Sailing Club (for the sailing and power) and local River location (for all the paddling). The weekend will include indoor Accommodation, food and all hire of sailing, power and paddling kit. There will be coaching available all weekend on sailing, paddling and power.

Plus a bar for the evening to relax and catch up with friends.

The cost of the weekend will be around £80

More info and booking details will be coming out via email. If you want any more details please drop michelle.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk a message

Peace Education – Scouts UK

Scouts want young people to be at the heart of the programme design!

Scouts are excited to be creating a new Peace Education programme which will explore themes such as refugees, conflict, humanitarian action and culture.

So if you're a UK Explorer Scout, take a look and sign up ASAP! <https://bit.ly/4jbLy7b>

Can't make the weekend? Join an Explorer webinar! 29th or 30th September, 19:00-20:30:
<https://bit.ly/4he86Sa>

Or fill out our survey: https://bit.ly/PeaceAward_Survey

UK Adult Volunteer? We've got webinars for you too! 13th or 14th October, 8-9pm.
<https://bit.ly/4cSdgSD> Or you can fill out the survey above

A poster for UK Explorers with a background image of a campfire and people. The text is on a yellow rectangular background.

UK Explorers You're invited!

Join our Peace Education Programme co-design weekend at Gilwell Park, 23rd - 25th October!

Work with the UK Scouts Team and visiting international experts to explore peace education and help us design a programme that'll help young people understand topics such as peace, culture, humanitarian action and the experiences of refugees.

- It's **free** for participants with accommodation and meals provided throughout the entire weekend.
- We're also offering a travel bursary of up to £50 to all successful applicants.
- You don't need any experience, just enthusiasm and interest in the theme.

Give it a go. This is where we figure things out without needing all the answers. No pressure. Be random. Be deep. Be curious. Be yourself.

explorers

Applications are now OPEN for NSGSO and NSGCB 2027!!

Do you know any musical Scouts and Guides aged 13-25? We are very excited to be able to invite you to apply for our next course, taking place in Stourbridge on 1st - 8th August 2027

Applications are open on all orchestral and concert band instruments for members of Scouts and Girlguiding aged 13-25, for a complete list please visit our website – www.nsgso-nsgcb.com

Applications this year will close at 9am on Sunday 29th November

E-Splash

Some great photos of Esplash! We hope all the Explorers had a great time!



Skills of Leadership?

Skills of Leadership (SofL) is the East Midlands Region's innovative approach to Scouts' Manager & Supporter Training, condensed into an intensive weekend experience. This course meets all the objectives of the national training scheme but delivers them in a dynamic, interactive, and collaborative format.

Our goal is simple: equip volunteer leaders with the confidence, knowledge, and practical tools to lead effectively – all in one immersive event.

Why We Created SofL

Traditional Manager & Supporter training can take months to complete. SofL accelerates this process without compromising quality, making leadership development accessible, engaging, and time-efficient. It's designed for:

- Group / District / County Lead Volunteers
- District and County Team Leaders
- Anyone who is aspiring to a leadership role in Scouting and would like to explore what it could be like
- Anyone who would like to refresh their current knowledge of volunteer leadership
- Anyone who would like to complete a Managers & Supporters Wood Badge

Course Highlights

Over two days, participants explore:

- The Bigger Picture: Understand The Scout Association Strategy, why growth matters, explore the role Scouting plays in local communities, and learn how inclusive, youth-focused Scouting helps young people thrive.
- It's All About You: Discover your personal leadership style, explore communication and motivation, and learn how to adapt your approach to support others effectively.
- Let's Talk Teams: Learn practical approaches to adult recruitment, retention, team building, coaching and mentoring — plus how Young Leaders can be supported and empowered.
- People & Processes: Build confidence in the essential processes that keep Scouting safe and effective, including safeguarding responsibilities, volunteer reviews and feedback, and navigating everyday challenges.

You do not have to attend all two days; the course is split into four main chunks. These can be seen on the booking system below.

What You'll Gain

By the end of the course, volunteers will have:

- A clear understanding of how their role supports growth and youth-shaped Scouting;
- Practical tools for recruiting, supporting and motivating volunteers;
- Increased confidence in communication, coaching, and team leadership;
- Knowledge of key safeguarding and volunteer-support processes;
- New ideas, fresh energy, and a stronger support network across local Scouting.

A Taste of the Activities

Throughout the course, volunteers will take part in hands-on, reflective and discussion-based activities, such as:

- Exploring their personal leadership strengths;
- Mapping their local community and identifying new opportunities;
- Practising coaching conversations using the GROW model;
- Working through team-based scenarios and challenges;
- Planning practical next steps to grow and support local Scouting.
- These activities are designed to be supportive, confidence-building and relevant to real Scouting situations.

Why Choose SofL?

Meets all national training objectives of the Manager & Supporter Wood Badge in one weekend.
Interactive and collaborative learning environment. Immediate impact on your leadership role.

Next Steps

Interested in joining the next Skills of Leadership course? Book at

https://eastmidsscouts.org.uk/sofl/?fbclid=IwY2xjawUs1i5leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBwZG9mBXNydGMGYXBwX2IkEDlYmJAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR5WEGqH7kjO_uiM-agYYJ0Fxbtcu5-IQT-5B3KhDfoqiA7RHoRUT9B2DpkTcg_aem_3J_al0PvzZgAIHTKyPNEng