

## Welcome

Welcome to the August 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 compass 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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## Let's brew some smiles this Volunteers' Week

Nominations Are Now OPEN! It's time to Brew it Forward – Nominate a Volunteer for a Well-Earned Cuppa! As part of our run-up to #VolunteersWeek, we're treating 10 amazing Scout volunteers to a £10 coffee voucher – and we need YOUR help to decide who!

Know someone who always goes above and beyond? A volunteer who makes Scouting extra special? Someone who's earned a well-deserved pick-me-up?

Now's your chance to say THANK YOU with a nomination!

Nominations close: Sunday 1 June, Winners announced: Monday 2 June

Submit your nomination here: <https://forms.office.com/r/zDbcVQQL0T>

And keep your eyes peeled throughout the week – we'll share some heart-warming nominations and celebrate our amazing volunteers here!

## From the County Lead Volunteer

It's been another fantastic month for Scouting in Lincolnshire, and I'd like to begin by saying a huge thank you for everything you do to keep the adventure alive for our young people. Your time, energy and unwavering commitment are what make our movement thrive.

A particular highlight this month was the wonderful Adult Awards and Explorer/ Network Top Awards Evening at Burghley House. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many of our volunteers and young people recognised for their achievements and dedication. Congratulations to all the award recipients – and thank you to those who helped make the evening so special.

I'd also like to extend my thanks and congratulations to Ellie Broome and her fantastic team for delivering an engaging and inspiring Young Leader Training Weekend. It's always encouraging to see the next generation of leaders stepping up with such enthusiasm and maturity. If you want to see more of the course, see the video at <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15F1nM5Rn6/>

### Looking Ahead

As we head into the heart of the spring and summer term, I know many of you will be finalising preparations for camps and outdoor activities. I wish you all the very best – whether you're taking on a district expedition or a simple night under canvas. These experiences are so important for our young people, and it's thanks to your effort that they happen.

### Training & Safety Reminders

Please don't forget that the deadline for completing the mandatory Safety module is 14th July 2025. This is a vital piece of training to ensure we continue to deliver safe and high-quality Scouting across the county.

We've had excellent uptake on our recent Module 10 (First Aid) courses, with sessions planned in Grantham and Boston. At the time of writing there are still a few spaces left on these dates, and more course dates will be released soon, so do keep an eye on updates on the website and county social media.

### Lincs Fest 2025 – Bookings Now Open!

I am excited to confirm that Lincs Fest is back for 2025! This is our over-18s only camp, training and social event, running from Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th September 2025 at Sudbrooke Park Campsite, Lincoln.

Activities kick off from 10am on Saturday, with the option to stay overnight or just attend for the day. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, connect with fellow volunteers, and take part in some fun and informal training sessions. Bookings are now open, and full event details will be shared with participants closer to the time. The booking link is Booking Link <https://forms.office.com/e/MgCvcssb19>

Once again, thank you for all that you do. I'm incredibly proud of the work happening across Lincolnshire and the positive impact it continues to have on young lives. Wishing you all a safe, fun, and fulfilling term ahead.

Howard Nelson  
County Lead Volunteer

## Membership System and Safety Updates

Please find below some upcoming deadlines and mandatory requirements. Please, can I ask that you look at your records and check that you are compliant? This will save a lot of wasted time on continually chasing. To all those who have already completed, Thank You.

**Membership System**- currently about half volunteers in Lincolnshire have signed into and signed the declaration on my membership, therefore, we have 50% to go. If you are one of those, you can sign in here <https://membership.scouts.org.uk/> and follow the instructions

**Compass to Membership System queries** - There is a deadline for queries on the 31st of May for any information that was on Compass and has not been migrated to the new membership system. After this date, queries will not be investigated. If you have a query, please email [support@scouts.org.uk](mailto:support@scouts.org.uk) by the 31st May

## Chill Out Final reminder

Just one final reminder that bookings close for Chill Out at Walesby on May 20th, so please get registered and paid if you want to join in the fun.

We will be emailing all staff who have said that they would like to be involved, but please, if you can register yourselves online with EvBoo before you get an email, it will assist with checking DBS and training status ahead of time.

<https://bookings.lincolnshirescouts.org.uk/chill-out>

## Programme Team

### **Activity courses and non-permitted activities.**

We are looking to build and share online lists of individuals who have been on courses and have national accreditation for activities which are not permitted and listed on the new system. If you own a qualification or have completed a course for one of these activities e.g. Tomahawk throwing, air rifles, indoor caving at Sudbrooke please could you send an email with either a certificate or something similar with renewal dates to [Carolyn.greig@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:Carolyn.greig@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk)

Thank you.

### **Call for volunteers**

If anyone would like to be involved in working with the new cave trailer which was used at the Lincolnshire countryside show, please get in touch with Neil Onyon, or Carolyn Greig for more information. It's a really exciting opportunity and we had lots of young people and adults try it out at the showground in April.

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Just a reminder that all D of E expeditions need to have an expedition number which is issued by the County D of E advisors. In order to issue a number the advisors need to see the route cards, risk assessment and contingency plans for foul weather for each group as well as supervisor and assessor provision. A form is available to submit this information via the Lincolnshire website. Please contact them via [DofE@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:DofE@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk) if you have any additional questions.

### **Programme team Thank you!**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been involved in programme weekends for Young Leaders recently as well as all the D of E leaders and activity staff who are making sure that all our activities within Lincolnshire are safe and our contingency plans are robust should they need to be tested. We appreciate all the time that is dedicated to protecting the safety of our young people across the county and training the next generation of scouters.

## Youth Shape

In terms of youth shaping, we are actively trying to educate more young people in scouts on their options post-18. This has been done through an online session, and we are currently trying to get this information out to more people for use when they reach 18.

Some of the options you may have include

- Network
- SAGO
- Top Awards
- Becoming a leader
- District Youth Lead position

Caitlin Hall  
County Youth Lead

## Safety

### Emergency procedures ahead of the summer.

As we approach the summer, it's important to remind ourselves and members of our teams of what our key safety procedures are, and what to do in an emergency:

- [Purple Card](#): Explains what to do in emergencies and how to stay safe during Scouts events. Please make sure you have a copy at all activities.
- [Emergency procedures](#): Understand how to call for help, notify Lead Volunteers, and inform UK Headquarters in emergencies.
- [InTouch system](#): Communication at events and activities is important. We should be assured we can reach people quickly if we need to. Please review your InTouch system, making sure you have up-to-date contact details and establish clear communication channels.

Further safety support for specific activities or roles can be found at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety).

## Making plans for the future of Scouts.

The Skills for Life strategy concludes at the end of 2025. HQ are now planning our future and developing the next strategy for the movement. Since 2024 they've been consulting with different groups of people to understand the views and ideas for the future as Scouts. You can track consultation progress and understand more about how we're developing the next strategy on our '2025 and beyond' webpage at [2025 and beyond - Developing our next strategy | Scouts](#). This includes a report and video from Summit25, the National Scout Conference, that took place at the end of January this year.

## Poacher 2026 International Jamboree

Bookings have opened for the adventure of a lifetime in Lincolnshire! Your group can join 5,000 Scouts and Guides from across the world for a huge range of adventurous activities, exciting entertainments and lasting friendships, from 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Participant fee: £300

Leader fee: £30

More details can be found at [www.poacher.org.uk](http://www.poacher.org.uk) - bookings are open until 31st October 2025, or until the event is full - whichever comes sooner.

## New Lead Volunteer for Sleaford needed

Adam Jacklin will be stepping down from his role as District Lead Volunteer for Sleaford District on 4 November 2025.

As Adam prepares to step down as District Lead Volunteer for Sleaford this November, I would like to take the opportunity to offer my thanks for the energy, dedication, and leadership he has brought to the role. Adam has been a driving force behind many positive developments within the District, always bringing a thoughtful and steady approach to everything he does.

Throughout his term, Adam has consistently put young people at the centre of our work. His collaborative style has helped build strong teams and foster a real sense of community among our volunteers. Whether supporting events, shaping strategy, or mentoring others, Adam has been generous with his time and tireless in his commitment to the values of Scouting. While Adam is stepping back from the DLV role, I know his involvement with the District and County will continue. I look forward to seeing the next chapter of his Scouting journey and extend our warmest thanks for the significant contribution he has made over the years.

**We are looking a new District Lead Volunteer roles for Sleaford District.**

As a result, we are now recruiting for its next inspirational volunteer (or team of volunteers) to lead Sleaford District. Please [click to download the pack](#) which contains detailed information about the role as well as 2 application forms which volunteers can use to either express their interest in the role or to nominate someone else for consideration.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to apply or if you would like to find out more information about the role. The deadline for all applications is 1 July 2025. Interviews will be held in July.

Contact [malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk) or [howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk) if you have any questions.

The application form and more information about the role is enclosed [here](#). Applications should be sent to [malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:malcolm.moore@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk)

**Deadline for Applications: 23:59 1 July 2025**

## Jamboree and Internationals

UK Scouts have confirmed their participation in the 26th World Scout Jamboree, set to take place in Poland during the summer of 2027. This decision follows a thorough review of the 25th World Scout Jamboree and the organisation's strategic planning for the upcoming event.

The UK Contingent will comprise 70 Units and 630 International Service Team (IST) members, ensuring strong representation while enhancing operational management and the overall experience. Due to the reduced size of the contingent, an invitation will not be extended to members of Girlguiding on this occasion. However, UK Scouts remain committed to maintaining a strong partnership with Girlguiding and will continue to explore future opportunities for collaboration both internationally and within the UK.

For this Jamboree, UK Scouts are dedicated to implementing a streamlined and transparent selection process that prioritises representation, efficiency, and accessibility. Additionally, six educational objectives have been introduced for all UK Contingent international events, ensuring that every participant embarks on a journey of personal growth, discovery, and adventure.

We are waiting for confirmation on our Unit Size but need to reserve a date for the adult leadership team for Jamboree and also for a County run international in Summer 2027. The date for this is 21 and 22 June 2025 and will be held at Shacklewell Hollow near Stamford.

### Unit Leadership Team Selection

We do not have full details for the selection of the leadership team. Lincolnshire Scouts will follow a structured and fair selection process to ensure the best candidates are chosen in line with the guidelines given by UK Contingent.

- **National and County-Led Selections:** Selections will be nationally led for Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and British Scouting Overseas (BSO). In England, counties will manage their own selection processes with the support of the UK Contingent.
- **Set Selection Period:** A standardized selection period from **May to July 2025** across the UK will help ensure broad advertisement and diverse candidate outreach.
- **Consistent Selection Format:** An in-person selection process will be implemented, including scenario-based activities and structured interview questions. Ballots will not be used for Unit Leader selection.

The link to register interest is at <https://forms.office.com/e/p31CrYa9UB>