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Goodbye to 2022 and Welcome to 2023. The new year offers so many opportunities to restart the good activities from last year and to rehash/review the activities that did not go as well as hoped. It also gives us the opportunities to try new ideas and activities. Perhaps something we saw at a District/County camp and thought – we'll do that next year.

## G. M. E. County Presentation Evening

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, St. Andrew's Day, saw the cream of Greater Manchester East Scout County meet with their families, Leaders and friends for the bi-annual County Presentation Evening at the Hyde Town Hall.



Queen Scouts, Daniel Barton, Matt Senior and Sam Rogers, with Mayors and President



Chief Scout Gold Award, North Tameside District, Yasmin, Jack and Alice

In the presence of the worshipful, Civic Mayor of Tameside Councillor Michael Glover and Mayoress Ms Anne Gordon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport David Wilson and Deputy Mayor Ms Linda Holt and Sir Warren Smith, GME County President, 84 Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts assembled to receive their certificates for the Chief Scout's Gold Award, Chief Scout's Platinum Award, Young Leader Award and the Queen's Scout Award.



Tame Valley District award holders, Joseph, Olivia and Thomas



Glossop District award holders Stephanie, Noah, James, Lewis and Matt

Councillor Michael Glover said it was great to see, as we are coming out of Covid, so many young people out and about. Especially the three Network Members getting their Queen's Scout Award certificates, as these will probably

be the last Queen's Awards as the future awards will be King's Scout Awards. These awards are especially special as they were achieved during Covid.

Councillor David Wilson said he was impressed to see the efforts of the young people to reach the high standards demanded by the Awards. He praised the voluntary activities of the Leaders and Helpers, developing these youngsters into high achieving adults. He wished all those attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023 the best luck and hoped they enjoyed a smashing time.



Sir Warren Smith congratulated all of GME for the good turnout at a LIVE not Zoom presentation. He added Scouts have a lot to be proud of. The Scout Association have suffered a lot during the pandemic but are now recovering at a record rate. The core values of Scouting will lead young people out of the problems to great achievement.

One of the Queen Scouts, Matt Senior, said the Scouting had given him a large number of international experiences, friends and skills to be able to start his career. Another Queen Scout, Daniel Barton, said one of his proudest times was being invited to represent GME in London for the late HM The Queen's lying-in state. He added that Scouting had opened opportunities he wouldn't have had otherwise, such as attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. He feels more confident, determined and outgoing as a result of Scouting.

The County Commissioner, Steve Holloway, congratulated all the recipients of the Awards and thanked all the Leaders, Helpers and families of the Scouts for their support and encouragement that enabled the Scouts to achieve the Awards.

## Scouters night before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas, and at the scout hut,  
Not a leader was stirring, the doors were locked shut;  
The wet tents were hung from the rafters with care,  
Camp was the wettest it had been since last year;  
Scouts, Beavers and cubs nestled snug in their beds;  
While visions risk assessments plagued leader's heads;

*And year plans and badges and gdpr,*

*An hour a week? the biggest joke so far.*

*When down by the scout hut there arose such a clatter,*

*With blue lights and sirens, what on earth was the matter.*

*To phone and to Facebook parents flew in a flash,*

*And told all the leaders to the hut they must dash.*

Its locked and its empty are you sure we are needed?

But its Scouts and the call must swiftly be heeded.

In all states of undress, we arrived in our cars,

Fluffy onesies and curlers, some even left bars!

Key bunches in hand like a long line of jailers,

Shouting instructions, no need for loud hailers.

*Doors flung open wide and padlocks undone*

*The search of the hut in earnest begun.*

*The tents were all dry and were neatly repacked.*

*The washing up done, fridge and cupboards properly stacked.*

*Was it you.? Wasn't not me! Or the parents? we'll see,*

*Who's got keys, only us, oh and the D. C..*

Whoever it was it's done us a favour,  
But who called the police? that must be a neighbour.  
Then up on the roof there arose such a clatter,  
We ran outside to see what was the matter.  
It's the scouts, it's the D.C. no its vandals I fear,  
There's a sleigh on the store room and eight full grown reindeer!

*Akela shouted You get down off there quick,  
I'm not filing an accident form labelled St. Nick.  
He was dressed all in red like all the books said.  
With a hat trimmed with white sitting up on his head.  
A clap of his hands and his elves flocked around  
With more of them joining us down on the ground.*

More rapid than eagles our members they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called us name:  
"Now, Balloo, now Bagheera now Akela and all!  
Your members wrote and we thought we'd answer the call!  
We didn't bring presents or candy or stuff.  
But we've helped like they asked cos you've all done enough.

*You work and you plan, you give all your spare hours  
Being scout leaders doesn't mean you have super powers.  
An hour a week that's what they say  
But you guys as Scouters by night and by day.  
You think you're forgotten; you think they don't care,  
but that's why tonight we have all gathered here.*

To show you, you matter and what you do counts  
You're loved and respected in massive amounts.

And then, with a twinkling, he stood up in his sleigh

We really should go it's a quite busy day

With loud shout of mush and a flick of the reigns

Sleigh and elves disappeared as fast as they came

*I'm not quite sure what happened that cold Christmas night*

*Too much beer lack of sleep or a trick of the light*

*But I'm sure when police asked us to explain*

*What I saw in the sky wasn't any old plane*

*It circled the scout hut before it went*

*I'm sure all the youngsters knew what it meant*

And I heard as it flew into clouds out of sight

"Happy Christmas Scout Leaders, and to members good night!"

Taken from Facebook – how true!

## From Councillor Joyce Bowerman

I hope you and the families are well.

Thank you for the December issue of the Tamesider, it is packed full of information as always. I've really enjoyed reading The Tamesider throughout the year and I wanted to say thank you Ken for your hard work and commitment compiling and editing each edition, it is not an easy task but you have done a great job each month and you deserve our thanks and praise. Well done!

I enjoyed article on the Remembrance Parades and Services, our Scouting family did us proud once again as they behaved impeccably and looked so smart and respectful in All the parades throughout Tameside. Fred and I were in the Parish church and at the wreath laying in the Memorial Gardens for Remembrance Sunday, it was very poignant seeing our young people from Scouting paying their respects so dutifully to the men and women who gave their life for our freedom. Well done to them all.

The Explorers did so well with their kitchen craft training sessions, well done to them, I had a taste of their cooking skills when the St James Explorers had a stall at the West End Methodists Church Christmas Fair on 3rd December. I enjoyed some of their scrumptious cakes and buns they had made themselves and they seem to be very popular with the other visitors too!

I'm sure our young are getting really excited now as the World Scout Jamboree in the Republic of Korea next year is getting closer. I hope all the plans are going well and it will be a wonderful and exciting time for the young people who will be heading there to enjoy an unforgettable and fantastic experience.

Fred and I would like to wish everyone in our Scouting family a Happy Christmas and our very best wishes for the new year.

Keep safe and well.

Many thanks again.

Kind regards.

Joyce.

## **North Tameside Explorers upcoming events.**

### **January 2023 hike and sleepover**

Please let your explorer leader know if you are interested

### **Young leader training weekend**

Open to all explorers and scouts aged 13 1/2 years old.

10-12 February 2023

Linnet clough

Please confirm your interest Keith your explorer leader and have them email Alex Mee to book your place

[alex.mee@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:alex.mee@ntscouts.org.uk)

### **Explorer youth forum**

12 Feb 2023 - If you are interested in takeoff part and. Shaping our activities please let your explorer leader know.

### **D.E.A.T.H. Camp**

March 2023 - Please register your interest for more details

### **Explorer Chill Camp**

June 2023 - Please register your interest for more details

Regards

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## News from 12<sup>th</sup> Ashton Scout Group

Over the last few weeks of December, all Section of 12th Ashton have been extremely busy

On the weekend of 3rd to 4th of December the scouts went for an indoor Christmas camp at Boarfold Scout Camp. Where a scavenger hunt took place a sit-down Christmas dinner and a Christmas movie thank you to Kellie Radcliffe for helping out.



The night before Cubs and Beavers went to sing carols and present Christmas cards to residents of Daisy Nook Residential Home all gained musician stage 1 and artist badge.

A week later Cubs, Beavers and Scouts enjoyed a Christmas party where we said goodbye to a Beaver and a Cub who are moving to Cheshire. They both received a signed Necker from their section's, goodbye and good luck Tristan and Rowan

Finally, this week both beavers and cubs enjoyed an activity at Summit Up Climbing Centre in Oldham

Well done everyone, Phil Rogers, Group Scout Leader, 12<sup>th</sup> Ashton scout Group

## North Tameside District Climbing Wall



Our 7m NT Climbing Wall is back in action after its long holiday, it is ready for your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers to use on their section nights. It is set up at Ashton Fire Station and can be used any evening for your Scouts to climb, it has 4 automatic safety lines so they can't fall off. All you need is preferably 4 Permit 1 holders they just need to be able to put a harness on your Scouts and tell them the safety instructions we can train you on the night, but for a bit of homework first have a look at <https://youtu.be/v5WpeMStpf0>. If your Group is going to use it a few times ideally one Leader could get a Permit 2. Which is to erect the wall only, as all the leg base mountings are already set up, it only involves kicking the legs, connecting your car battery, then pressing the wall up

button. Also, you need to be able to climb the wall in case a Scout freezes at the top and won't let go, just nip up with your mallet, and bash their hands, oh sorry forgot risk assessments won't allow that anymore, I meant talk them down. We can do the Permit 2 training of erecting the wall and a rescue on the night.

If you wish to hire the wall contact [alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk) 07931765120 for further information.

# WANTED



Crushed Aluminium Cans

For the Jamboree Fund

Contact Tom Lowther

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or Tina Howarth [tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk)

to donate crushed Aluminium Cans



“Use Your Energy is an Action Together programme funded by Sport England which aims to work with Tameside groups to engage and enable children and young people aged 5-18 years to become more active, more often. We have money to invest in your active ideas! Your group can apply for up to £500 to make your active idea a reality. There are lots of ways we can become more active such as volunteering, walking, cycling, swimming, dancing, water sports, nature trails, conservation, gaming, home work-outs, boxing, skateboarding, scootering!”

To find out more go to: <https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/use-your-energy-funding-tameside>”

Thanks

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**Adult  
Training**



Greater Manchester East Training team have been busy updating not just the way they deliver training, now offering all courses through Nearpod and Zoom, but also by updating the training website. We now have a more interactive and streamlined training area that can be found at [www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1](http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1)

By following the links relevant to your role, you will be able to access an overview of all the specific training required, links to access the e-learning and

also the training delivered by GME. Mandatory Ongoing Learning can also be accessed in this way. An online 'Check Your Knowledge' system has also been embedded for leaders to complete and these will be sent to your TA.

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To book onto the course highlight the course, then Ctrl + Click, then complete the application form.

### **GETTING STARTED - Training**

**This is available on-line via the County Website for all roles in Scouting. They take between 45 and 90 minutes to complete each module.**

**Adults should complete their Getting Started training and have it validated within 5 months of them being put on Compass in their role. It can be completed before they go to the appointment's panel.**

All Courses are now on the county Calendar & bookable through EventBrite.

Greater Manchester East Scouts | Team up <https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training>

(Copy and paste into search engine to book onto course)

## **Adult Training Coming Up**

Module 17 - Running Safe Activities (23ON17-1) - Jan 17th (Zoom)

[Book Here](#)

Module 5 - Fundamentals of Scouting (23ON05-1) - Feb 7<sup>th</sup> (Zoom)

[Book Here](#)

Module 18 - Practical Skills (23MOD18-1) - May 13th (2nd Heald Green)

[Book Here](#)

**Access all Adult Training at the GME Training website**  
<https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training>



# Roverway 2024

## Recruitment for our Contingent Management Team

We're excited to launch the recruitment of our Contingent Management Team (CMT) for Roverway 2024.

### [Share our recruitment pack](#)

We plan to send our largest ever UK Roverway Contingent to Norway. To support this endeavour, we're seeking six enthusiastic and creative volunteers to form our Contingent Management Team. These individuals will be key in shaping the event.

Please [share our recruitment pack](#) with leaders from across your county, area or region, and encourage them to get involved, ask questions and apply.

Recruitment of participants will launch early next year. We don't need you to do anything now but we'll soon be sharing more information about how patrols will be formed and ask every County (and equivalent) for an estimate around the number of patrols of 6-8 participants they could support. We have seen how much interest there is in these events and would like to open Roverway up to as many young people as possible.

### **Roverway in a nutshell:**

- It's an international Scouting event open to 16–22-year-olds from across the world. For the UK, this crosses the boundary for the Explorer and Network Scout sections.
- It's hosted by a different European country each time, and was last held in 2018 in the Netherlands. The 2024 event will be in Norway.
- It's an opportunity for young people to explore a foreign country, and to do so with a clear programme, in-country support, and training so every participant has a unique experience.

### **Roverway consists of two main elements:**

- A **path**, where small groups of UK participants (working as a patrol) join other from across the world and embark on a five-day journey

through the host country. Paths are designed to be shaped by the participants, making each young people's experience of Roverway unique.

- An **international camp**, in which thousands of young people gather together from across Europe (and beyond) to share experiences, build friendships and develop skills. The focus is very much on learning about themselves, those around them, and their place in the world.

### [Share our recruitment pack](#)

- We're here to support you, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.
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Shaun Maskrey, Contingent Leader, Roverway 2024

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# Join in Jamboree! **COUNTY CAMP 2023**

**Linnet Clough**

**Fri 26th - Mon 29th May 2023**

**For everyone in the County!**

## **GET INVOLVED!**

### **FIRE**

Ladybrook Valley & North Manchester  
amanda.hampson@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk

### **SKY**

Cheadle & Glossop  
zoe.brierley@glossopdistrictscouts.org.uk

### **WATER**

Tameside South & North Tameside & Tame Valley  
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### **EARTH**

Stockport & Manchester South  
amy.arnold@stockportscouts.org.uk

# See You There!



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# SCOTTISH WINTER MOUNTAIN MEET

Sat 18th – Wed 22nd February 2023

Scouts   
GME Activities Team



## WHO IS IT FOR?

Any adult in UK Scouts who is interested in learning or practicing the skills for hillwalking in the mountains in winter conditions. You might be:

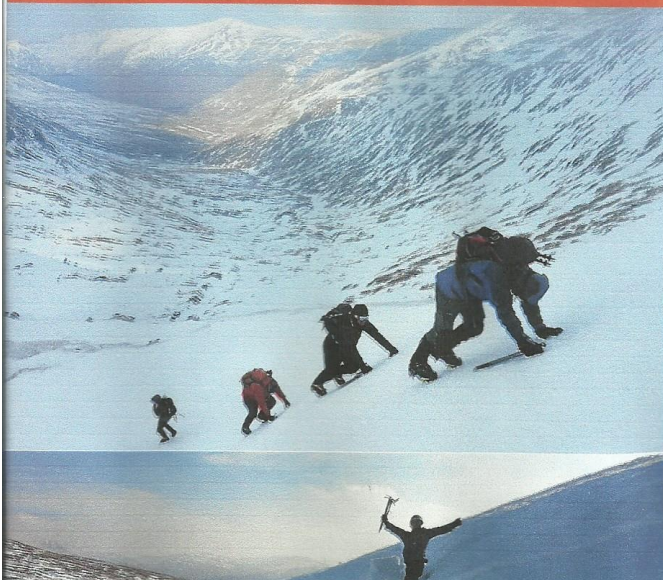
- ✧ a novice looking to learn the basics
- ✧ have winter skills which are a bit rusty and want to refresh them
- ✧ an experienced winter mountaineer, looking to share time in the mountains with other Leaders
- ✧ a Leader looking to work towards, be assessed, or renew, a winter hillwalking activity permit

## WHAT WILL YOU GET FROM THE MEET?

Instructors will help plan hill days and either teach or refresh winter skills such as using crampons, ice axes, ropework, winter navigation, weather and snowpack, and emergency shelters.

Depending on numbers and abilities, the course will usually split into groups to help everyone achieve their objectives, whether that's to learn something specific, or just to have a fun experience.

The weather plays a huge part in the planning of the days and we'll always be flexible to get as much out of the hill days as possible, regardless of the conditions.



## WHEN

Arrive Saturday 18th February 2023  
Stay 'til Wednesday 22nd February 2023

## WHERE

Locheamhead Scout Centre,  
Central Highlands.  
<https://www.locheamhead.org.uk/>

## COST

£200 per person  
including four nights bunkhouse  
accommodation, meals, packed lunches  
(£50 non-refundable deposit on booking)

## CONTACT

[activities@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:activities@gmescouts.org.uk)  
for an application pack