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[250th Manchester Scout Group](#)

Thanks to the group volunteers and Explorers who made it to today's maintenance day at [250th Manchester Scout Group](#) 's hut - the first round of work, but lots got done in building our new "grow your own" garden and campfire circle



More to go next month and the garden at the front of the hut. 25th March is our next planned maintenance day (bits of work throughout) and an Environment Day being planned for all one the weather is improved. Any help to complete the work is most welcome!

Thanks to [#TamesideCommunityRecovery](#) for the grant funding to help pay for the equipment and supplies.

NORTH TAMESIDE DISTRICT ANNUAL 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Saturday 4th of February, North Tameside cubs held their annual 5-a-side football comp at Droylsden Academy Sports Hall. The football competition is one for the core events in the North Tameside calendar and is always eagerly anticipated so it was great to get back into it after an enforced break.

Seven packs entered creating six participating teams. The tournament was very competitive and produced a lot of great football. After over an hour and hour of competition, the final took place between 2/1st Hurst and 413th Manchester. With an end to end, back and forth match, the final score line was 3-2 to 2/1st, meaning they retained their title.



Winners: 2/1st Hurst Cub Pack, Runners up: 413th Manchester Cub Pack

Third: 3rd/12th Ashton joint team Cub Packs; Fourth: 339th Manchester Cub Pack

A massive thanks to all those who helped running the event, particularly Dave Ashton for organising the fixtures, Andy & Logan who were referee and timekeeper respectively.

Michael Frankish

Assistant District Cub Scout Commissioner

Scotland Winter Skills, Lochearnhead

18th to 22nd February 2023.

The drive to Lochearnhead Scout Camp takes about 4.5 Hours. The last 1.5 hours is through some of Scotland's outstanding beautiful mountainous scenery.

On arrival at the base, it was obvious that finding snow to practice winter skills would take some effort.

Plans were made to use previously used areas from other trips. We did manage to get into the snow which was still deep in some of the gullies at just under a 1000 meter height. Luckily enough we were able to park at 500 meters so the walk in was not too bad. Ice axe arrests were made and other security on steep ground measures were carried out, but it was felt that the use of crampons was too much of a risk and may cause injuries. This was one patch of snow. Other patches of snow were also available.



On another day we found some steep ground and explained and demonstrated about the use of ice axes as belaying devices when above the ground and then sunk into the ground.

Some of the visitors, just wanted to bag a Munro and try their hands at navigating, so 2 parties set off in cloudy weather to achieve a different Munros which were hidden in cloud.

PowerPoint presentations in the evening helped to show the ferocity of winter in the mountains.

All in all, we made the best of whatever the weather threw at us. We achieved an awareness of winter and the problems it could cause when on the mountain.

The general consensus is that next year, we will be looking at visiting the Cairngorms for the 2024 Winter Skills adventure.

Ken Sever (ADC Activities) Winter Skills Instructor.

News from 7th Stalybridge

The 7th Stalybridge Cub Pack held a Sleepover at their Headquarters at Bradley Fold, Stalybridge on Saturday 18th February. Here are some pictures of the activities they took part in.



Thanks to all the leaders that gave up their precious time this weekend, couldn't do it without their support!!

Here are some of the comments from the parents

Victoria Peart - Absolutely. They have a club of very happy children and a gang of very grateful parents 💙💙

Shell Rowlinson - _So has Tom! He needed an early night tonight, you've made it a lot easier now 😊

Melanie Clarks - _I echo the thank yous! I have an extremely tired but happily content boy. Also, I'm sorry that I'm in the naughty corner 🙊 no more sweets from this Mummy!

North Tameside District Scout Sleepover

My experience in one-adventure

I really enjoyed the district sleepover at One Adventure.

There are many activities such as archery, axe throwing, caving, mini golf, ping pong and laser tag.

Although I didn't manage to get any axes into the target, I did get the highest score for archery.

I really liked the caving, which was dark, with an interesting puzzle and hidden surprise ball pit halfway round

The food was great (in particular, the pepperoni pizza), and I enjoyed mixing with all the other scout groups, making new friends and having a really good time.

Max

6th Ashton Scouts

News from 5th Stalybridge

Thank you to all the Cubs who came along to today's Crime Prevention Day. 🚔🚒🚓
This was a pilot for Greater Manchester Area and great to be part of it. 👍👍

I must say Tame Valley Cubs were wonderfully behaved and a credit to our district, leaders and their parents.

Akela (Jay) 5th Stalybridge





3rd Ashton-Under-Lyne (St. James') Scout Group

3rd Ashton Annual Race Night

Will be held on

Saturday 11th March 2023

At

Ashton Cricket Club

Rayner Lane

Assemble from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm Start

Admission - Adults £5.00- Children £3.00 Refreshments included

Come and enjoy an Evening at the Races - £0.50p stake

Contact Tina (GSL) for Tickets - Mobile No. 07411773336

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 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

to donate crushed Aluminium Cans



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

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.

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<https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training>

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

Adult Training Coming Up

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>

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

GREATER MANCHESTER EAST SCOUT COUNTY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

VENUE AND TIMES TO BE ADVISED – WHEN KNOWN.





Join in Jamboree! **COUNTY CAMP 2023**

Linnet Clough

Fri 26th - Mon 29th May 2023

For everyone in the County!

GET INVOLVED!

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Cheadle & Glossop
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Tameside South & North Tameside & Tame Valley
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EARTH

Stockport & Manchester South
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See You There!



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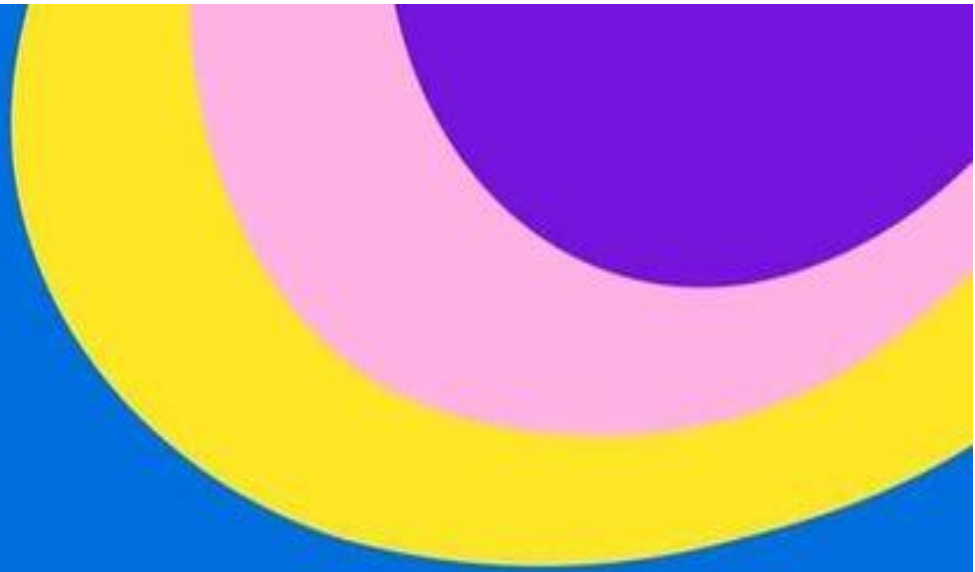
www.jij2023.org.uk

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Cheers for volunteers

Thank you for the scarves rolled,
songs sung, and memories created.
Most of all, thank you for the difference
you're making to young people's lives.