

Scouting news  
from Tameside and  
Glossop and  
Greater  
Manchester East



# TAMESIDER

July 2023



Craig Jones  
Count Commissioner

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## Tame Valley District Annual General Meeting

We welcomed members of Tame Valley Scout District to our Annual General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Stanley Square Conservative Club, as well as the new county commissioner, [Craig Jones](#). This was his first District Scout Annual General Meeting as County Commissioner.



District neckerchiefs were presented to Craig and to Cliff Meadowcroft, District Chair.

After completing the business, the meeting adjourned for some great food, catch ups and a quiz.

Thanks to all, including [Tom Lowther](#) for providing food and entertainment! Pretty sure I won the quiz, though had to leave before the final scores were in.

Shell Rawlinson-Smyth

District Commissioner, Tame Valley

## North Tameside Cubs Skills Day

On Sunday 24th June, North Tameside District cubs got together for our second annual skills day at 413th's hut. We had an amazing turn out with over 60 kids representing all 8 packs in Ashton and Droylsden. The day was split into two different themes: water (water sports) and land (pioneering). The Cubs took part in many different activities including kayaking, canoeing and rafting; mini catapults, square lashings and a no rope, tension bridge (also known as a Da Vinci bridge). The weather was lovely, the Cubs gained some new skills, had a splash about and all had a great time. It was a success on all fronts, Mike Frankish ADCC (Assistant District Commissioner Cubs) gave a massive thanks to all those involved in helping plan and run the day on behalf of all the Cubs.



Mike,

NT ADC Cubs/413th Section Leader

## FROM YOUR NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

First of all, I would like to say hello as your new Lead Volunteer (County Commissioner) for Greater Manchester East.

I have to say I am still in shock!! I remember walking into my Scout hut as a new young leader when I was 16 a few years ago now, well 38 years ago, and now I have the honour to be your Lead Volunteer. I am so fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people over the years and I look forward to working with you all going forward.

Over the next few months, we will be advertising a number of opportunities available for you to get involved with at a County level and I look forward to having you join one of our teams. These roles include District Commissioners, Training, Events to name a few and the first opportunity is supporting the **County Adults Advisory Committee**. We are particularly interested if you are aged between 18 & 25.

If you would like to express an interest, please use the link below to register.

[Click Here To Register Your Interest](#)

If you would like to find out more information about what is involved please check out the detail from the Scouts website @ <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/recruiting-and-managing-volunteers/appointing/appointments-panels/>



### Scouts - Appointments Panels

This framework is designed to support the Appointments Panel to make new members of the Scouts feel welcomed.

[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

• The Appointments Advisory Committee is appointed by the Executive Committee. All AAC members must be over 18 years old and have successfully completed a Personal Enquiry.

It is best practice to have a wide range of skills and attributes so bear this in mind when building the committee. As a youth shaped organisation, we also want to make sure young people's views are considered when making decisions. Appointments Advisory Committee's should have at least two young people between the age of 18 and 25 years old.

All new members will receive the required training along with any support you may need.

If you would like any further information, please either contact Sandra Marston AAC Chair [sandra.marston@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:sandra.marston@gmescouts.org.uk) or myself [craig.jones@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:craig.jones@gmescouts.org.uk)

Kind Regards

*Craig*

## NORTH TAMESIDE BEAVER SCOUT CAMP

On the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of May, North Tameside District Beaver Scouts descended on Ashworth Valley Scout campsite for their Annual Beaver Camp

Based on science and campcraft the Beavers on Friday played a space wide game and watched a movie



Saturday, they learnt about the plants and their place in the solar system made binoculars and telescopes. And learnt how to put up a tent

After lunch was grass sledging campfire with customary toasting marshmallows, cave bus, obstacle course, story cubes, before tea and campfires

The beavers had a great time

Phil Rogers, group Scout Leader 12<sup>th</sup> Ashton scout Group.

## Tame Valley Beaver Scouts with Birds of Prey

Beaver Scouts from three Colonies, 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Dukinfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dukinfield, in Tame Valle District joined together at 2<sup>nd</sup> Dukinfield Group Headquarters to meet the Birds of Prey.



They were able to get up close and stroke these fabulous animals. They also met a Pole Cat Ferret. It was explained that the two completely different animals were used by man to hunt for rabbits and other prey.

Alex from 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge Colony thought the birds were great although Tom Lowther, Group Scout Leader from 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge was not keen to hold the Pole Cat Ferret after being bitten by one when he was younger!

Tom Lowther, Group Scout Leader, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge Scout Group

## 7<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge Beaver Colony Camp

The 7<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge Scout Group held a weekend camp at Swineshaw Scout Camp on 9<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> June. The theme of the camp was Space Rangers.



Deena Ledger wrote, "It really was an amazing camp. These young people did themselves proud the way they looked out for each other - we didn't ask them to, although I do talk about kindness and helping others during our weekly meetings. To see it in action on camp is just so heartwarming and the reason I scout [#skillsforlife](#). Thank you for a lovely time, Beavers"

## BELT-UP COURSE

This is the course for Explorers Scouts or Network Scouts who have completed their Young Leaders Belt and wish to update their skills to the Adult Leaders training awards.

The County Training Team have had requests for a Belt Up course this year.

The Training Team are collating a list of interested Young Leader Belt Holders who wish to complete the training to adult levels.

The course is usually held as a residential at Linnet Clough.

It will complete most of the training needed to complete the Wood Badge and the attendee will have to complete the validation in their usual scouting role.

The Training Team are also looking for adult members able/ willing/ up for being part of a Belt Up delivery team?

Any preferred dates/ venues?

Please, contact Zoe Howarth-Lowe with names and contact details.

Yours in Scouting

**Zoë Howarth-Lowe**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Dukinfield Beaver Leader

#SkillsForLife

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# WANTED



Crushed Aluminium Cans

For the Jamboree Fund

Contact Tom Lowther

[tom.lowther@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:tom.lowther@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk)

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

[Shell.rowlinson@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:Shell.rowlinson@gmescouts.org.uk)

[ctm@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:ctm@gmescouts.org.uk)

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**

### **Training Calendar 2023**

**01/07/23**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485628306337>

## [Module 10A & 10B - First Response \(23FR08\)](#)

First Response Validation. Virtual pre-learning is a pre-requisite of booking on to the course.  
(Pre-learning is linked below)

**01/07/23**      <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485629871017>

## [Module 10A & 10B - First Response \(23FR09\)](#)

First Response Validation. Virtual pre-learning is a pre-requisite of booking on to the course.  
(Pre-learning is linked below)

**02/07/23**      <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-25-na-night-away-assessors-23mod25naa-tickets-595817876307>

## [Module 25 NA - Night Away Assessors \(23MOD25NAA\)](#)

All the training required for Module 25- Assessing Learning for Nights Away Assessors

**03/07/23**      <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-12a-delivering-a-quality-programme-23on12a-1-tickets-583725618037>

## [Module 12a- Delivering a Quality Programme \(23ON12A-1\)](#)

All the training required for Module 12a- Delivering a Quality Programme

**10/07/23**      <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-12b-programme-planning-23on12b-1-tickets-583902898287>

## [Module 12b- Programme Planning \(23ON12b-1\)](#)

All the training required for Module 12b- Programme Planning

**12/07/23**     <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-11-administration23on11-1-tickets-583944522787>

### Module 11- Administration(23ON11-1)

All the training required for Module 11- Administration

**22/08/23**     <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-16-residential-experiences-23on16-1-tickets-583983659847>

### Module 16- Residential Experiences (23ON16-1)

All the training required for Module 16- Residential Experiences

**31/08/23**     <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485635307277>

### Module 10A & 10B - First Response (23FR10)

First Response Validation. Virtual pre-learning is a pre-requisite of booking on to the course.  
(Pre-learning is linked below)

**16/09/23**     <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-8-skills-of-leadership-23mod8-1-tickets-601441777547>

### Module 8- Skills of Leadership (23MOD8-1)

All the training required for Module 8 - Skills of Leadership

**18/09/23**     <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-15-promoting-positive-behaviour-23on15-1-tickets-601413472887>

### Module 15- Promoting Positive Behaviour (23ON15-1)

All the training required for Module 15- Promoting Positive Behaviour

**29/09/23-01/10/23** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/23res2-residential-course-modules-12a-12b-13-16-17-18-and-19-tickets-601489259567>

[23RES2: Residential Course - Modules 12a, 12b, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19](#)

Residential Training Course covering Modules: 12a, 12b, 13, 16, 17, 18 & 19.

**01/10/23** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485648055407>

[Module 10A & 10B - First Response \(23FR11\)](#)

First Response Validation. Virtual pre-learning is a pre-requisite of booking on to the course. (Pre-learning is linked below)

**21/10/23** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485658968047>

[Module 10A & 10B - First Response \(23FR12\)](#)

First Response Validation. Virtual pre-learning is a pre-requisite of booking on to the course. (Pre-learning is linked below)

**10/10/23** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-5-fundamentals-of-scouting-23on05-2-tickets-601572338057>

[Module 5- Fundamentals of Scouting \(23ON05-2\)](#)

All the training required for Module 5- Fundamentals of Scouting

**04/11/23** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485639660297>

[Module 10A & 10B - First Response \(23FR13\)](#)

First Response - full face-to-face training, no prior online learning required.

**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 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

VENUE AND TIMES TO BE ADVISED – WHEN KNOWN.







# **St. James' Church**

**Cowhill Lane**

**Ashton - under- Lyne**

**OL6 6HJ**

## **BRASS BAND CONCERT**

**by**

**St. Johns' Brass Band Mossley**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2023**

**Commencing at 2.00pm**

**Tickets Adults £6.00 Children £3.00**

**Refreshments will be on sale**

**Contact: - Tina 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton GSL 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton Scout Group**

**for the purchase of tickets for the concert.**

**All proceeds will go to St. James' Church to help meet its' financial obligations**

**For and on behalf of Tina (Verger St. James' Church) - Derek Casey**



# 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.