Scouting news from Tameside and Glossop and Greater Manchester East Scouts

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I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the Scouts St George's Day Parade through Ashton followed by the service afterwards at the Albion Reformed Church.

We all met as per Alan's instructions at 2pm on Old Street, there were some very excited young people waiting to start the parade. All of our Scouting family looked so smart in their uniforms and marching to the St John's Brass Band, it was so wonderful to see and to be a part of.

The service in church was very entertaining with the George Vs Dragon performed by our young Scouting family, well done! Afterwards, we had Hymns, songs and prayers and I was honoured to be asked to say a few words, Andy also presented me with the new King Charles III Coronation Badge which I will treasure.

It was a joy to see all our young people in Scouting wearing their red roses with pride and parading the colours and to join with them in song and prayers, hearing them renew their promise and to think about Scouting and their contribution to the quality of life in the World. The service was led by the Rev Jean Hurlston and everyone received their new Coronation badges. Afterwards we all enjoyed the very welcome refreshments.

I would like to thank our Scouting family for the invitation to join you all, it was a lovely event and a very enjoyable one. Councillor Joyce Bowerman The St George's Day Parade of Queen's and King's Scouts, Windsor Castle, 23rd April 2023



On Sunday 23rd April 2023 over 500 Queen's and King's Scouts were welcomed into the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle to celebrate the receipt of their Queen's and King's Scout Awards, having earned their awards through hard work, commitment and determination. Three Queen's Scouts from Glossop attended Daniel Barton, Amy Harbut and Matthew Senior. Daniel also took part in the Queen's funeral Contingent.



The Parade was joined this year by members who supported the funeral of HM Quen Elizabeth II, who all wore purple neckerchiefs, see below. The review was undertaken by Chief Scout Bear Grylls and UK Chief Commissioner Carl Hankinson. The salute was taken by HRH The Duke of Kent.

Also being celebrated were the adult volunteer who've earned Good Services Awards. They make it possible for our young people to experience fun, challenging activities and everyday adventure. Ken Marks and Neil Gorton from Greater Manchester East were there because they had both been awarded the Silver Wolf for Services to Scouting over the years.

The Gallantry and Meritorious Conduct Award recipients were there. They've been tremendously brave and heroic in tricky situations. All have shown the true spirit of Scouts and represented our values.

Ken said he felt honoured and enjoyed the time in Windsor.

Operation Feather



Operation Feather was the code word that dealt with the logistics outside Westminster Hall and the queue to the Lying in State prior to the Queens Funeral. Each element of proceedings following the Queens death had a code word. Unicorn, Marquee, Feather and Spring Tide. Dan Barton was selected to represent GME, as 1 of 120 Scouts from around the UK to help with the queue in Victoria Tower Gardens. He spent about a week in London, working on the night shift (11pm -7am - they called themselves "The Night Owls") helping people in the queue. This included directing people, giving people blankets (the nights were really cold!), taking food and drink off people in the queue (that wasn't allowed in the hall), separating out "good" food that then went to Food banks in London. There were lots of different tasks.

I have attached the link to the article that was in the Chronicle last year. <u>Tameside Scout 'honoured' to do his duty</u> for the Queen - Quest Media Network -<u>Tameside Radio, Tameside Reporter,</u> <u>Oldham Reporter, Glossop Chronicle</u> The teams were then invited to Windsor and given special purple neckers. He obviously knew quite a lot of the people, some better than others, as they had all worked, lived and travelled together quite closely for the week. He is regularly in

touch with about 8 of them and have regular meet ups with about 5 of them.

Louise Barton

Tame Valley St George's Day Parade



proud District Commissioner today, watching Tame Valley District get together to celebrate St. George's day. Thank you to 1st Millbrook who arranged a fantastic day, and to the band who didn't miss a beat!

It's clear to see that the district is continuing to grow, and that's down to the dedication of the amazing leaders who run the weekly meetings, organise events and offer support and their time each week.



Honoured to

witness Robert Taylor receive his 50 years service award from ex District Commissioner Tom Lowther. Nicki Smith, although unable to attend, received her 25 years, as well as numerous awards to leaders for service and training including Steve Farrell for attaining his commissioner wood beads as Assistant Group Scout Leader. All of which have been a wealth of knowledge and support to me in this role as District Commissioner.

An extra award this year went to our "scout of the year" an individual annual award for each section, congratulations to Jamie, Alice, Finley, Nat and Elise on this outstanding achievement.

Finally, the winners of the scout "Ready Steady Cook" competition were presented with their trophy. A day of celebration, and the rain held off! Not even an emergency alarm could stop us!

Shell Rawlinson, District Commissioner, Tame Valley.

Tameside South St. George's Day Parade



South Tameside Scout District paraded to the top of Werneth Low to reaffirm their Scout Promise. Following the service, the District held a kite flying festival and picnic. The wind was extremely gusty and it took a lot of skill to keep the kites from crashing to the ground and being damaged.





North Tameside St George's Day Parade

Squirrels from 6th Ashton and 339th Droylsden Scouts took part in their first St Georges Day Parade in North Tameside Scouts, who paraded through Ashton to Albion Church to celebrate St George, the patron saint of Scouting and to renew their Scout promises.

Squirrels are 4 to 6 year old girls and boys and they started in Scouting last year, the Scouts started on 24/1/1908, and five new Squirrels turned up at St Georges Day Parade along with over three hundred other Scouts from the eight Scout Groups in Ashton and Droylsden. They were all led by the St John's Castle Band and conductor Peter Douthwaite followed by the District Commissioner's team and Cllr Joyce Bowerman.

The St George Flag was presented by North Tameside Explorer Scouts to the minister Jean Hurlston and placed on the Altar for the service of George vs the Dragon. 413th Droylsden Scouts led by Chris Quinn led



the battle of Team George and Team Dragon. In a battle, well sort of it

didn't have any violence, it was tossing pancakes, hula hooping and a 100m race. The obvious winner had to be the George Team, who then rescued the Scout Princess.

All the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Networks and Leaders all reaffirmed their promises to do their best and their duty to God and the King.

The District Commissioner Andy Morton presented Woodbeads for completing their Leader's training, to Amanda Kinsey of 2nd Ashton, Jane Rogers 12th Ashton, Daryl Houghton 2/1 Hurst, Darren Futcher 2/1 Hurst, Jack Mee of Hurst Explorers.

Also, long service awards went to Noreen Duncalf, NT District 5 years, Doug Pepper, Broadoak Explorers 5 years, Chris Smith, Dovers Explorers 5 years, Tom Edghill Phoenix Explorers 10 years, Janet Higgins of 250th Droylsden 15 years, Chris Quinn 413th Droylsden 20 years, Mags Severs 250th 30 years, Mark Sullivan 413th Droylsden 30 years and Cllr Joyce Bowerman a King Charles the third Coronation Badge for services to Scouting.

District Commissioner, Andrew Morton, said it was one of the best attended St. George's Day Parades and Services he had held in many years.



A Right Regal "Coronation Quiz"

1. What day and date will the Coronation of King Charles 111 take place?

2. Where in London will the Coronation of King Charles 111 take place?

3. King Charles 111 is of the "Royal House of Windsor" which "Royal House" did the Kings, Charles 1st and Charles 2nd belong to?

4. Name the "Princess Royal"?

5. Which castle in Scotland was given to the then Prince of Wales "Charles" by his Grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth?

6. Name the present Prince and Princess of Wales?

7. What are the four floral emblems of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

8. Name the present Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh?

9. Which castle in Wales was King Charles 111 crowned the Prince of Wales?

10. Which royal personage holds the title the "Duke of Lancaster"?

11. Name the Royal Crown which will be used in the Coronation ceremony of King Charles 111?

12. Which way will King Charles 111's head face on the new coinage?

Answers in the next edition of the Tamesider

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GME Presentation Evening

The Award Presentation Evening took place on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at the Hyde Town Hall. The evening was hosted by the County Commissioner, Steve Holloway and the honoured guests were Mr M Rollinson JP DL, His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, the Worshipful, the Civic Mayor of Tameside Councillor Michael Glover and Mayoress Ms Anne Gordon; The Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport Councillor David Wilson and Ms Jeannette Slavinski and Sir Warren Smith GME County President.

Mr Rollinson thanked the Commissioner for the invitation to talk to the assembled Award holders. He said it was particularly pertinent as not long ago he was sitting where they are now, as he was a scout and got the Young Leader Belt and Queen's Scout Awards. He understood the amount of work completed to gain all the awards. He said that he would not be the person he is today if it were not for Scouts. He has met the Queen, Prince Philip, Bear Grylls and many Scout ambassadors across the world. He spoke directly to the Award recipients asking them to think about the Scout journey they have undertaken so far. He asked them to thank those who have helped them achieve the leaders and parents, to think about the time they have invested in them. He said he would not have had the great experiences if it were not for their support.





During the evening 38 Scouts were presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award, 5 With their Chief Scout's Platinum Award and 6 with their Young Leader Award.

Kiera P, from 2nd Stalybridge Scouts, said scouting had shaped her into the person she is today, outgoing, friendly and fun.

Alesha B, from 4th Denton Scout group said scouting had taught her life skills like reading maps and being able to plan journeys from start to finish.

Tyler from Haughton Valley Explorers said Scouting had given him the opportunity to get out of the house and meet new people on different jamborees around the country. Learn new skills and develop himself.

Steve Hollaway congratulated all the recipients on achieving their awards and wished them the best for their future in Scouting.

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 <u>alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk</u> 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





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 <u>www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1</u>

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 elearning 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 <u>before</u> 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

13/05/23 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485609249337</u>

Module 10A & 10B - First Response (23FR06)

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

13/5/2023 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-18-practical-skills-23mod18-1-</u> tickets-469947915867

Module 18 - Practical Skills (23MOD18-1)

Practical Skills - Module 18 It is advisable to have completed Getting Started (Modules 1, 2 & 3) before attending this course.

05/06/23 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485621616327</u> Module 10A & 10B - First Response (23FR07)

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

16/06/2023-18/06/2023 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/23res1-residential-</u> course-modules-5-7-8-9-11-14-15-tickets-583422742127

23RES1: Residential Course - Modules 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14 & 15

Putting the adventure back in to Scouting A weekend course covering Seven of the Training Modules

01/07/23 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/485628306337</u>

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 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-25-na-night-away-assessors-</u> 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 <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-12a-delivering-a-quality-</u> 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

<u>Module 12b- Programme Planning (230N12b-1)</u>

All the training required for Module 12b- Programme Planning

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

Module 11- Administration(23ON11-1)

All the training required for Module 11- Administration

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

Module 16- Residential Experiences (23ON16-1)

All the training required for Module 16- Residential Experiences

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

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)

16/09/23https://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

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

<u>23RES2: Residential Course - Modules 12a, 12b, 13, 16, 17, 18 and</u> <u>19</u>

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

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

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

Module 5- Fundamentals of Scouting (23ON05-2)

All the training required for Module 5- Fundamentals of Scouting

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

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

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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.





Climbing Leadership Permit Training

Scouts Scouts Scouts



What is it?

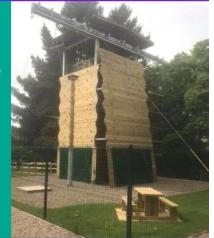
This training program is offered at 2 levels. We will work with relative novices to build confidence in their own personal abilities to tie in and belay safely, or for the more experience, build the skills required to lead groups in climbing activities on artificial climbing walls. Please be honest with your starting point when working with our instructors so that you can get the most from the program. Both groups will use the facilities at Awesome Walls and Linnet Clough to hone their skills on their journey to a permit and attend a workshop on Scout Rules and Risk Assessment via zoom.

Who is it for?

Anyone. A relative or complete novice will learn the basic knots, fit a harness correctly and learn to belay.

If you already know the basics: knots, belaying, fitting a harness, then we will progress your skills looking at group management, coaching, safeguarding 2 rope systems and advise on what you need to do to gain a permit.

Aimed at Adult Leaders, although in some cases older explorers may be accommodated – get in touch to discuss.



We also offer the ability to train for the abseil element of a permit.



Bookings: Use the link to book

https://form.jotform.com/230971257172356

When and Where Thursday 4 May Awesome Walls Thursday 11 May Zoom Thursday 18 May Linnet Clough Thursday 25 May Linnet Clough 7:30pm start

Cost

£10 per person plus entrance fee to Awesome Walls

activities@gmescouts.org.uk



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.