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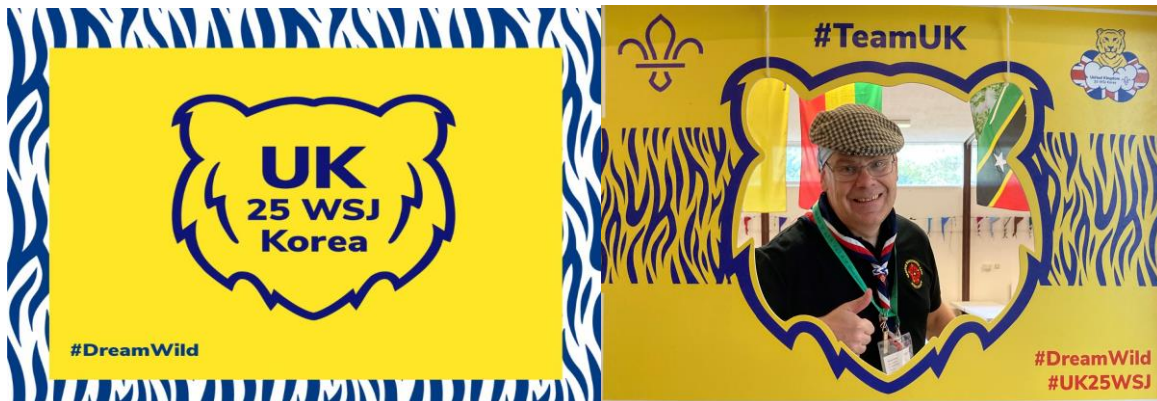
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

7.30pm THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023 – Venue TBA

On their way to the 25th World Scout Jamboree, Korea



News from the 25th World Jamboree.



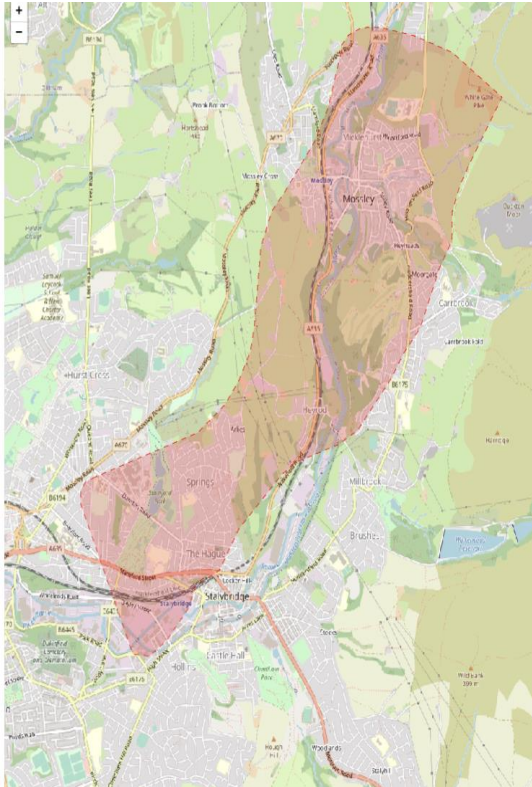
Hello from 제25회 세계스카우트잼버리 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023. Ken has asked me to share my story about my Journey to the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Saemangeum, South Korea. Date line 18/07/2023

As you read this, I'll be travelling along with many thousands of volunteers to prepare for and help to deliver a huge range of activities for about 40,000 young people aged 14-18 from pretty much every area around the world. The WSJ runs from 1 – 12 August and is supported by many thousands of International Service Team Volunteers (IST).

I started my journey as a Cub Scout, through Scouts, Ventures and have been a volunteer leader for over 30 years. As a Scout and Venture Scout I was aware of these gatherings but couldn't commit to attending. Since 2003 (Thailand), I've been supporting and fundraising to support Scouts to attend international events including UK (2007), Sweden (2011), Japan (2015), USA (2019), GME explorer belt expeditions and many others. I must recognise and thank Tom Lowther who has been the absolute driving force behind the fundraising in Tame Valley and supporting young people in neighbouring districts. I've seen the way that these events have helped young people to flourish, grow in confidence, building resilience and leadership skills. The story of Explorer belt participants getting to sail the Fjords in a replica Viking Longship will have to wait for another edition!

My Jamboree Journey to South Korea began back in November 2021 when invitations to apply for the role were sent out by HQ. In February 2022, I was told I'd been successful and allocated a place on the IST. Normally IST roles aren't allocated until closer to the time but I applied to be part of the UK Food House Team. Many of the larger scouting nations including Malaysia, Canada and the UK cook and serve traditional food and act as a central meeting point for participants and volunteers.

My many years of scouting have been helpful but I've undertaken further training including L2 Food Hygiene and Mental Health First Aid. I've catered for the volunteers at the Gilwell Reunion and other events, I've supported young people in our local units by providing First Aid training, supported fundraising including organising bucket collections at Stockport County. I've met many new volunteers from across the UK.



The South Korean scouts hosting us have spent the last couple of years preparing the site ready to receive scouts from all over the world. For context, overlaying the site map shows the site extending from Mossley to Ashton. It's a big campsite! I'll do an update on my experiences and even answer some of the questions you send into Ken's bulging postbag from readers next month. **In the meantime**, think ahead to Dream:LIVE on 6th August. Everyone from the youngest Squirrel and Rainbow, up to the oldest volunteer, will be able to join in the fun of the 25 World Scout Jamboree (25WSJ) without leaving their meeting place, camp, or even their home.

Dream:LIVE brings the excitement of more than 50,000 Scouts at the 25WSJ back home to the UK, through a range of activities and interactive sessions. For one day, you don't need to travel to Korea to take part in some Jamboree fun.

As well as activities, across the day you'll also have a chance to learn more about the 25WSJ, what the UK Contingent has been doing, and learn about Scouts from all over the world.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/international-scouts-and-events/international->

From Andrew Stone.

IST – 25WSJ, Korea

Date line 18/07/2023

News from 3rd Ashton Scout Group.



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 3rd Ashton Scouts had a buzzing time when they attended a litter pick at King Georges Park in Ashton. They arrived at the park to meet Alan Fish chair of FoKGVPF (Friends of King George the fifth Playing Fields) who explained the event and provided the litter pickers and plastic bags. Susan Beddows 3rd Ashton Beaver Scout Leader went on to explain the safety rules about litter picking, they all went off in different directions litter picking in the park. They arrived back with six full bags of litter, Alan Fish thanked the Scouts for cleaning the park to make it a better place for everyone. In lieu

of the bee talk cost and as a thank you for the Scouts picking up the litter, Kevin Haynes the FoKGVPF bee manager gave a bee talk about the beehives and how the bees collect pollen and then how they make honey. There is an indoor observation hive in Georgie Porgies where normally you can see the bees in action behind glass but there were no bees in it at this time as the swarm of bees had moved on. One of the questions that came up was, if you eaten bananas, bees will sting you.

Apparently, the bees send out an alarm pheromone when they are under threat and sting someone and that smells a bit like bananas which would attract more angry bees but there has been no studies to prove this. Following the litter pick and bees talk the Scouts had lunch at Georgie Porgies Cafe then went out to play in the clean park. Susan Beddows thanked Kevin and the cafe volunteers for the buzzing time they had.

North Tameside Scout District Annual General Meeting.



This year's Annual General Meeting for the North Tameside Scout District was held at One Adventure in Droylsden in the presence of the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Tafheen Sharif, who accepted the Presidency of the District for the following year. Alan Fish was re-elected as Chair for another year. Reports were heard for all Groups and Sections from across the District. All Groups reported a very busy year with activities and badgework and most said they had full compliments of Leaders. All Groups reported that more top awards, Chief Scout Bronze, Silver

and Gold, were awarded during the year.

The Section Commissioners reported a very active District Programme. All the activities were very well supported from members across the District. Activities included Leader Activity Day, Swimming Galas, 5-a-side Football, Hike to the Pike, Water Activity Days, District Cub Camp with a Space Theme.

Plans for the future include a WHOLE District camp next August to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the formation of North Tameside District in 1974. The camp will be at Bibby's Farm Scout Camp Site, Chorley.

The Mayor thanked all the Leaders for the tremendous work carried out during the year. She congratulated the young people in achieving the awards and said she wished to be invited to as many activities during her year as president of the District.



District Commissioner, Andrew Morton, presented Long Service Awards to Thomas Edgerton (10 years) and Harry Frankish (25 years) He also presented Chris Quinn with his Wood Beads.

Andrew thanked everyone across the District for all their hard work, which resulted in a 17% increase in members.

Tame Valley District Annual Incident Hike.



Annual scout incident hike, with this year some extra guests. We welcomed [Tameside Sea Cadet Corps](#) to Swineshaw, where the scouts and cadets took part in a 6 mile hike (some walked a little further due to navigation issues 🤷) alongside bases where they needed to complete tasks that were scored on by leaders from both groups. Unfortunately the scouts didn't win the trophy this year, but roll on next year!! A great

day, and the weather stayed predominately well for us. Thanks to [Nick Ledger](#) and [Deena Ledger](#) for their hard work organising, alongside leaders from 7th and 5th who supported the swineshaw team in delivering an excellent event!

Shell Mayoh, District Commissioner, Tame Valley

[Jason Bowers](#)

What a great district event for Tame Valley. So proud of all the Scouts who took part today. Thank you to [Nick Ledger](#) and [Deena Ledger](#) for organising along with all other leaders who supported throughout the day.

Weather was kind and they all had great fun.

This is definitely an event that provides [#SkillsForLife](#)

Well done everyone.

3rd Ashton fencing



On 10/7 3rd Ashton scouts invited cubs and scouts from 12th Ashton to join them to have a new experience evening.

We had asked Barry from Ashton fencing club to come and give a taster evening and show us the basics of fencing, amazingly a scout from 2/1st called Rachel came along with him and explained that she had competed for Ashton fencing in a national contest and had a proper duel with Barry.

After the duel all the cubs, scouts and the leaders got kitted up after being shown footwork and the basic fencing moves.

All the cubs and scouts had a thoroughly amazing evening all parents even saying after that it was a brilliant evening
I already know at least 2 members have been to a fencing club evening
Many thanks to Barry and Rachel for coming along and teaching our groups a new sport
James

3rd Ashton environmental



Since the fencing evening, the scouts have started to take on some environmental projects including transforming the St. James' church grounds as part of their community impact and world challenge badges.

This started off with a successful litter pick (see previous article, page 4) with the beavers and Alan Fish around King George's V playing field, where the group picked 6 bags of litter. After a good litter pick, they were treated to a drink and snack and then were shown the beehives, taste honey and the importance of bees to our ecosystem (thanks to Susan, beaver leader and Alan fish for inviting the scouts)

The scouts have now started off by edging and scraping all the grass and weeds from the pathed area and this Monday we're able to make a start on the churches play area although this is going to be an ongoing project over the summer the difference just getting the grass cut here for the first time since covid will be amazing

James
3rd Ashton scouts

3rd Ashton Scout Group – Annual General Meeting

The 3rd Ashton Scout Group held their Annual General Meeting on 4th July 2023.

The County Commissioner, Craig Jones, attended. He thanked everyone for all their hard work during the year. Craig presented Chief Scout Gold Awards to Jacob, Georgia, Callum and Julia.



Craig Jones CC, Jacob, Julia, Georgia, Callum, Jade Dixon ESL

Jessica, a Beaver Scout from 3rd Ashton, was presented with her Chief Scout Bronze Award. She said she had been in Beavers for 2 years and liked best the arts and craft and the running around. She had attended the Join in Jamboree camp at Linnet Clough earlier in the year and liked best stroking the animals.

Mark Howarth gave his King Scout presentation. This included his history in Scouting from Beavers through to being a Leader with 3rd Ashton. The King's Scout Award is the highest award a Youth Member can achieve. He explained some of the requirements he needed to complete to obtain the award. These included 18 Nights Away and 6 activities in tree topics areas. He completed his International are by attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree in the USA. His Community Area included keeping the ground of St James' Church clean and tidy, litter picking. Working with Tameside Rotary on the Santa Floats and beer festivals. His Values Area included the My Faith Badge and working with the Beavers exploring their beliefs. He organising the celebration of the St George's Day Parade and telling the story of the 3rd Ashton Scout Group, which is the oldest, continuous group in Tameside and possibly England.

Mark has also completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

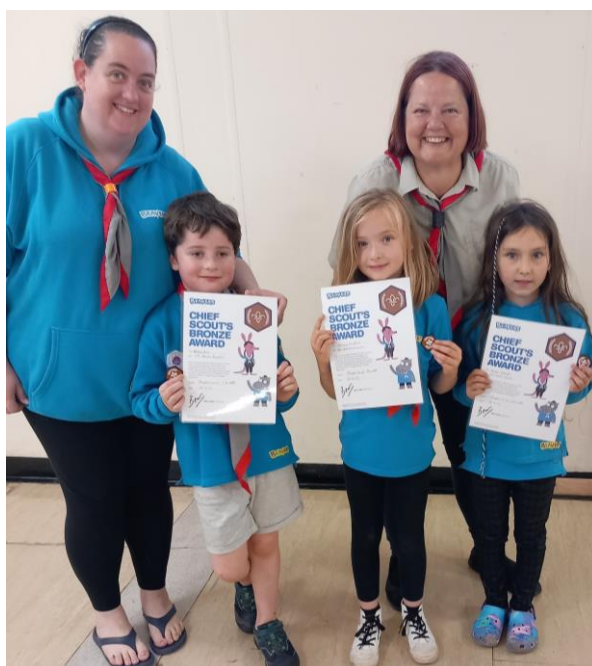
Craig Jones said it was great for Mark to give such a good presentation and to achieve the top Award.

Tina, Group Scout Leader, thanked everyone for their hard work during the year.

News from the 12th Ashton Scout Group

Tonight at 12th Ashton the last before the summer they had water slides water balloons and BBQ when all sections came together

Also, Bobby rice, Emily Radford and Parker Partington received their Chief Scout Bronze awards and Emma Rennie received her Chief Scout Silver award - bravo guys.



Gone Home - Mike Vidler - 1933 to 2023

Mike first went to 5th Stalybridge when his wife Zoe took their eldest son, Martin, to join the cubs. Gran Bowker, was the Cub Scout master at the time and asked her if she wanted to become a leader, which she did, and brought her husband Mike along as an occasional helper. That was the beginning of Mikes adventure in Scouting in the area. From 5th Stalybridge Scout Group Mike moved on to become Group Scout Leader at 2nd Stalybridge.

He was the main instigator of the group that started building, and now 2nd Stalybridge HQ. From 2nd Stalybridge he moved on to 5th Dukinfield, where he stayed as Group Scout Leader of amalgamation of the 5th and 7th Dukinfield.

Mike then moved over to the District Team. From the late 1970s he would take charge of the District's St George's Day parades and did the organisation of the swimming galas. Mike, always the great leader, he will be sorely missed.

Mike's committal will be on the 21st of August, 11:30 am, At Dukinfield crematorium.

Contact Tom Lowther for more details 07719 259638

Tameside South District -Beaver and Cubs Sports Day

A great effort from all the Beavers and Cubs today, thank you to those that attended, I spent most of the day organising the running races on the field so didn't get any photos 😞 please feel free to share any you may have taken.

A big thank you to all the leaders and explorers who came and helped out. I did make the Explorers take part in a sack race at the end to amuse the crowd 😊 Arkela 3rd Newton

A Big thank you to all who helped and took part in Sportsday on the 1st July 2023. Here are the final results. Mark Braddock

CUBS

1st Place - 4th Denton - 53.11 points

2nd Place - 3rd Newton - 50.63 points

3rd Place – 3rd Gee Cross - 49.13 points

CUBS INDIVIDUAL

1st - Archie Rutherford - 4th Denton - 66 Points

2nd - Mondo D'Amelio – 4th Denton - 63 Points

3rd - James Prett – 3rd Gee Cross – 59 Points

BEAVERS

1st Place – 3rd Gee Cross – 34.22 points

2nd Place – 4th Denton – 31.83 points

3rd Place – 3rd Newton – 29.00 points

BEAVERS INDIVIDUAL

1st – Daniel Hudson – 3rd Gee Cross - 46 Points

2nd – Rory Milligan – 4th Denton - 44 Points

3rd – Eric Maddock – 3rd Gee Cross – 41 Points



FROM YOUR 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

• 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 or myself craig.jones@gmescouts.org.uk

Kind Regards

Craig

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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GME County Training Administrator

2nd Dukinfield Beaver Leader

#SkillsForLife

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WANTED



Crushed Aluminium Cans

For the Jamboree Fund

Contact Tom Lowther

tom.lowther@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk

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.

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

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 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

VENUE AND TIMES TO BE ADVISED – WHEN KNOWN.





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.