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## **Letter from Councillor Joyce Bowerman.**

Thank you for the November's edition of Tamesider. It is once again packed with all the information, news and events of our Scouting family in Tameside. I am always in awe at what our young people achieve in Scouting, they are all amazing!

The Remembrance Day 2023 article from Derek Casey on behalf of the District was so poignant. The quote from the Royal Marine, who was badly injured in Afghanistan helped us to remember that freedom comes at a cost and is hard won. We Will Remember Them. On Sunday 12th November Fred and I were honoured to attend the Remembrance Day Parade and Service in St Michael's Church and afterwards the service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph in the War Memorial Gardens. Our Civic Mayor Councillor Tafheen Sharif was also in attendance, together with Angela Rayner MP and Mrs Sharman Birtles, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and other representatives.

Our Scouting family did us all proud once again, it was a very cold day and we had rain, but our Scouts looked so smart and marched with such dignity and pride. Well done to them all.

It has been a very busy year for everyone in Scouting and it has been a joy to see the bounce back after the difficulties of Covid. Tameside Scouting family are brilliant and have achieved so much this year, thank you to them and to all the volunteers who do such a magnificent and worthwhile job.

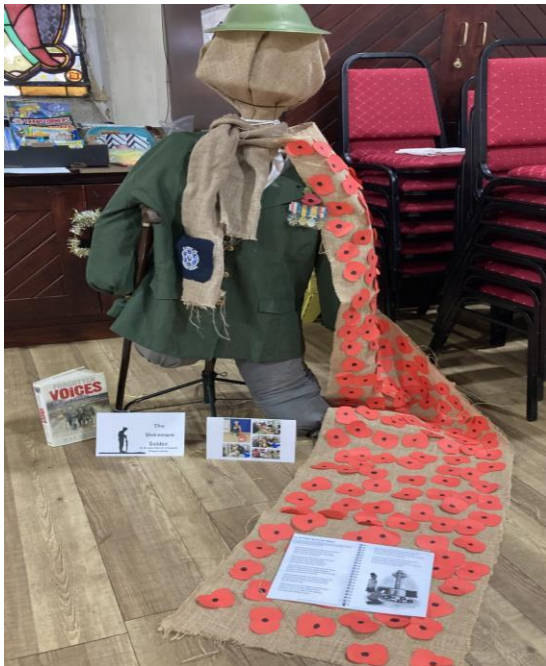
Fred and I would like to wish all our Scouting family a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Best wishes.

Joyce and Fred.

# Remembrance Day 2023

## St. James' Church Sunday Remembrance Service



On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November St. James' Annual Remembrance Day Service took place, prior to the service a supply of hot Bacon sandwiches and warm drinks were provided for the people who came along early into church and they were most welcomingly received. By 10.30am everyone was seated for the service to start. Tina Howarth conducted the service and it started off by the parade of flags to the altar by members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton Scout Group'.

After the hymn "I Vow to Thee My Country" the flags were paraded from the altar to the back of the church where the "Memorial Window to the Fallen" is sited, and here the Act of Remembrance took place and Poppy Wreaths from St. James' Primary School, St. James Congregation and The DCC, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton Scout Group and a Poppy Spray from the Wards Councillors were placed in the Memorial Window, a very touching moment.



After the Act of Remembrance, the flags were then paraded back to the altar and the service continued and there was then a special moment when a member in the congregation Walter Reed gave a talk on World War One and World War Two Medals after which he made a presentation of a medal of a serviceman to a member of his family which had been lost but he had found, what a moment for the family!, after all the years in between the medal had finally gone home.

The service then came to an end and after which hot drinks were served and memories shared.

Below is shown a verse from the poem "For the Fallen" written by Laurence Binyon.

The poem was placed by a pupil of St James' Primary School into their exhibit.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children.  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Laurence Binyon worked as a volunteer in hospitals in World War 1

Once again, I must thank everyone who helped make the Remembrance so special. We honoured those St. James' parishioners who gave their lives so we could be free.

PRO PATRIA

Tina Howarth, Group Scout Leader, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton.

# **Greater Manchester East County Awards Presentation -**

The Greater Manchester East Scout County (GME) held their autumn presentation evening at the Ashton Central Mosque, Ashton under Lyne on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

The honoured guests included Mrs Sharman Birtles MBE JP DL, His Majesty's Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, The Worshipful, The Civic Mayor of Tameside Councillor Tafheen Sharif and The Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport Councillor Graham Greenhalgh and Mrs Carol Greenhalgh.

The introduction was given by Phil Sumner, the Lead Volunteer/County Commissioner (Acting). During the evening he wanted the recipients to reflect on the skills and the memories they had made whilst working towards the top awards they were being presented with. Laugh together as you think about the fun you have had, reflect on the friends you have made, some of whom will be friends for life.

All ten Scout Districts from across GME were represented during the presentations. 40 Scouts were presented with their Chief Scout Gold Award, while one scout received their Chief Scout's Platinum Award and four scouts were presented with their Chief Scout Diamond Award. Four scouts from Ladybrook Valley and Stockport Districts received their Young Leader Award.

The culmination of the evening was the presentation of FOUR KING'S SCOUT AWARDS to Rachel Dyson, Glossop Scout Network; Evangeline Dickinson, 105<sup>th</sup> Manchester Group; Katy Barbara Hollingsworth, 105<sup>th</sup> Manchester; Ethan Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> New Mills; Evangeline and Katy were also presented with their Gold DofE.

Phil Sumner thanked everyone who attended and thanks the members of the Ashton Central Mosque for the use of Community Room and refreshments. He wished them much success in the new year when they will be opening a new Scout Group 14<sup>th</sup> Ashton ACM.

## North Tameside District Scout Cooking Competition 2023



North Tameside Scouts had their annual Cooking Competition at 2nd/1st Hurst Scouts HQ, Hurst Cross, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The teams had to cook a 3 course Chinese meal of their choice. They had to plan a menu, do a shopping list then cook a meal.

The judges Jane Rogers and Wyn Fish had to check the menus and ingredients and the Scouts worked as a team throughout the competition plus the food was nice.

Then it was the tasting of each dish with chopsticks and even the Mayor tasted a vegan chop suey roll and still lived to tell the story.

Following the totting up of the points the winning team from **6th Ashton Scout Group**, Megan, Megan, Ethan and Harrison won the competition by only 2 points.

The Worshipful, The Civic Mayor of Tameside Tafheen Sharif and her young son as assistant Mayor presented the winning team with their number one cooking certificates.

The Mayor went on to say to all the Scouts, all your Chinese food was wonderful, you all did very well. It is good that your Scout Leaders are teaching you one of the skills of life, cooking that you will need when you get older. Thanks to the Mayor, Wyn Fish and Jane Rogers the Judges and Freya 339th and Heather ADCS for organising the competition and all the Leaders who helped with the training of the Chefs.

## Long Service Award



Noreen Duncalf, North Tameside Scouts District Treasurer volunteered to be treasurer for a couple of years. Noreen was retiring as Treasurer and was bribed to stay another year by being presented a 5 year long service award. As she missed a few Scout presentation events where everyone could meet up. A year and a half after the award should have been presented. She was having her 13th wedding anniversary meal with husband Neil and unlucky for her was ambushed by other Leaders in the District who joined in with the anniversary meal.

She was presented with her 5-year award by the District Commissioner Andy Morton. Noreen said I was shocked at the presentation of the badge and certificate. She went on to say Alan Fish said it was only for a couple of years, and now all my family Neil and my 2 children are members in Scouting.

Alan Fish added Scouting needs lots of volunteers like Noreen, who don't actually run Scouts as a Leaders, but Supporters who do many roles behind the scenes. If you would like to help Scouting contact [alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk) or 07931765120 or go to [www.ntscouts.org.uk](http://www.ntscouts.org.uk).

Picture Noreen with her long-awaited certificate and badge.

Thanks to Noreen for supporting Scouting.

## **Census 2024.**

At the start of each year, we hold our annual Census. Our Census gives us key information about our membership figures and the frameworks that support them.

This year, we're bringing the timeline forward. We're going to send your passwords in early December to help you prioritise the Census before you focus on adopting the new volunteer experience changes in the new year. Please start collecting your youth membership figures (and particularly your diversity data) now, so we can get a better picture of how well we represent our local communities.

For 2024, we'd like you to complete your Census based on the day in January you complete your return, rather than 31 January. As we prepare to move to our new digital system, any adult data needed to support the Census should be taken from Compass before the 1 February. [In our update](#), you'll see the updated timelines and learn why some of the data we ask for is so important.

The updated national timeline will look as follows:

- Between 6 and 13 December - Census passwords sent out
- 20 December – The Census site opens
- Census accurate as per the date in January you complete your return.
- 14 January – Census approvals open
- 1 February – Deadline for data needed from compass for Census
- 14 February – Census closes nationally all returns must be complete and approved



Your local Commissioner will set the deadline for when you need to have complete and approved your section, group and district returns locally.

## **News from 12<sup>th</sup> Ashton scouts**



On Friday 3rd November 12th Ashton Scouts held their family night/fundraising night for 12th Ashton.

A good time was had by all. There was toasting marshmallows on the fire pit.

Inside there was a raffle and football card. Apple bobbing and get the marshmallows out of the jam without using your hands.

There was drinks and hot dogs.

There were also sparklers outside too.

£123.70 was raised towards Group Funds.

Jane Rogers 12th Ashton beaver leader.

## **News from Headquarters – please read.**

### **Reporting safeguarding concerns.**

The safety of young people remains our number one priority. We regularly ask independent experts in child safety to review our training and safeguarding policy. This is an important step to make sure our processes are kept up-to-date and we're all doing everything we can to keep all young people safe.

Our Yellow Card is an important resource. Every volunteer must always follow the Yellow Card and you're expected to share the card with parents, guardians and young people so that everyone is aware of our safeguarding arrangements.

#### **Changes to the Yellow Card from 1 January 2024**

In June this year, we explained how we would be updating the Yellow Card based on what we've learned from past safeguarding cases. The changes will be:

- The requirement to report any concern directly to the UK HQ Safeguarding Team.
- Anyone reporting a concern who has a personal relationship or family connection with those involved needs to step back from the situation and inform the UK HQ Safeguarding Team.

#### **Reporting directly to the UK HQ Safeguarding team**

Currently the Yellow Card asks volunteers (you) to report concerns to your Group Scout Leader or District Commissioner. We're changing the process to everyone reporting directly to the UK HQ Safeguarding team. This makes sure that we're aware of concerns as soon as possible and can put measures in place to minimise risks to children, young people and adults at risk.

The UK HQ Safeguarding team will be on hand to provide you with advice, support and guidance from the moment you report a concern. If you inform another member about the concern, then both individuals must then report direct to the UK HQ Safeguarding team.

The UK HQ Safeguarding team will continue to work with local lead volunteers for the vast majority of cases as part of our joint approach to handling concerns. On some occasions, volunteers leading in Groups and Districts may not always be aware of a low-level concerns in their area, such as a welfare issue for a young person or a safeguarding query from a volunteer, but this is no different from the current process the UK HQ Safeguarding team follow.

## **Updating resources**

Due to these changes to the process, we will be updating our:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Yellow card
- Yellow card poster
- Grey Card (safeguarding procedures for Commissioners)

The NSPCC have also designed a new poster which signposts Childline for the younger sections to contact for support, and we've updated the Yellow Card poster, specifically for the older sections and adult volunteers, introducing a QR code making it easier for you to report a concern directly. You will be required to display both the Yellow card poster and the new Childline poster in your meeting place for young people and parents/carers to see.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we would strongly recommend recycling old versions of the Yellow Card. Please note, that if you are recycling a large quantity of Yellow Cards please make sure they're not stuck together.

## Timings

We know it takes a little time to transition to new procedures and to access the new resources. We will be back in touch with information on how you can view the new resources. Leadership roles at Group, District, County/Area/Region levels will be able to pre-order bulk packs of the cards and posters to distribute to their teams. At this time no one needs to make an order, and we'll share the pre-order link when it's available. The resources will be available for free, and there will be a digital alternative available too.

**Everyone is expected to follow the new procedures from 1 January 2024.**

We know it may take some getting used to, but these changes are crucial to help us act quickly and continue our commitment to keeping almost half a million young people safe in UK Scouts.

Best wishes

<b>Carl Hankinson</b> <b>UK Chief Commissioner</b> <b>Scouts</b>	<b>Tina Wilson</b> <b>Chief Safeguarding Officer</b> <b>Scouts</b>
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**The new YELLOW CARD will be available from Scout Shops and are FREE.** Each Group is responsible to get them and give them to the adults in their Group. There is also an A3 size poster available for the walls of the Groups meeting place.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton (St. James) Scout Group**

**Present**

**A Brass Band Concert**

**By St. John's Brass Band Mossley**

**on**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**in**

**St. James' Church - A-u - L**

**Commencing at 7.00pm**

**Adults £5.00**

**Children £3.00**

**Refreshments will be on Sale and A Raffle**

**Come along and enjoy an evening of festive music**

**For further details contact Tina (GSL) on 07411773336**

# 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



# 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)





*Centre Players Present...*

# Cinderella

**3rd - 9th December**  
**2pm Shows on 3rd & 9th**  
**7pm Shows on 4th - 9th**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HURSTCOMMUNITYCENTRE  
OR Telephone: 0333 666 3366



**Kick of the 2023 festive season in style with a trip to Prince Charming's Ball in this years pantomime production of Cinderella at Hurst Community Centre.**

**Tickets are only £10 each and can be booked online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hurstcommunitycentre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hurstcommunitycentre)**

**Discounts are available for organised groups - Scouts/Brownies/Football clubs etc.**

**Please email**

**[centreplayers@hurstcommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:centreplayers@hurstcommunitycentre.org.uk) with your groups details and we will get you booked in.**

# RAIL ROAD 2024

A Model Railway & Transport Show  
AT

## New Venue

Longdendale High School  
Hollingworth Hyde Cheshire SK14 8LW

On

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am until 5 pm

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am. until 4.30 pm

Model Railways in all scales, Thomas the Tank Engine,  
All forms of Transport Displays in all scales,  
Vintage & Veteran Vehicles, Motor Cycles, Live Steam Engines  
Refreshments Available, Trade Stands.  
Ample Free Car Parking. Full Disabled Access

**LOTS TO SEE & DO FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Adults £5. Concessions £4 Accompanied Children Under 14 Free  
Family {2 Adults & 2 Children} £9.50

For further information: Tom Lowther 12, Mostyn Street Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 5JS  
0161 338 5097. Mobile 07719259638 Email [superscout@sky.com](mailto:superscout@sky.com)

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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.



I would like to take this opportunity  
to wish all friends in Scouting a  
Happy Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

Thank you for all your contributions  
to the Tamesider during 2023.