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I'd like to thank everyone for getting their census numbers in on time. Everything has now been completed and sent to county for approval. Overall, our numbers are up by 21 or 6% and all sections except explorers show an increase, so thanks to everyone again for all your hard work in maintaining this.

Many thanks once again.

Andrew Morton – District Commissioner – North Tameside District

## **Letter from Councillor Joyce Bowerman**

I'm a bit late with the greeting but Happy New Year to you and the Scouting family, hope you are all doing ok.

Thank you for the January edition of Tamesider, it is packed with news and information, as always. I enjoyed reading it especially about the Christmas Carol service and well done to all the recipients of the service awards and special commendations.

The Scout Winter Camp went well and there was hardly a chill at 7 degrees just before Christmas! Also, the 3rd Ashton Scout Group Christmas Party looked good fun and a visit from Santa too!

It's good to see our young people attending the different care homes and chatting to our elderly residents and the staff, I'm sure they must have appreciated the young people visiting them.

All the Christmas activities and events looked great and everyone looked as if they had a fab time. I had a good laugh at the Scouter's night before Christmas poem, it was really good.

Hope 2024 will be a good one for everyone in our Scouting family and thank you Ken for working so hard bringing us the brilliant Tamesider each month, it's quite a feat so well done to you!

Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes.

Joyce and Fred.

## News from the 12th Ashton Cub Pack



19th January Elliot Wood got presented with his Chief Scout Silver Award by Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs), Mike Frankish. It was a proud moment for all at 12th Ashton Cub Pack, for him and his family. I presented him with his bronze award, while he was in our Beavers, so it's really satisfying to see him progress. Especially as Elliot's due to go up to the Scouts in April.

Jane Rogers Beaver leader  
12th Ashton.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Ashton Scout Group – NEW GROUP

North Tameside Scouts comprising of 8 Groups in Ashton and Droylsden had an open night to start up a new Scout Group in Ashton.



It was held at the Ashton Central Mosque on Hillgate Street Ashton. 20 young people turned up to the open evening with lots of parents, who also turned up to see how they could help the new Scout Group. A talk was given by the new Group Scout Leader, Amma Tahir and Chairman, Adam Ahmed about Scouting and how parents can help by being Leaders or Supporters.

They already had 11 people who had shown an interest in helping plus another couple who volunteered on the night.

The young people then took part in various activities, separating blocks without undoing the knots, balancing 10cm nails, scoring goals, darts not real ones but made from sponge, Shooting with sponge bullets at piles of plastic cups, plus a colouring competition of a neckerchief which they all enjoyed and took part in.

Alan Fish from North Tameside Scouts attended the open night and was amazed at how many parents had actually volunteered as the biggest problem for Scouts, is getting adults to volunteer to help.

Amma and Adam said there had been a great turnout of young people and adults, we are going to start the Scout Group with Beavers and Cubs first on 7/2/24 at the Ashton Central Mosque at 6.00pm to 7.15pm.

The Worshipful and Civic Mayor of Tameside and President of North Tameside Scouts Councillor Tafheen Sharif will be attending the first meeting and Alan Fish to answer any questions about volunteering to help young people in Scouts.

The Scout Group will be known as 14th Ashton, the first 14th Ashton was a St Mary's Catholic Group, nowadays all Scout Groups are open groups to any faith, 14th was formed on 24/10/1939 and met in the Parish Hall on Melville St but closed in 1949, the hall is now an engineering works.

Alan Fish DA

## News from 5th/7<sup>th</sup> Dukinfield Scout Group.



Date line - 27th January 2024 --- 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Dukinfield Scout Group celebrated 36 years of scouting at Yew Tree Moravian Church this morning. In a lively church service, note was given to the importance of duty to others, specifically sharing. Hymns and readings were shared by leaders and youngsters including bible stories and a song by the beavers and cubs using BSL.

Reference was made through photos and stories about experiences on camps and at other events.

Special awards were shared to two jamboree scouts, Olivia and Jessica. This was an opportunity to recognise the bravery involved in taking part in jamboree, but also the way they coped with changing plans and program.

Well done everyone!

# Events and Training provided by the County Activity Team

The following events are planned for the coming months.

## *Climbing*

### **Beginners introduction to indoor climbing**

No dates currently set.

### **Climbing leader training (Artificial walls)**

[Thursday 9th May - Awesome Walls](#)

Monday 13th May - Online Session

Thursday 16th May - Linnet Clough

Thursday 23rd May - Linnet Clough

## Hill Walking

### **Winter skills**

10th - 14th February 2024 - Kincaig, Scotland - [Booking Form](#)

### **Hill walking leader training** (terrain 1)

Thursday 14th March 2024 - Online Session

[Wednesday 21st March 2024 - Classroom Session](#)

Sunday 24th March 2024 - Hill Day

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Night Navigation

### **Security on steep ground workshop** (terrain 2)

Sunday 15th June 2023 - Hill Day.

Contact us if you are interested in T2 Training.

### **Beginners' introduction to hill walking** (terrain zero)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - Online Session

Thursday 2nd May - Classroom Session

Sunday 12th May - Practical outdoor session

## Archery

## **Archery leader training**

16th - 17th March 2024 - [Details](#)

Are you interested in archery? Would you like to be able to run archery sessions within your group?

This 2-day workshop will help you gain the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to apply for an archery permit.

Please note that it is not Archery GB affiliated and will only allow you to run sessions within Scouting.

Details: Price – £80 per head Dates – 16 th & 17 th March 2024 Time – 9.30am to 4.30pm Venue – 1 st Cheadle Hulme Scouts, The Cabin, Dundonald Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6LL

Advanced booking and payment is required as there are a maximum of 12 places available.

All archery equipment will be supplied.

Tea and coffee will be available but you need to bring your own lunch and snacks.

Bring warm outdoor clothing and shoes as some of the sessions will take place on an outdoor archery range.

Numbers are limited so the first ones to return their form and payment will get the places. Please contact Terry Jones at [terry.jones@theadlescouts.org.uk](mailto:terry.jones@theadlescouts.org.uk) for a booking form

Booking website - <https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/gain-experience>

Thanks

**Keith Hampson**

MAPS, Climbing Assessor, Hill walking Assessor

Night away adviser

**Scouts** 

GME Activity Team

Please reply to; [activities@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:activities@gmescouts.org.uk)

[www.gmescouts.org.uk/activities-1](http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/activities-1)

## **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.



## Young leader training weekend

Open to all explorers and scouts aged 13 1/2 years old.

15-17 March 2024

Linnet clough Scout Camp Site.

Cost £20.00 for food training booklet and badge. (Please note that this event is being subsidised by GME)

Arrive and pitch tents from 18:00

Start time March 15th 2024 19:30.

Finish March 17th 2024 14:30.

Weekend will cover YL Training Modules A-J

Please note that Module K will be held separately. If you require this module, please let me know, so I can add you to the list of explorers and contact you, when we have a confirmed date for this module.

If any leader would like to assist on this weekend, please let me know.

Please confirm your interest with your explorer leader and have them email Alex Mee to book your place [alex.mee@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:alex.mee@ntscouts.org.uk)



# 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)

## GME Training Services

Listed below are all of the currently organised training courses for volunteers in GME ONLY. Please book your place on any of the courses below

For more information, visit the [website](#).

### **Module 10A & 10B: First Response** **For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

2nd Cheadle Scout Group, Cheshire

Sat 27 Jan 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**19 tickets available**

### **Module 10A & 10B: First Response** **For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

2nd Cheadle Scout Group, Cheshire

Sat 27 Jan 2024, 1:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**21 tickets available**

### **Module 17: Running Safe Activities** **For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Tue 13 Feb 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**26 tickets available**

**Module 10A & 10B: First Response**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

161st Manchester Scout HQ, Lancashire

Mon 26 Feb 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**7 tickets available**

**Module 19: International**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Tue 12 Mar 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**28 tickets available**

**Module 10A & 10B: First Response**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Dinting Scout Centre, Cheshire

Sat 23 Mar 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**26 tickets available**

**Module 10A & 10B: First Response**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Dinting Scout Centre, Cheshire

Sat 23 Mar 2024, 1:00PM

**26 tickets available**

**Module 13: Growing the Section**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Mon 22 Apr 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**28 tickets available**

**Management - Challenges & Growth 2 Day Course**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sat 27 Apr 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Management - Challenges & Growth 2 Day Course**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sun 28 Apr 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Module 18: Practical Skills**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

2nd Heald Green Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sat 11 May 2024, 1:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**18 tickets available**

**Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights) covering Modules: 8, 9, 11, 14 & 15**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport Fri 17 May 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**16 tickets available**

**Module 25NAA: Nights Away Assessors**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

7th Stalybridge Scout Group, Stalybridge

Sat 6 Jul 2024, 9:00AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Module 11: Administration**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online Online

Wed 10 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**29 tickets available**

**Module 15: Promoting Positive Behaviour**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Mon 15 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**27 tickets available**

**Module 16: Introduction to Residential Experiences**

**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Tue 23 Jul 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

**BELT UP Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights)**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport Fri 16 Aug 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Module 8: Skills of Leadership**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Hazel Grove Scout Group, Stockport Wed 11 Sep 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**19 tickets available**

**Module 9: Working with Adults**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

1st Hazel Grove Scout Group, Stockport Wed 18 Sep 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**19 tickets available**

**Management - Skills 2 Day Course**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sat 21 Sep 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Management - Skills 2 Day Course**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

21st Stockport Scout Hut, Cheshire

Sun 22 Sep 2024, 9:30AM

**BOOK NOW**

**20 tickets available**

**Residential Weekend Course (3 Days 2 Nights) covering Modules: 13, 16, 17,**  
**18 & 19**  
**For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Linnet Clough Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Stockport

Fri 4 Oct 2024, 6:00PM

**BOOK NOW**

**14 tickets available**

**Module 25TA: Assessing Learning – Training Advisor Focused.  
For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Wed 16 Oct 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

**Module 17: Running Safe Activities  
For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

**Module 13: Growing the Section  
For Volunteers in Scouting Only**

Online

Online

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 6:30PM

**BOOK NOW**

**30 tickets available**

## **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)

# 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,  
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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  
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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.