

September 2025

Leaders' meeting



Leaders Meeting – 3rd September 2025

Welcome back – District are working with GLV's and wider team members inviting feedback on what support they would like to see from District.

1. Safety and updates

Anything SlamFest related, District are already aware of.

A reminder of incidents which require reporting to Scout Headquarters. You need to submit a report if:

- Someone suffers a personal injury or illness and needs to seek medical help or advice. This may include a GP, hospital, clinic or dentist;
- Someone needs an emergency service such as an ambulance, mountain rescue or the police; or
- There is damage to third party property.

Near misses also need reporting to Scout Headquarters.

Please make sure any safety and safeguarding training is kept up-to-date. Suspensions will be put in place for non-compliance.

Reminder of the yellow card procedure for reporting safeguarding concerns/incidents. All such reports need to go direct to headquarters.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/reporting-a-concern-to-safeguarding/>

NAN approval team will be taking a closer look at NAN forms to make sure they include details which cover alcohol consumption on camp. The green card needs to be followed and controls should be included on the camp risk assessment. This could include confirming whether it will be a dry camp or confirming what plans are in place to ensure ratios are maintained and green card is followed.

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2. Challenge 26 - 10th – 12th July 2026

District Lead is required for this event. The role will include:

- Liaising with county
- Planning district infrastructure
- Co-ordinating smaller district sub-teams

Catering is something which we need to give further consideration to as a district and likely invite further comments from GLV's about what catering arrangements groups would prefer. The main options would be either be either central catering from district, or groups arranging their own catering or catering in small clusters.

3. SLAM Fest feedback

Thank you to those that have completed the survey.

37 adult responses received and 65 young people responses received

Generally feedback was all very positive

Thank you to everybody that was involved in the event.

There are some DLV badges left for adults attending to receive one.

4. Updates from the District Leadership Team

Aldwark – Was another successful event for Scouts in July.

Manchester Monopoly Run (Scouts and Explorers) – tickets go on sale this Saturday. They are likely to sell out quickly so act fast if you want to book.

<https://monopolyrunmanchester.square.site/>

West Yorkshire Scouts also have their **Scoutopoly** event which is similar. Further details are available on their website.

912 camp coming up in November – We are asking leaders to let us know if they can volunteer via an online form. The form initially shared on Facebook has closed but it will be re-opened and re-circulated. The more leaders we have signed up means the more young people we can invite to take part. Volunteers can be from any section. You may already have skills you want to share or you could learn new skills yourself alongside young people. District would like to invite feedback from scout leaders as to what skills they think

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may be missing from scouts which are currently moving up which could be addressed on the camp. (Further information below)

District Internationals

Expression of interest forms are out for leaders who wish to volunteer for the next district international trips.
Cubs: Disneyland Paris in 2027; and
Scouts: Croatia in 2028.

Scouts are planning to take part in an International camp in the UK- **CamJam - 31 July to 7 August 2027** Further information can be found <https://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/camjam-2027-2>

Remembrance day parade – Sunday 9th November 2025

There will be some changes this year due to the town hall being refurbished. Instead of lining up on queen street, the parade will set off from and return to Morley Central Methodist Church.

Volunteer and development

There are some overdue welcome conversations in the district.

Awards – a reminder that anybody can nominate anybody for a good service awards via the new membership system.

SLAM awards – 29th November 2025.

Possible venue: Crank Studios

District are also looking for nominations for the following district awards

- Grafter of the year
- Best activity planner of the year
- Top team player
- Outstanding newcomer
- Outstanding leadership
- Outstanding contribution to scouting

Nomination are to be made via a Microsoft form, the link for which will be circulated.

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District Carol Service – Thursday 11th December 2025
St Peters (Morley) – Time 7:30pm(TBC)

District Support Team

Let Andrew know if you would like to obtain your create stacking permit at Phoenix.

Trays of pop are available to buy from SlamFest.

Please collect SlamFest lost property if you have not already done so.

District AGM - Wednesday 10 September 2025 at Phoenix Campsite, Nepshaw Lane at 7.30pm

All are welcome to attend but only Council members may vote. Membership of the Council is outlined in POR and includes:

- All District Roles
- Group Chairs and Treasurers
- Group Lead Volunteers and Group Leadership Team Members
- Group Section Team Members
- Network Members
- Explorers and Young Leaders
- Parents of Explorers

Morley 10k Sunday morning 5th October 2025

Scouts will have a scout supporters zone at Hillycroft. All support is welcome if you are able to take part.

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District Unihoc – Sunday 5th October 2025

Venue now booked Oulton School. Room booked 12:00 to 5:30pm

The competition will start at 1:00pm so ideally cubs need to arrive at 12:45pm.

912 Camp in November 2025

Date: 22nd – 23rd November 2025

Where: Wooley Edge Scout Campsite

Arrival: 9:00am with packed lunch, having had breakfast (Start at 9:30am)

Departure: 12:00 noon on Sunday

Back to basics camp with different traditional scout bases **for those aged 9 to 12 years old on the date of the camp (older Cubs/ younger Scouts).**

Bases we would like to run include:

- Stoves (showing different types) – including a bit of cooking
- Knife and axe skills
- Fire lighting
- Knots and lashings / pioneering
- Putting up a tent / Patrol tent / types of pegs.
- What to pack

Young people to rotate around the above basis and then everybody would split into groups to cook their own evening meal on a fire.

Marrianne has posted an expression of interest form on Facebook for leaders who wish to volunteer.

Price likely to be £25 per person

Groups to submit their own form NAN's (unless no NAN holder is available in their group in which case they can join with another group's permit holder)

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SCOUTS

Camping competition

Date: 27th and 28th September 2025

Where: Silverwood Scout Campsite

Arrive Saturday 9:00am

Cost: £15 per person (plus group food)

The competition this year is largely unchanged save for some changes to the rules around the food.

The requirement for a one pot stew and the requirement for the custard to be powdered has been removed and replaced simply with a requirement to do a hot main meal and a hot dessert. This would leave the cooking requirements as follows:

- Saturday lunch – packed lunch
- Saturday tea – hot main meal and hot dessert
- Sunday breakfast – required to have at least 4 hot items
- Sunday lunch – cold buffet/sandwiches.

Teams of minimum of 4, maximum of 7.

All teams will still need to do a skit.

Darren needs confirmation of the number of teams you are entering and how many leaders will be attending including leaders name and any leaders dietary requirements.

Final numbers need to be submitted by 19th September 2025.

Groups to submit their own NAN's, unless they don't have a NAP holder in which case they can attach to another group.

Darren to circulate the scoring matrix.

Camping Competition Bases

- First Aid
- Scenarios – (Vicky)
- Fire Lighting
- Axe and Saw
- Knots and lashings

Please let Darren know if you can assist running a particular base.

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JOTI

Date: Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th October 2025

Starting at 3:00pm on Saturday

Finish at 11:00am Sunday morning

Venue: Phoenix Scout Campsite

Cost: £15 per person (to be confirmed by Darren in next few days)

Price includes Tea and Breakfast (possibly supper)

Some district Laptops will be available for the event but Scouts are also welcome to bring their own devices. Laptops tend to work better than phones as they encourage more collaboration.