

# Scouting

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Isle of Wight Scouts  
Information Bulletin



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## Diary dates

### OCTOBER

21	EW Beaver Skills Day
21	JOTA-JOTI @ Corf
21-29	School Holiday
22	WW Cub circular hike

### NOVEMBER

4	Safeguarding Awareness
7	Wood Badge Café
11	EW Scouts Swim Gala
12	Remembrance Sunday
15	EW Handicraft Judging
16	Scouting Skills Evening
18	YL training
19	Shooting Club
19	WW Cub Orienteering
25	Executive training
25	District Archery Comp.

More details can be found on the website

## Welcome to our new communications setup

We're changing our County Communications System!

First of all, we'll be launching our new style website at <http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk> within a couple of days. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed information to our new pages. If you haven't contributed yet, we'll be supporting online editing of pages in a couple of weeks. We'll get things running, fill in some missing information, then start training people to help us keep the new website full of fresh new information and reports. A massive THANK YOU to Trevor McAlister for running the existing website for the last 10 years. The new website will be run by the Wight Rovers Media Team.

The second change is the newsletter, which we're reducing to an information bulletin. Wight Rovers reports will form a core feature of the new website, so please keep them coming. There will be one more newsletter to print all the stories previously submitted and explain the new setup for your stories.

The monthly Information bulletin (starting with this one), features team and Commissioner reports, announcements and diary/event information. The newsletter will still be produced, but will focus on reports from the Wight Rovers Media Team. The newsletter will be issued mid-month, or more often, based on the number of reports you submit.

Please direct any questions, reports, event details, dates, etc. to me, Malcolm Cox, County Communications Manager, mail: [malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk)



Please give us your feedback, Thanks, MaC

## County Commissioners October Report

Hello everyone and welcome to the October message.

Ever been in a lift and wanted to explain to another passenger quickly what scouting is about?

I say "Scouts are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering fun and challenging activities and everyday adventure. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and resilience." It all rolls off the tongue! I met the Lord Lieutenant this week and he has heard about all the great work we are doing so someone is passing the message on!

What do you say to promote us and get more young people to join? If all our sections (especially those that are not full) recruited two more young people that would be 100 new scouts experiencing our adventure.



Compass is now churning out long service awards at last which means we can look at applying for other scout awards for adult volunteers. If you know of someone deserving please contact your DC or DCC Geoff Brown. The new directory is being circulated to overcome the issues of visibility on Compass. Please be sensitive to whom you give a copy, it should only be accessed by Full members. We are up together on DBS checks thank you to everyone involved. I am still having to suspend new adults though. Please don't add anyone to Compass unless you have the ID documents in front of you to process... otherwise all our good work is undone.



Finally, I love some of the facts below too which you can sneak into conversations

- Adventure is at the core of Scouting, and the Association passionately believes in helping their members fulfil their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials by working in teams, learning by doing and developing skills for life.
- Over 200 activities are offered by Scouting around the UK to 450,000 young people, made possible by the efforts of more than 100,000 volunteer leaders. This has helped make Scouting the largest co-educational youth Movement in the country.
- The Scout Association launched the biggest revamp of its youth activity programme. The Movement launched 165 new and updated badges for its youth members (aged 6-18 years), which creates a new total of 250 badges.
- One of the challenges that the Scout Movement faces is finding more volunteers to plug the current gap. At present there are over 40,000 young people on waiting lists across the UK.
- Adults working in Scouting contribute more than 364 million hours of voluntary work each year to their local communities.
- The number of volunteers working for Scouting is bigger than the combined workforces of the BBC (20,000) and McDonalds (67,000) put together.
- Worldwide Scouting has 40 million members both male and female and operates in nearly every country in the world.



YIS, Paul



## Training Team October Report

New Training Advisers will be contacting groups who do not have an allocated TA. This will be in the coming months to put in place training completion plans.

Navigating Compass, Training & Support Sessions – Formally Wood Badge cafes. Are for ALL adult leaders. We can help with you accessing YOUR Compass account. As required by data Protection Laws.

These sessions will be held regularly at Corf and soon 1st Ryde 1st Binstead. We will call this venue The Bunker for training events

Notices will be posted on Facebook to remind everyone they are on.

Book HQ delivered Exec training via this link- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isle-of-wight-scout-trusteesexecutive-committee-members-support-for-group-district-county-roles-tickets-38703077948>

Isle Shape 2018 booking via – At least one leader, one exec member and 2 Explorers from each group to book and attend. County and District leaders too. We are delivering what you have asked for.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isle-shape-2018-tickets-378519>

Thanks, Ruth

Ruth Carter, County Training Manager

## Sid the Scout's Scouting LEGO Competition

Many of you will know Sid the Scout. This is Sid and his little friend GI Joe messing about in the garden. We'll tell you more about how to follow their adventures next month, but in the meantime Sid would like to tell you about his new competition.

Sid would like you to make a LEGO model with a Scouting theme and send him a couple of photos of it, especially showing any clever details. The model could be camping, hiking, pioneering.... absolutely anything that Scouts do.



Sid discussed his idea with his friend Nigel Young from the Sports and Model Shop in Shanklin. Nigel thought it was a brilliant idea and donated 2 prizes for the competition. The best model produced by a Beaver Scout will win a LEGO City kit, and the best model from a Cub Scout or older will win a LEGO Ninjaboys kit.

So, build your models, take a couple of photos and send them to me, [sidthescout@yahoo.com](mailto:sidthescout@yahoo.com) or to MaC, at [malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk) by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Sid, MaC, and Nigel will judge the photos and select the best model. The winners will be contacted and invited to receive their prize at the Sports and Model Shop, Shanklin on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am.

Sid will be updating his Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/SidTheScout/>) and turning it into a blog about the Scouting adventures and fun he's been having with his friends. If any of you have any comments, thoughts or ideas about what Sid and his friends can do, or about Isle of Wight Scouting in general, either mail or ask your parents to mail [sidthescout@yahoo.com](mailto:sidthescout@yahoo.com) for you.

Sid, Simon and MaC are really looking forward to seeing your photos and ideas.

Have fun and Keeeeeep Scouting, Sid the Scout