

Scouting

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Isle of Wight Scouts
Information Bulletin



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Welcome to our January Information Bulletin

Hi Everyone

I hope you've all visited the new website. A huge thanks to James, Victoria, Alan and everyone concerned with getting it off the ground. You may have noticed the first Wight Rovers report has been added to the news feed – that's where we'll be putting them in future – thanks to Karina for sending it in. There are still some blank pages on the site so please mail your missing information in to us.

The diary will be going live soon: there are a couple of errors and omissions in the hard copy which was distributed a couple of weeks ago. Updates will be added to the website so check regularly. There's also a Sid The Scout Calendar which you can download from the website or Facebook. Again, check the website for updates.

A big thanks to Nigel Young of the Sports and Model Shop for supporting Sid's Lego competition. And a massive thanks to all the other competition entrants.



Elliott and William being presented with their prizes by Nigel

The Media Team are looking at a number of activities for next year so we hope to see you soon!

Happy New Year from MaC and the team
and Keeepp Scouting (from Sid and GIJoe)!

County Commissioners January 2018 Report

Welcome to 2018 everybody

Another year of wonderful Scouting can begin. I hope you have lots of activities connected to the outdoors planned before our traditional camping season begins, although I know some groups will be at Gilwell Winter Camp in a matter of days! Good luck

We have great news about IsleShape 18. Firstly, numbers of bookings are well ahead of where we have ever been before, and we can also announce that Tim Kidd UK Chief Commissioner will be attending too. Every section must have a representative attending along with someone from your group executive. Explorers will have a separate programme running through the day too.

Book your place [here](#). It's free and so is lunch and this time we are designing a badge!

You'll notice that the link above takes you to our new [website](#). It looks great and will really boost our image however it still has gaps that we need your help to fill. If group details are missing, or wrong, you will see what to do on the webpage. James Cooper has completed the bulk of work required to get this going along with Victoria Lawton and Alan Tiller. Thanks for all you have done and for listening to Mac and me in the background!

I have been looking at other scout websites whilst we have been building ours and one thing I have noticed is what a bargain staying at Corf is. The cheapest SE region campsite I can find charges £6 per night so we are way below that. Please use this scouting asset or book activities there. The new outdoor archery range is fully working now, and we can offer tomahawk throwing too. Don't forget the nature walks.

My diary is always filling quickly but I am always looking for an excuse to visit sections. I had the honour of investing the first 12 scouts into 1st Shanklin (St Catherine's) along with their new leader Richard Pywell. Helped by GSL Carol Harvey, we had a great time being introduced to the new members all of whom have additional needs but are thriving in the Scout movement.

If you are looking to get new equipment in 2018 you may get help from Pax Hill Masonic Lodge which is a lodge set up for those with a specific interest in Scouting both past and present. Its charitable aims are to help Scout Groups/Units within the specific area to purchase equipment. Small grants are given on a periodic basis after receipt of a request for funding. They do not fund building appeals. If you would like more information, please contact John Mabb john.mabb@tesco.net. We will have outside organisations at IsleShape 18 again who can help with your programme and fund-raising planning.

Finally, Census will be here soon. I am really looking forward to seeing how we are doing with top awards across the Island and to also get a true flavour of how many young people we are supporting with additional needs. Please do ensure the detail is recorded and that every young person is shown.

Thanks

Happy New Year

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Paul

