

OXFORDSHIRE  
SCOUTING

Your Scouting news from  
across the County

## CC CHAT

It was obvious from social media over the summer that lots of young people were able to get out camping and enjoying all that Scouting has to offer. County expeditions included a trip to Norway and another to Germany as well as two Explorer Belt expeditions. All great stuff and a big thank you to all the leaders that made it all happen.

There are a few roles advertised in The Ox within the County team – please take a look. All of the DC and DCC roles are now filled which is great news! But there are roles within their teams that need supporting. If you fancy getting involved with the County team, or your local District teams who are all looking for extra support too, drop an email to [info@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:info@oxonscouting.org.uk) and Michelle will pass on your interest to the right people.

Finally a few things to look out for in 2019. Our County AGM is open to all and will be held on 13 July at CubWorld – the County camp for all Cubs across Oxfordshire which is shaping up to be an excellent weekend! On 11 May we have our annual awards day which will, hopefully, be followed by our first County Ball that evening. Details to follow. Finally, OxonGathering will be held again following the success of the weekend this year. Date is just being finalised but is likely to be mid-September.

I'm sure thousands of you will be out in your local communities taking part in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance Sunday commemorations. Thank you for representing Scouting as well as I know you all will do.

Phil Earl

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An inspiring new Cub Scout adventure.....

# CUBWORLD 2019



12<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Queenford Lakes, (just off  
Berinsfield), Oxfordshire

## Be part of it!

Find out more:  
Website: [cubworld.oxon.in](http://cubworld.oxon.in)  
Email: [info@cubworld.oxon.in](mailto:info@cubworld.oxon.in)  
Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES IN OXFORDSHIRE SCOUTS

We currently have a couple of very exciting opportunities within the events team.

You don't need any experience to get involved just a desire to join a team of volunteers with a passion for events. Training and on going support is provided is provided. The opportunities are:

ACC Events - Events manager for an event run for young people in the County.

[Download the application pack here.](#)

Event Support - Team members who help plan or deliver the event , [email us here](#) to register your interest and we will get you involved!



## AWARDS DAY 2019

Did you know you can nominate your top award achievers all year round for Awards day 2019?

[Nominate them here!](#)

Awards day 2019 is on Saturday 11th May 2019 at Youlbury Scout Adventure

## GRIMSDYKE HIKES

As you are planning your autumn programmes, just a reminder to get the fantastic Grimsdyke Hikes onto your calendar for the weekend of 24th and 25th November. [Download the leaflet here.](#)



## WINTER MOUNTAINEERING

**When:** 8-10 February 2019 **Where:** The Lake District **Cost:** £40 + £15 minibus

This weekend provides an opportunity to try hill walking in winter conditions. It's open to Explorers, Network and Leaders, and you're welcome whether you're a winter novice or a more experienced walker. There's also chance to develop your group leadership skills or even to be assessed for a permit. We can provide ice axes and crampons - you just need decent waterproofs and boots.

### How much does it cost?

The course costs £40 and a minibus place will cost a further £15 if you need it. The course includes instruction, all specialist equipment, two nights' bed and breakfast and dinner on Saturday night. Bedding is provided but you will need to bring a towel, and packed lunches for both days.

### How can I find out more?

We'll be running an information evening at Rose Hill Scout Hut in Oxford on Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm. We'll tell you more about the course and what experience and kit you need to get the most from the weekend. Please let us know if you're coming using the form at <https://tinyurl.com/WinterInfo2019>. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Richards on 07810 798767 or [winter@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:winter@oxonscouting.org.uk)

If you know this is for you, please apply now at <https://tinyurl.com/OxonWinter2019>

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 17th DECEMBER 2018 - [Download the flyer here](#)

## SUMMER CAMP VENUE

The Oxfordshire Outdoors centres - Kilvrough Manor (Gower), Woodlands (Black Mtns) and Yenworthy Lodge (N Exmoor) provide residential based adventure courses for Oxfordshire schools, so it is very likely that Oxfordshire scouts will know of us through attending a course with their schools. During the school summer holiday 2019 we have some vacancies at all 3 centres; Bookings can be made on an individual centre; 2 centre or for all 3 centres and we can take groups across the age range. [For more information click here.](#)

## COUNTY BALL

Oxfordshire Scouting intend to hold a black tie ball next year to celebrate and thank all of our volunteers. We would like to build a team to help plan this exciting new event from our pool of younger volunteers who are undertaking or have already completed their Queen Scout or Gold DofE awards as an opportunity to develop skills and experience in planning and supporting events. If you are interested in helping out shaping this exciting new event in any way please get in touch with [countyball@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:countyball@oxonscouting.org.uk) by 30th November.

## NATURE STEWARDS

We are organising an event on the 10<sup>th</sup> November for young people interested in wildlife and nature conservation. We will gather a group of people between the age of 16 and 25 who will, with our mentorship and funding, put together a campaign to support wildlife. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in nature and the environment to come together with other young people to make a difference in their local communities to benefit nature.

For more information [Download the leaflet here.](#)

## GERMANY 2018

28 Scouts and Explorers went to Bonn in the summer with 6 Leaders from around the County. Lizzy tells us what they got up to and the adventures they had whilst away in Bonn. [Download her story here.](#)



## ADULT TRAINING DATES 2018

### Getting started for Section Leaders

#### Module 1

12th November - Burford Scout HQ

13th December - DHQ, Wantage

#### Module 2

5th November - Rosehill

19th November - Sonning Common HQ

3rd December - 15th Didcot HQ

#### Module 3

7th November - Rosehill

20th November - Burford Scout HQ

19th December - DHQ, Wantage

You can attend any course around the County.

Bookings are all taken online here!

### Getting Started for Managers and supporters

**Module 2 & 4 are held at Rosehill, the County HQ & Training Centre**

Module 2 - 21st November

Module 4 - 15th November

No dates in your area? Check out our full list of training dates.

### Getting started dates 2018

[Download Manger & supporter dates here.](#)

[Download Section leader dates here.](#)



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

## 2018

10th November - Executive Conference  
17th November - Explorer Leader Day - All ESL's  
23rd - 25th November - RaidOx - Explorer Scouts & Network  
8th December - Sing along Santa - Beavers

## 2019

8th - 10th February - Winter Mountaineering - Explorers  
19th - 23rd February - Gang Show - Open to all  
9th March - Winter Challenge - Open to all  
11th May - Awards day - Open to all  
11th May - County Ball - 18 +  
14th - 16th June - Aqua Camp - Scouts  
5th - 7th July - Gilwell 24 - Explorers  
12th - 14th July - Cub World - Cubs  
6th - 8th September - Gilwell Reunion - 18 +  
12th - 14th September - Oxon Gathering - 18 +  
20th - 22nd September - CESAW - Explorers  
4th - 6th October - CPCW - Scouts  
18th - 20th October - Jota/Joti - Open to all  
22nd - 24th November - RadiOx - Explorers and Network

Watch this space for more dates in 2019!

## DID YOU KNOW?

All our adult and young Leader training is **free!**

Why not browse the courses and [book your space here.](#)

## MILLION HANDS

Leonard Cheshire is one of the partners for A Million Hands. We now have a speaker network, so if groups in your area are working on, or planning to work on the Disability Awareness Activity badge and/or the Community Impact Staged Activity badge, please do let them know that we offer free speakers.

Groups can request a speaker by emailing Lisa at [Speakers@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:Speakers@leonardcheshire.org) with their postcode and the day and time the group meets. Our speakers will talk about the charity and disability, and will run one or two fun activities to get your group thinking about and understanding inclusion. The session can be tailored to the needs of your group.

[Download the poster here.](#)

## IT'S COMING...

We have promised for a while now that we will be getting a new website, that is clearer, easier to navigate and meet our needs, it is coming very soon! Watch this space!



Stay in the loop with all the latest news!



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