

# Have you Heard ?



Welcome to the latest 'Have you Heard' Cole newsletter!

We are looking forward to all the exciting activities that will be taking place this Autumn, and hope you'll join as many as possible.

#### Upcoming events:

- 30 September 2024 - GSLs/ESLs (GLVs/ELVs) meeting at 1st Solihull HQ
- 5 October 2024 - Cub, Beaver and Squirrel Chief Scout Awards
- 12 October 2024 - Scout Cooking Competition
- 16 November 2024 – Operation Chameleon
- December 2024 – A Celebration of Christmas for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, date TBC
- December Explorer Camp – Joe Jones at Voyager is organising this.

Just a gentle reminder that NAN forms MUST be submitted at least 7 days before an event. If the NAN is not received a minimum of 7 days before the event, HQ have advised that the camp/event must be cancelled.

Transformation is fast approaching and lots of information is available on [Scouts.org.uk](https://scouts.org.uk). Webinars and regular updates will be coming out from HQ and from us, so do check your emails regularly. The replacement system for Compass is also coming and with that there will be some new ways of accessing our records and training - it should all be quite straightforward and user friendly, so again keep an eye out for updates!

We say a huge thank you to you all, for the support you give Scouting in Cole District. Every week as a District we support 1200 children and young people ranging in age from 4 to 18 to engage in Scouting in Solihull, and learn skills for life - THANK YOU!

Yours in Scouting  
**Liz Rashvand and Alison Lowe**  
 District Commissioner and District Deputy Commissioner

## Dorridge Cub Camp June 2024

We had a great camp at Beaudesert Scout Camp in June 2024.

In spite of cancelled activities and changes of plans, the cubs had a great time using all the skill learned throughout the year to be the very best they could be. The two cub packs gelled brilliantly and brought out the best in each other.

2x Integrity flags were awarded  
 4x Belief flags were awarded  
 2x Cooperation flags were awarded

2x Care flags were awarded

1x Respect flag was awarded

The leaders were all excellent and a credit to scouting.

Sarah Long GLV Dorridge

## Welcoming new Group Lead Volunteers

We as a district would like to welcome the new Group Lead Volunteers of the District.

Sarah Long - Dorridge

Sharon Matthews - 1<sup>st</sup> Chelmsley Wood

Chris Harrison - 4<sup>th</sup> Knowle



## MPs and Councillors

Have you ever thought of inviting the local MP or Councillor to one of your section meetings?

With some new MPs in the County, it is a great opportunity to talk to them about growth, what we are doing in 2024 and 2025 skills young people learn and develop and why you volunteer.

Please invite them along to a section meeting.

## First Aid Courses

Here is a list of the first aid courses running in the district.

### 2024

28th September - Marston Green (Fully Booked)  
 9th November - Marston Green  
 8th December – Dorridge

### 2025

19th January - Dorridge  
 16th March – Dorridge  
 13th April - 1st Solihull Scout Group



To book on a First Aid Course simply head to the booking form on this link

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ColeDistrictScouts/ColeDistrictCourseBookingForm>

## Mandatory Ongoing Learning

Please ensure that your mandatory training (safety, safeguarding and first aid) is up to date.

You will receive reminders for safety and safeguarding when you need to refresh them. These are done on-line. If you are not sure when you need to renew these modules, please check on Compass, ask the lead volunteer for your Group or ask your local training manager.

If your first aid is due for renewal within the next few months, please sign up for a first aid course as a matter of urgency. You can attend a course in another County if that is more convenient for you

## Getting Started Learning

As a volunteer we need to make sure you have a great start to your volunteering scouting HQ have several training modules for you to complete. You can complete these in any order.

- Essential information
- GDPR
- Tools for the role
- Safety
- Safeguarding

To complete these modules simply follow the link

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/learning-development-and-awards/training/learners/modules/getting-started-training/>

## The next issue of Have You Heard

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The District Newsletter will go out the Beginning of each month, if your group has any news to share, events coming up please send them in to the District Team, by 16<sup>th</sup> of Each Month.



# Media & Digital Team

colescouts.org.uk

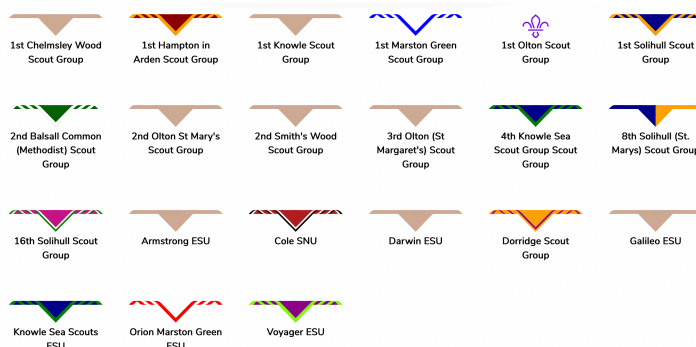


The Cole District Scout Media / Digital Team are responsible for supporting communications within the District, raising the profile of scouting locally – including in local groups - and for supporting our digital tools and resources.

As the new website develops, we need to fill in some blanks please

What's your groups scarf colours?

Email your colours to [media@colescouts.org.uk](mailto:media@colescouts.org.uk)



In 2025 we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NSGSO and the 10th anniversary of the NSGCB in its current format and will be our biggest course yet. The 2025 residential course will again take place in Stourbridge at Old Swinford Hospital School and will culminate in two bumper concerts at Nottingham Albert Hall and Birmingham Symphony Hall presenting a tribute to their collective 60 year history. If you are a member of Scouts or Girlguiding, aged 12-25 by next summer and above grade 4 on your first instrument then consider applying to join with Scouts and Guides from all over the UK.

## [nsgso-nsgcb.com](https://nsgso-nsgcb.com)

### Are your details correct on compass

Cole District Scouts are currently checking that your Scout adult record is UpToDate in Compass Scout Database.

Your compass record can be viewed here <https://compass.scouts.org.uk>

once you have checked your record please fill in this form to confirm it is correct, and any changes required.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/ColeDistrictScouts/CompassUpdateModification>

If you require and support please email [compass@colescouts.org.uk](mailto:compass@colescouts.org.uk)