



Training Newsletter

The feedback from our first newsletter was great and we are glad that this idea was a hit.

Not only did we get more people booking onto courses, but we also found out that we still had the details of people on our systems, that are no longer involved in Scouting, therefore allowing us to update Compass accordingly – double bonus really.

Another good thing that has come out of the first newsletter is feedback from yourselves on certain areas of the training process. We are looking to address them all, but unfortunately this can't be done overnight.

Please see below for a couple of things we have managed to change quite easily:-

1) **Issues booking onto courses**

Over the past few months I have been getting more and more emails letting me know that people were unable to book onto courses using the system that was in place, which generated an email to forward to me.

As a result of this, we have now changed how you book onto courses. There is still a link on the training calendar, however when you click the link this will now take you to an online form that you just complete and submit.

All forms do require your membership number, so please have this to hand when you start to book your courses. I use your membership number to allow me to update Compass with details of the training you have completed.

2) **Spreading the training out around the County**

You will now notice that more courses are being done away from County HQ. Although the building is a fantastic asset to the County we do have leaders who do not have their own transport and find it difficult to travel to Middleton.

At present we are planning courses at PRaWS District HQ in Whitefield, but I am also in consultation with Bolton School Scouts to arrange some training at either their Scout Hut or their school buildings.

Thanks

Stacey, Course Administrator

Meet the Team



Keith Williams
LTM Pennine District

Keith started his Scouting as a Wolf Cub in 1955. At that time he lived and grew up in Kendal, as a member of the 1st Kendal group. He moved through Scouts and Senior Scouts leaving in 1965 at the age of 18. The group was lucky to have the whole of the Lake District on its doorstep in which to enjoy lots of camping, walking and other outdoor activities

Keith left Scouting as a youth member as he finished school, gaining the Queens Scout and D of E awards. He then pursued a college course in Civil Engineering and subsequently worked in a variety of locations in London and Manchester, before settling in Middleton in 1973. In 1976, and now with a young family, he responded to a flyer through his letter box, requesting help with local scouting. Here, he held roles as an Assistant Cub Scout leader, Scout Leader & ADC(CS). For 10 years from 2003 - 2013, he was the DC for Middleton. In 2014, the GMN reorganisation of districts created 6 new districts and Keith became the Local Training Manager for the 'new' Pennine District – the role he currently holds today. Over the past 5 years, he has actively supported the training courses currently on offer within the County, particularly the Fast track Wood badge courses over the last 3 years.

“it's great to see how the current training team has successfully improved the offer for our adult volunteers, and the number of leaders that have already benefitted from this“



Peter North
LTM PRaWS District

Peter was never a Cub or Scout. He started his Scouting career as member of a Group Executive and then became a Leader, doing both to support his boys.

He then became Adviser (Special Needs), probably as he was an eye specialist with a particular interest in children's eye problems.

In his time in Scouting Peter has also been a District Commissioner and developed an interest in supporting new Leaders in their training.

More recently he became a Group Scout Leader as he relished the closer association with our youth members.

Peter is also Manager of the Anglican Fellowship in Scouting and Guiding, a National Active Support Unit.

Peter feels having a variety of appointments gives him a broader view of Scouting which helps him relate to and understand some of the difficulties new Leaders may experience.



County Training Manager

Could You Be the Next County Training Manager????

Our current County Training Manager (Delivery), Ian Temple Heald will shortly be stepping down from his role as CTM to take on other projects in Scouting. Over the last three years Ian has done an excellent job setting up the training provision we currently have more or less from scratch, and running many courses across the County. We are now looking for someone to take training in the County on to the next level.

Are you;

- able to provide inspirational leadership for the training team
- understanding of the needs of our leaders and passionate about ensuring they get the highest quality of training and support
- self-motivated, flexible and have good organisational skills
- in possession of a really good sense of humour

If so we want to hear from you. To find out more and for an informal discussion contact Paddy - DCC Training via e-mail (dcctraining@gmnscouts.org.uk)



We have now become the victim of our own success and have lots of courses running within the County that are filling every time, and unfortunately we don't have the capacity at this present time to put any more courses on due to lack of numbers within the training team.

We are therefore seeking anyone interested in joining our team. Not all of the roles we need to fill are actually training related, we do have some support roles. See below for some of the roles we need to fill:-

Course Presenters

Training Advisors

Caterers

Tutors

Getting Started Course Director

We have booked 2 open nights, so that anyone interested in finding out more the above roles and any others available, but also to give you a chance to meet some of the team. The two open nights are:-

Thursday 2nd May, 1930 to 2100 at County HQ, Middleton

<http://tinyurl.com/y3fpetn4>

Thursday 9th May, 1930 to 2100 at PRaWS District HQ, Whitefield

<https://tinyurl.com/y4qp73vr>

To register your interest in attending, please click on the link below the relevant date and submit the form.

COURSES AVAILABLE 2019

First Response Initial Courses

0930 to 1600 @ County HQ

Saturday 15th June (Fully Booked)

Saturday 5th October

Saturday 14th December

Refresher Course

0930 to 1230 @ County HQ

Saturday 6th July morning

All courses run by David Marsland and his team

Further dates to be added as necessary

Safeguarding

Sunday 19th May

0945 to 1230 @ PRaWS HQ
(Tutors Vinny Murphy & Alan Sharkey)

Tuesday 2nd July

1900 to 2130 @ County HQ
(Tutors Rob Partington & Rachel Butler)

Saturday 28th September

1300 to 1530 @ County HQ
(Tutors Rob Partington & Rachel Butler)

Sunday 17th November

0945 to 1230 @ PRaWS HQ
(Tutors Vinny Murphy & Alan Sharkey)

Getting Started

0900 to 1600 @ County HQ

Saturday 8th June

Saturday 12th October

0900 to 1600 @ PRaWS HQ

Saturday 9th November

All courses run by Neil Kayley and his team

Further dates to be added as necessary

Fast Track 8 (Woodbead's)

Weekend 1

7th & 8th September 2019

0930 to 1630 daily @ County HQ

Weekend 2

30th November & 1st December 2019

0930 to 1630 daily @ County HQ

Validation day

7th March 2020

Between 0930 to 1200 @ County HQ

GDPR

Mandatory Training

This is an elearning course. To complete the course please follow the below link.

https://members.scouts.org.uk/training_module/GDPRwithcertificate/#/

Once complete, save the certificate and forward to me at courseadministrator@gmnscouts.org.uk and I will update your compass record accordingly.

Safety

Sunday 19th May

1300 to 1430 @ PRaWS HQ

Saturday 28th September

11 to 1230 @ County HQ

Sunday 17th November

1300 to 1430 @ PRaWS HQ

Further dates to be added as necessary

To book onto any of the above mentioned courses:-

<https://teamup.com/ks3f9a925f67cef4df>

Find the date / course you want and follow the instructions.

If you have any issues booking the course, please contact me on courseadministrator@gmnscouts.org.uk