



Scouts
Cannock Chase



District Update – January 2026

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District Lead Volunteer Update

As we begin 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our young people and volunteers achieved across Cannock Chase during 2025 and to look ahead to what promises to be a busy and exciting year for Cannock District.

Firstly, a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm shown throughout 2025. The impact you've had on Scouting across Cannock Chase has been incredible.

Looking ahead, 2026 is set to be packed with new adventures and opportunities for our young people. We're excited to be delivering events such as the Beaver Activity Day and Cubs District Camp, alongside plenty of other activities that will help create unforgettable Scouting experiences across the District.

This year, we'll also be placing a strong focus on Volunteer Development. We'll be offering additional training opportunities and networking days to support volunteers across the District, giving you the chance to build skills, share ideas, and connect with others involved in Scouting locally.

As always, thank you for everything you do for Scouting across Cannock Chase.
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Upcoming Events...

GLV Meeting

Thursday 26th February 2026
19:30 at 1st Hednesford Scout Hub

St Georges Day Parade

Sunday 19th April 2026
13:00 at LOCATION TBC

Beaver Activity Day

Saturday 16th May 2026
At Beadesert Outdoor Centre.

District Cub Camp

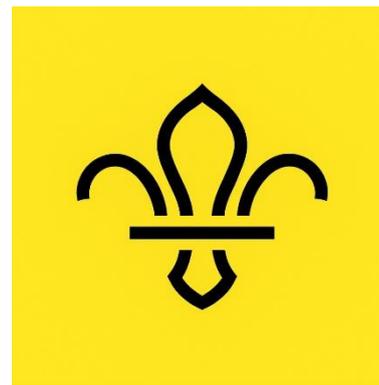
Friday 26th – Sunday 28th June 2026
At Beadesert Outdoor Centre.

District AGM 2026

Saturday 26th September 2026
At: Venue TBC

Please check Facebook, WhatsApp and the District GLV SharePoint for more Updates.





District Trustees...

Behind every great Scouting District is a team of dedicated Trustees who work hard to make sure we can keep doing what we do best. Our Trustees are responsible for ensuring the District is run safely, legally, and effectively.

District Trustees:

- Chair – Liam Stanton
- DLV – Will Ryder
- Treasurer – Joel Phillips
- Trustee – Andy Beard
- Trustee – John Plavenieks
- Trustee – Jacquie Tranter
- Trustee – Amy Heath
- Trustee – Pauline Holmes
- Trustee – Martin Kirby
- Trustee – Kay Messinger
- Youth Lead – Jack Higgins

District Recruitment – Roles Available

We're always looking for passionate volunteers to join our team and help shape the future of Scouting in Cannock Chase District. There are a number of exciting roles currently available, including:

- Network Lead (Network)
- Volunteer Development Team Leader
- Support Team Leader
- Recruitment, Retention & Recognition Team
- Inclusion Advisor.
- Safeguarding Lead
- Young Leader Advisor

Each of these roles play a vital part in supporting our young people, celebrating achievements, ensuring safe and inclusive Scouting, and driving the District forward.

If any of this roles interest you, please email us at volunteer@cannockscouts.org and request the Vacancy Pack and Application Form for the role.

Public WhatsApp Channel



We're excited to invite leaders and parents to join the Cannock District Scouts Public WhatsApp Channel for important updates, news, and reminders.

This channel is a simple and convenient way to stay informed, especially for those who don't use Facebook. Unlike a WhatsApp group, this is a one-way broadcast channel, so your phone number remains private, and you won't be added to a group chat.

It's an easy way to receive timely information straight from the district without sharing personal contact details.

Click here to join our WhatsApp Channel

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbBBO9LE50UngfQro00r>

We're on Social Media!

We're now on new socials! We are now on WhatsApp, Instagram and LinkedIn. Hopefully with the additional social media accounts our adventures and updates will get to everyone around the District.

If you wish for things to be sent to you in an alternative way, please message us on info@CannockScouts.org and we'll review your request.



Swimming Gala 2026



Cancellation of District Swimming Gala

Following feedback received, we have made the decision to cancel the District Swimming Gala for 2026. We recognise that this event may not have met the needs or interests of all members, and we are therefore exploring the opportunity to replace it with something a little different later in the year.

Please keep an eye out for details of a more inclusive event, open to all sections, planned for later in 2026.



DofE Launch!



🎉🎉 DofE is coming to Cannock Chase District! 🎉🎉

Exciting news for 2026 – the Duke of Edinburgh Award is being delivered centrally by Cannock Chase District, making it easier than ever for young people to take part! We have three DofE packages available for all levels. Bronze, Silver, and Gold giving everyone the chance to challenge themselves and achieve something amazing.

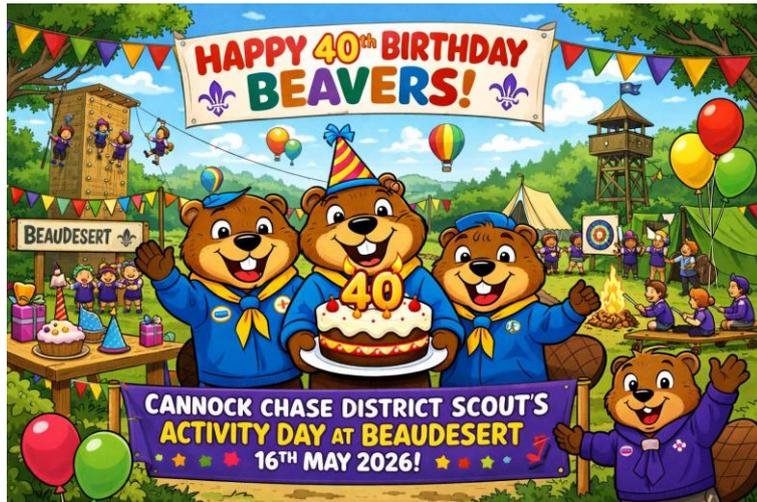
The programme is run by a dedicated and experienced team of volunteers, with Explorer leaders supporting with eDofE management and administration, while training, expeditions, and central support are all provided by the Cannock Chase DofE Team, led by Sam Pickin, our District DofE Advisor.

Over the coming months, we are also investing in a central store of equipment, so that all participants have the gear they need to succeed, no matter which group they belong to. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people across the district to get involved in DofE in a way that's accessible, well-supported, and full of adventure! Look out for any updates on the official DofE Launch day!

For more information on DofE for Cannock Chase, please email DofE@CannockScouts.org.



District Beaver Activity Day...



Join us for a day of #Adventure at Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre to celebrate 40 years of Beavers!

📅 Saturday 16th May 2026 | 📍 Beaudesert Outdoor Adventures
More information will be sent out ASAP.

A warm welcome to our new District Team Leaders...



Dylan Pickin

We're delighted to announce that Dylan Pickin has accepted the role of 14–24 Team Leader for Cannock Chase District Scouts.

Dylan brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for supporting young people in Scouting. He has been actively involved in Scouting and has a strong background in DofE & Young Leaders. Over the coming months, Dylan will be working closely with the District Leadership Team to build his team and shape the programme for our older sections.

Dylan.Pickin@CannockScouts.org



James Astbury

We're pleased to announce that James Astbury has accepted the role of Activities Sub-Team Lead for Cannock Chase District Scouts.

James brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm for delivering high-quality activities across the District. Over the coming months, James will be working closely with the District Leadership Team and section leaders to develop the activities offer, support events, and help ensure young people across Cannock Chase continue to access fun, challenging, and memorable experiences.

James.Astbury@CannockScouts.org



World Scout Jamboree Update

Congratulations to Matthew Carter on his success in being selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027.

This is a remarkable achievement and a true testament to Matthew's dedication, leadership, and commitment to the values of Scouting. Representing his Scout Group, District and Country on the world stage is a tremendous honour, and this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will undoubtedly bring unforgettable experiences, new friendships, and personal growth.

We wish Matthew every success as he prepares for this incredible international adventure. Follow his Facebook Page to see his fundraising events and ideas! There's lots of money to raise, so please support where possible.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Matthew.WSJ2027>

Website:

[Matthew to Poland: World Scout Jamboree 2027](#)

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#WhatsHappeningAtBeadesert?...

Nestled in the beautiful Cannock Chase, Beadesert Outdoor Activity Centre is a leading venue for outdoor adventure, offering a wide range of activities, events, and residential stays for young people, families, and groups. With over 120 acres of woodland, open space, and adventure facilities, it's the perfect place to experience the outdoors and make lasting memories.



Beadesert 2026 Scout & Guide Price List:

<https://beadesert.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Scout-and-Guides-2026.pdf>

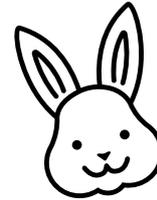
Upcoming Events at Beadesert Outdoor Activity Centre:

 **Easter Fun Day** – Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt & 2 Adventurous Activities of choice.

 4th & 5th April 2026

£20 for Scouts & Guides, non-participating Leaders free.

Catered Lunch for an additional £8 per person. Camping can be added for £7.50 per person.



 **Squirrel Take Over Day** – Adventure, Nature, Games & creativity.

 Sunday 29th March 2026

£20 for Scouts & Guides, non-participating Leaders free.

Expect a fun-filled day of adventure, nature, games, and creativity, with plenty of opportunities for children to explore, play, and try something new in the great outdoors.



Service Projects:

We have many service work projects if you have a group that is interested in completing some. The projects can be completed on a day-visit, or over a camp and we have a wide range of projects depending on preference and accessibility.

Get in touch if interested by emailing bookings@beadesert.org.uk, or calling us.

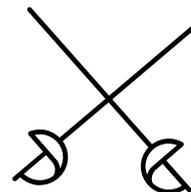


British Fencing Core Coach Course

We have places available on our British Fencing - Core Coach course.

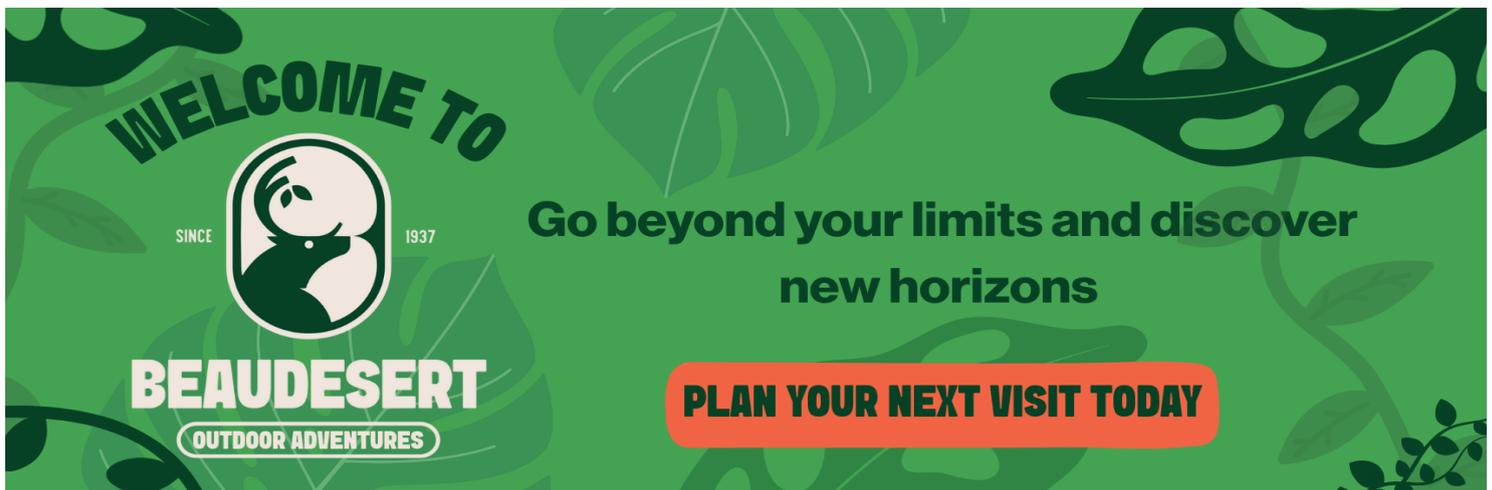
This is a 2-day course, taking place 9th-10th March, costing £150 per person.

To book on please contact bookings@beadesert.org.uk

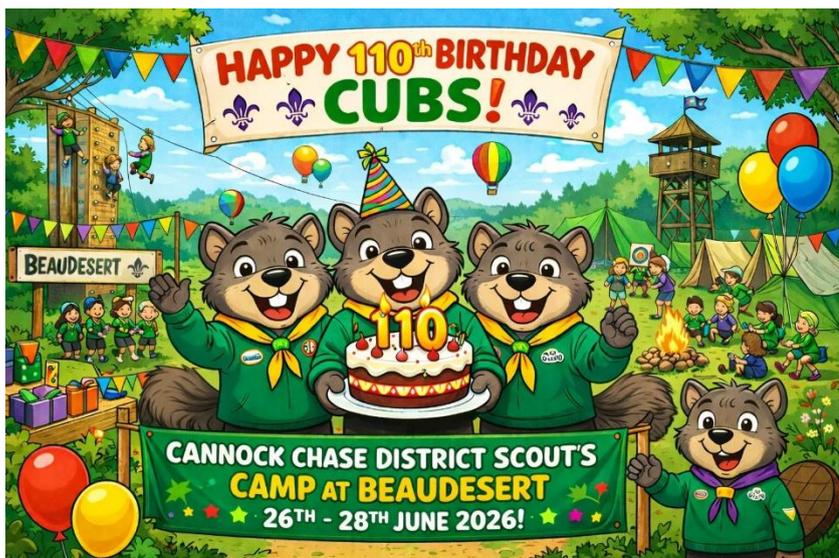


For more details and bookings:

 Bookings@Beadesert.org.uk |  **01543 682 278** |  www.Beadesert.org.uk



District Cub Camp 2026



District Cub Camp 2026 – 110 Years of Cubs

📅 26th – 28th June 2026

📍 Beaudesert Outdoor Adventures

Join us for a full weekend of fun and adventure at Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre to celebrate 110 years of Cubs! This weekend is full of Adventure, Activities perfect for making memories that'll last a lifetime.

There are onsite and offsite activities throughout the course of the weekend.

Leaders we need your Deposit numbers by Saturday 31st January 2026. Please follow the link you've been emailed to submit your numbers.

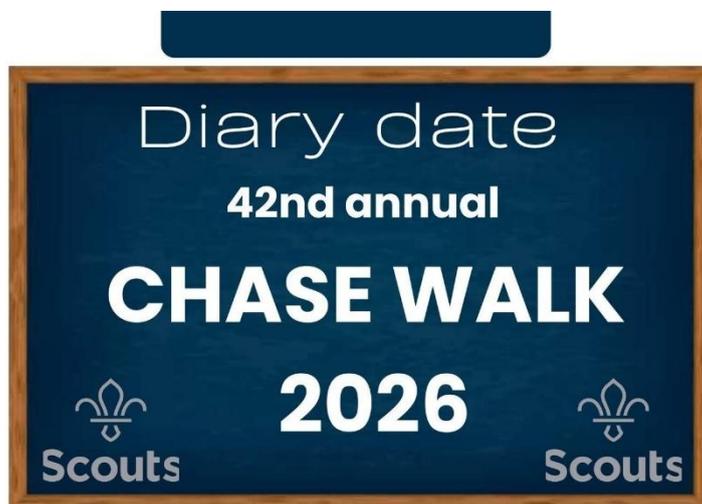
The Chase Walk 2026

Get ready for one of the biggest challenges in the Scouting calendar. The Chase Walk is back, for its 42nd annual event! Taking place on Saturday 14th March 2026, this legendary endurance hike across Cannock Chase will once again test the navigation, stamina, and teamwork of Scouts, Explorers, Network and Leaders from across the country.

Covering 38 Miles for Adults & Explorers and 13 Miles for Scouts, The Chase Walk is not just a test of skill and determination but also a chance to experience the beauty of Cannock Chase in a unique way.

Whether you're entering a team or coming along to support, mark the date and be part of this iconic Scouting tradition! As usual, we'll be looking for support at Checkpoint 12. There is a multitude of Checkpoint roles available from check-in to cooking sausages.

This event wouldn't happen without the hard work and dedication during the lead up to the event from the volunteers at Nationwide Scout Communications Team and also the other volunteers who help support on the day! Huge thanks to you all!



38 mile
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WALK

MARCH, 14
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WALK

visit website to register interest

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Cannock Chase, Staffordshire**

Camping available at Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre



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