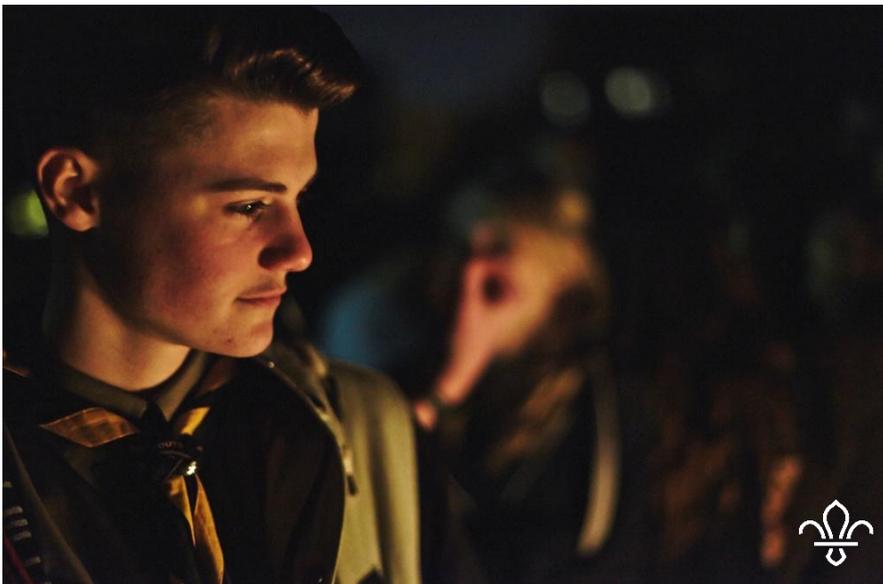




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Cannock Chase

District Update - October 2025

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District Lead Volunteer Update

Hello everyone, I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new District Lead Volunteer for Cannock Chase District Scouts. It's a real privilege to step into this role, and I'm looking forward to working alongside our amazing volunteers, young people, and supporters as we continue to grow Scouting across the District.

As part of improving how we keep everyone connected, I'm pleased to launch our new bi-monthly newsletter. The idea is simple, to share important updates, highlight upcoming events, celebrate successes, and keep you all informed about what's happening across Cannock Chase District. Whether it's news from groups, opportunities for training and development, or key announcements, this newsletter will be a space where we can bring everything together.

Scouting is all about community and adventure, and I hope these newsletters will help strengthen both by keeping us all better connected. Thank you for everything you do to make Scouting thrive in Cannock Chase

Will 😊

Upcoming Events...

District AGM

Wednesday 8th October 2025
19:30 at Bridgetown Social Club

GLV Meeting

Thursday 29th January 2026
19:30 at 1st Hednesford Scout Hub

District Swimming Gala

Saturday 7th February 2026
15:00 at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre

St Georges Day Parade

Sunday 19th April 2026
13:00 at LOCATION TBC

District Cub Camp

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

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





District Cub Camp 2026

District Cub Camp 2026 is just around the corner!

We are planning for a FULL District Cub Camp meeting during November to provide you with the important information you need for next year's District Cub Camp.

A date, time and location will be emailed around to all GLV's and Cub Section Team Leaders as soon as this has been confirmed.

We're really looking forward to an action-packed weekend, creating memories with you all!

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:

- District Youth Lead
- Top Awards Advisor
- 14–25 Team Leader
- 18–25 Advisor
- Recruitment, Retention & Recognition Team
- International Advisor
- Health & Safety Advisor
- Inclusion 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.

District Team Contacts...

Amy Heath – Strategy Team Leader (Leadership Team)

Amy.Heath@CannockScouts.org

Patrick Hinchliffe - Programme Team Leader

Patrick.Hinchliffe@CannockScouts.org

Vacancy – 14-25 Team Leader

Vacancy – Volunteer Support Team Leader

Vacancy – Support Team Leader

Vacancy – District Youth Lead

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.



Celebrating 75 Years with 1st Chadsmoor



1st Chadsmoor Scout Group – 75th Anniversary Photo

To be able to fund the day, we held a summer fete at our Scout hut. A couple of leaders visited local stores and businesses asking if they could support us in any way. We were fortunate to receive fantastic support and received two generous cash donations. Parents and Guardians were extremely supportive also and donated many game prizes. Due to this, we were able to keep all costs for the day significantly low.

This year marked the 75th anniversary of 1st Chadsmoor Scout Group so we thought what better way to celebrate than a group day out to Drayton Manor Park.

Our goal was to be able to run the day at minimal cost to parents/carers. We also wanted something memorable to keep from the day, so we had group T-shirts printed.

Truth be told, we accidentally ended up having two celebratory days and when looking back on this whole event, it really does make you realise that coming together with the community and making such an impact is what Scouting is all about.



Goodbye from Darren...

Darren Lennon who has been the DLV for Cannock Chase District is moving on after 7 years' service as District Lead Volunteer.

Message from Darren:

After 7 incredible years as District Lead Volunteer for Cannock Chase Scouts, it's time for me to hang up my Cannock Chase District Necker and embrace my new adventure as County Lead Volunteer for Birmingham Scouts. I just want to say a huge thank you to every leader, volunteer, young person and supporter across our amazing district. It's been an absolute privilege to work alongside such passionate and dedicated people who make Scouting happen week after week. There have been so many unforgettable moments — our District Beaver, Cub and Scout Camps, the Swimming Galas, and of course our legendary "Walk to Australia" during Covid. Every one of these memories shows the true spirit of Scouting: teamwork, resilience, and fun! As I move on, I'm delighted to hand over the compass to Will Ryder, who will continue to lead the district forward with energy and vision. Please give him the same warmth and support you've always shown me. Thank you for 7 wonderful years, for the friendship, the laughter, and for helping to deliver real Skills for Life to our young people. You've all made a difference — and I'll always carry a piece of Cannock Chase with me. 🧡🖤🧡🖤🧡🖤🧡🖤

Top Awards Update...

We are currently advertising for the position of Top Awards Advisor. The advert for this role closes on **31st October**. If you're interested in the role, please email recruitment@CannockScouts.org for a Recruitment Pack and Application Form.

We're really proud of the hard work and dedication shown by young people across the District who are already on their award journeys. These awards recognise not only personal development and adventure but also the service and commitment that make Scouting so special.

Follow the Teams regular updates on the Facebook Page & WhatsApp Channel.



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



Patrick Hinchliffe

Patrick Hinchliffe has accepted the role of Programme Team Leader for Cannock Chase District Scouts. Patrick comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the outdoor industry. He has been involved within Staffordshire Scouts County Team as well as Stone District Scouts.

Over the coming months Patrick will be working with the District Leadership Team to appoint Team Members within his Team for different tasks. Please join me in welcoming Patrick to Cannock Chase District Scouts.

Patrick.Hinchliffe@CannockScouts.org



Amy Heath

We are delighted to share that Amy Heath has been an integral part of Cannock Chase District for the past seven years, serving with dedication as both District Administrator and Appointments Chair.

Amy has now stepped into a new role as Strategy Team Leader, joining the District Leadership Team. In this position, she will provide guidance and support to the Team Leaders within her remit, helping to shape and drive the strategic direction of the District as we continue to grow and develop.

Amy.Heath@CannockScouts.org



World Scout Jamboree Update

We're excited to share some news about the upcoming World Scout Jamboree, which will be held in Poland in 2027.

The Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity where Scouts from across the globe come together to celebrate international friendship, adventure, and the spirit of Scouting.

For young people here in Staffordshire, this will be an incredible chance to experience two weeks of international Scouting alongside tens of thousands of Scouts from every corner of the world, take part in adventurous activities, cultural exchanges, and global learning. Make new friendships that last a lifetime and represent Cannock Chase, Staffordshire and the UK on the world stage.

We have had 9 applicants to represent Cannock Chase District Scouts as part of the Staffordshire contingent. As there are only 2 allocated spaces for Cannock, Staffordshire Scouts are hosting a selection camp at Kibblestone International Campsite from **Friday 10th – Sunday 12th October 2025**.

On the **18th of October 2025**, Young Members will be contacted by the International Team at Staffordshire Scouts to hear if they have been successful in Selection for the International Jamboree to Poland. Once this has happened the DLV for Cannock Chase and some of the Trustee Board will be in touch with the families of the 2 selected Young Members to discuss the plans around their fundraising.

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#WhatsHappeningAtBeaudesert?...

Nestled in the beautiful Cannock Chase, Beaudesert 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.



**Beaudesert
Outdoor Activity Centre**
Adventure Made Easy

Upcoming Events at Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre:

 **History Walks** – Discover the fascinating history of Cannock Chase with a guided walk.

 19th October, 10:00–13:00

 £5 per person

 **Kids Holiday Activity Days** – Action-packed days to keep children active and entertained during the school break. 08:30 drop off – 17:30 collection. Suitable from the age of 6.

 October Half Term 27th – 31st October 2025

 £20 per child, per day.

 **Bonfire Event for Scouts & Guides** – A fun-filled evening of fire, friendship, and activities. Hot food will be available to purchase alongside Glowsticks & Light Up Toys!

 Date: Wednesday 5th November 2025

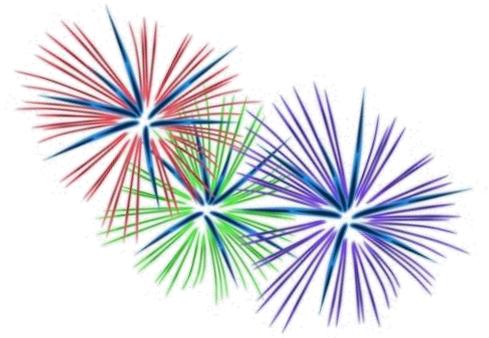
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 **Christmas Residentials** – Enjoy a magical festive stay with one or two-night packages. See Facebook for more details.

 1st November – 21st December

 **Ice Breaker Event** – Kick off the New Year with outdoor challenges and team spirit.

 23rd – 25th January 2025



For more details and bookings:

 Facebook Page |  bookings@beaudesert.org.uk |  01543 682 278

2nd Rugeley – International Trip



2nd Rugeley Scout Group recently embarked on an exciting international adventure to the Azores, immersing themselves in the stunning landscapes and rich culture of this Portuguese archipelago.

Over the course of the trip, the Scouts participated in a variety of activities, from hiking through lush volcanic craters and exploring scenic coastal trails to engaging in local community projects, Canyoning and even celebrating Rhy's Birthday.

Memorable moments included whale watching, sampling traditional Azorean cuisine, and investing Max into 2nd Rugeley Scout Group, an unforgettable chapter in Max's Scouting journey.

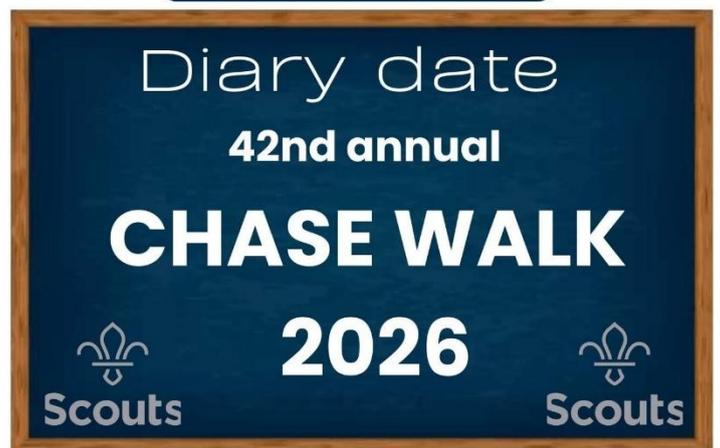
The Chase Walk 2026

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
2026

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visit website to register interest

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