



Scouts

Crosby District

Your AGM

Saturday 1st March 2025 19:00
Crosby District Headquarters



Crosby District Scout
Headquarters,
1A Myers Road East,
Crosby, Liverpool
L23 0QS

Dear all,

None of our activities would be possible without our incredible volunteers. Over 100 adults are actively supporting Scouting in our area, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Whether you're working directly with young people or playing a crucial role behind the scenes - supporting strategy, governance, administration, or property maintenance - every contribution makes a difference.

We recognise that as volunteers, you balance the responsibilities of work, study, family and personal commitments to support others. The impact you are making is immeasurable and our aim with the AGM this year has been to celebrate and recognise the brilliant achievements of our volunteers.

You're not only helping create meaningful experiences for our Scouts, you are building a thriving community and continuing the treasured Scouting tradition that has been held for well over 100 years.

Thank you all for everything you do.



Kieran Murphy
District Chair



Jen Wilson
District Lead Volunteer



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Agenda

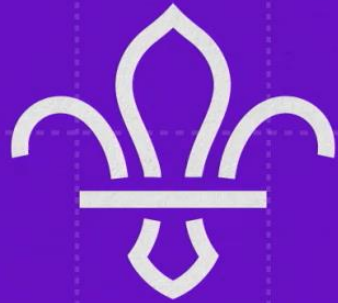
AGM Agenda

- 1.** 2024 at Scouts (Film)
- 2.** Agenda & Apologies
- 3.** Welcome from our Chair
- 4.** Introductions
- 5.** Trustee Nominations
- 6.** Treasurer's Report
- 7.** Lead Volunteer's Report
- 8.** Recognition & Thanks
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Mandy will help you after the AGM**

Campfire Social





Scouts

Annual General Meeting 2023-24

Welcome



Welcome from our Chair

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Welcome to Crosby District Scouts' Annual General Meeting.

I am delighted that you have joined us and I am looking forward to talking with you later on at our Campfire Social.

There is so much to celebrate and from around the District and I hope that you will find the AGM and the various section reports interesting and informative.

I would particularly like to say thank you to all the dedicated volunteers and helpers within the District who have gifted their time, talents and energy to providing exciting programmes for our young people.



Kieran Murphy
District Chair



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Introduction



Introductions



Kieran Murphy

District Chair
[Appointed Trustee]



Rob Gorst

14-24 Team Lead
[Co-opted Trustee]



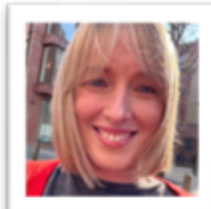
Bill McCauley

District Treasurer
[Appointed Trustee]



Steve Woods

Lead Volunteer – Llansannan Activity Centre
[Appointed Trustee]



Jen Wilson

District Lead Volunteer
[Ex-Officio Trustee]



Rosie Robinson

Deputy District Youth Lead
[Co-opted Trustee]



Lucy Fol

District Youth Lead Volunteer
[Ex-Officio Trustee]



Tony Rogers

[Co-opted Trustee]



Kate Simons & Elijah Vulpes
District Administrators



Deputy District Youth Leads

- Nat O'Neill
- Rosie Robinson
- Sam Reynolds



Programme Team

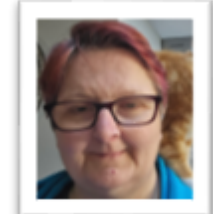
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- Dan McDonald
- Louise Burrows
- Lucy Fol



LAC Social Media
Anton Bode



Digital Transformation
Dan McDonald



Volunteer Development
First Response / Suspension
Mandy Foulkes



**Volunteer Development:
Welcome Conversations**

- Charlie Cunnane
- Deb Griffin
- Hayley Gorst
- Mandy Foulkes

What is a Welcome Conversation?

Welcome Conversations provide a warm, supportive introduction for volunteers in a new role, ensuring they feel valued and prepared from the start. During the conversation, an independent, accredited volunteer in a similar role meets with the new starter, along with their volunteer line manager.

It's a chance for new volunteers to share their skills and interests, ask questions, and gain a clear understanding of the Scouts' values, policies, and safeguarding commitments.

Welcome Conversation volunteers also offer ongoing support, helping others feel comfortable and confident as they begin their new journey in Scouts.



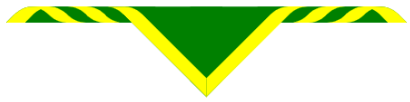
2nd Crosby Sea Scout Group



4th Crosby Scout Group



5th Crosby Scout Group



8th Crosby Scout Group



10th Crosby Scout Group



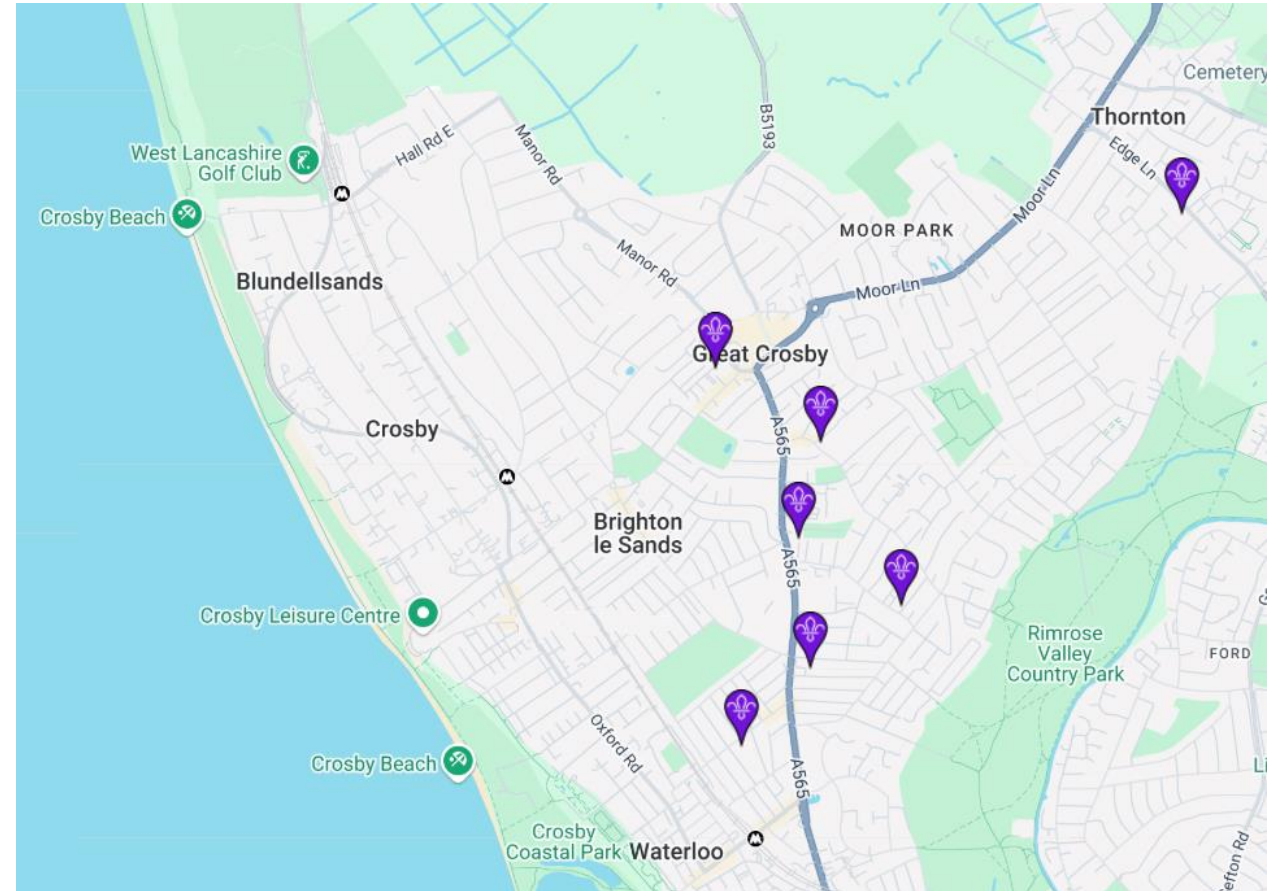
12th Crosby Scout Group



30th Crosby Scout Group



Crosby Explorers



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Introductions – Crosby District Scouts Property



Crosby & District Head Quarters

1a Myers Road East
Crosby, L23 0QS



Llansannan Activity Centre

Llansannan, Denbigh
North Wales, LL16 5HL
What3Words: //assets.superhero.travels

Trustee Nominations



Have your say and
nominate yourself as a
candidates to join our
Trustee Board

View the serving Trustee Board
members on the next page.

Appointments to the Board

What does the Board of Trustees do?

The Board of Trustees is Crosby District Scouts' governing body. It acts collectively and in the interests of the members of Scouts locally. It is ultimately responsible for making sure that our District can sustainably deliver a fantastic programme for our young people to develop skills for life - safely, legally, and in line with our charitable purpose.

The Board do not manage the Groups or Sections – its role is to ensure the District is managed the way it wishes to be. It does this by agreeing a strategy and being accountable for its delivery and its legal and regulatory responsibilities.

The Board is comprised of 4 Ex-Officio Trustees and up to 6 Nominated Trustees but there can be more. Its members come from a variety of backgrounds, from healthcare, conservation and education to business. The Board normally meet 3-4 times a year, not including visits to the District's Groups.

How are Trustees appointed?

Our constitution requires that every year, there is opportunity for candidates to put themselves forward as a Trustee. The candidate will share a statement on their suitability to meet the needs of the District and deliver the duties of a Trustee competently. There is more information on becoming a trustee here ([Scouts.org.uk](https://www.scouts.org.uk)).

Trustee elections are managed on behalf of the Board by the Appointments Secretary. This person will recommend to the Board which candidate(s) are best suited to fulfil the defined criteria and the needs of the Board. An invitation to express interest in trusteeship has been shared with all Crosby District volunteers, parents and guardians and to members of the public.

Would you like to nominate yourself or another person?

Contact the Appointments Secretary: Mandy.Foulkes@merseysidescouts.com



Kieran Murphy
Nominated: District Chair



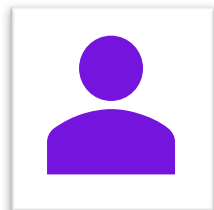
Steve Woods
Nominated: Trustee



Bill McCauley
Nominated: District Treasurer



Tony Rogers
Nominated: Trustee



Rob Gorst
Nominated: Trustee



Rosie Robinson
Nominated Trustee: Youth

All present at the AGM were in favour of confirming the appointed Trustees
No candidates made an expression of interest in being appointed as a Trustee.

Treasurer's Report

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District Treasurer's Report

Running Accounts at 31/03/24

	Opening Balance 01/04/23	Accounts 31/03/24	Movement
Current Account - 10791237	£ 23,929.35	£ 10,555.58	-£ 13,373.77
Deposit account - 30163961	£ 33.04	£ -	-£ 33.04
Deposit account - 50792004	£ 0.83	£ -	-£ 0.83
Current Account - 33633762	£ -	£ 41,254.29	£ 41,254.29
CSMG Account - 60791954	£ 0.20	£ -	-£ 0.20
Total	£ 23,963.42	£ 51,809.87	£ 27,846.45

Breakdown	
£ 23,963.42	22/23 Closing Balance
£ 3,835.52	Llan Out
£ 3,803.18	Llan in
£ 229,326.87	Dist In
£ 201,423.14	Dist Out
£ 51,834.81	Cash Assets

Llansannan	Income
Crosby groups	£ 910.00
Non -Crosby Groups	£ 1,100.00
Non -Scouting Groups	£ 1,610.00
Land Rent	£ 76.99
Grants	£ 106.19
Total	£ 3,803.18

Llansannan	Expenditure
Rates	£ 456.20
Light & Heat	£ 482.74
Insurance	£ 1,440.45
Telephone	£ 61.92
Fire Protection	£ 277.20
Water	£ 1,067.01
Refunds	£ 50.00
Total	£ 3,835.52

Pot 2 EuroJam refund (r-fenced)	
Opening balance	£ 2,400.00
Income	£ -
Expenditure	£ 800.00
Balance	£ 1,600.00

Pot 3 Grants (ring-fenced)	
Opening Balance	£ 4,400.40
Income	£ 177,100.00
Expenditure	£ 159,276.80
Balance	£ 22,223.60

DHQ	Income
HQ Hire fees	£ 80.00
Buying Rewards	£ 49.25
WSJ 2023	£ 3,298.26
Roverway	£ 2,417.17
District Event	£ 1,758.70
Grants	£ 177,550.00
Transfer (district & groups)	£ 19,235.84
Gift Aid	£ 3,873.36
Capitation 2024	£ 17,066.00
Refund	£ 3,998.29
Total	£ 229,326.87

DHQ	Expenditure
Redirection to groups	£ 6,869.61
Refunds	£ 1,011.00
Rates and services	£ 36.27
Light + Heating	£ 3,486.85
Insurance	£ 1,500.00
HQ Refurbishment	£ 158,946.80
District Event	£ 2,574.25
Maintenance	£ 3,137.16
Licences + online costs	£ 207.00
Fire prevention	£ 109.26
Explorer spending	£ 1,812.19
World Jamboree 2023 fees	£ 1,485.00
Training	£ 330.00
Accounts audit	£ 93.75
Badges	£ 824.00
Roverway 24 payments	£ 6,000.00
Transfer between accounts	£ 13,000.00
Total Expenditure	£ 201,423.14

Property Assets		Valued (2022)
Llansannan	£	100,000.00
District HQ	£	160,000.00

Lead Volunteer's Report



Refurbished DHQ Opens Summer 2024

Thanks to a generous Youth Investment Grant in 2023 and the dedication of volunteers and local tradespeople, DHQ has been transformed. It is now home to 2nd Crosby, our Explorer Unit, and is regularly used for private hires. From paperwork to painting, volunteers gave countless hours to make this happen. We're so grateful to all involved. Thank you to Rob Gorst, for taking the lead.



Improvement works continue at Llansannan Activity Centre

The tireless efforts of the LAC volunteers continue. This year, significant improvements have been made, including fire safety updates, emergency lighting, new insulation, and outdoor enhancements. Thank you to Michael Woods and Stephen Bennet for providing their invaluable expertise and labour at no cost. Steve, Angela, Kevin, and Ken continue to care for the centre throughout the year, keeping this precious resource open. And a special mention for...





Kevin's Wall

So beautiful it deserved its own slide.

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District Lead Volunteer's Report



We also thank the many other supporters who maintain this incredible resource by booking stays for their group or family, fundraising for the centre, and helping at Working Weekends.



- 5th Crosby raised **£249** for LAC at their Bingo Fundraiser
- 2nd Crosby Camp 
- 5th Crosby Camp 
- 12th Crosby Camp 



Thank You Anton – LAC Social Media Lead

- Launched the Llanfannan Activity Centre Facebook Page, expanding our reach significantly.
- Regular engaging posts including photos and videos showcasing the centre and our dedicated volunteers.
- Conducted advertising and outreach campaigns targeting over 20 hiking, rambling, and mountaineering groups, including university-affiliated and independent groups.
- Anton's efforts have resulted in positive responses and new bookings. Notable bookings include Swansea University Students Union and 1st Alton Cubs in Staffordshire County.



Wingdings 2024

Wingdings 2024 was an exciting and memorable weekend as 2nd Crosby, 8th Crosby, and 10th Crosby Cubs came together to camp as one group.

They were joined for part of the weekend by 5th Crosby Cubs, who camped on a neighbouring site, adding to the sense of community and fun.

The volunteer teams worked closely together, pooling resources and supporting each other with camp planning and organisation so that everything ran smoothly.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts, the weekend was filled with fun, camaraderie, and shared experiences for the 69 campers.

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Programme Team

- Nat O'Neill
- Rosie Robinson
- Sam Reynolds
- Dan McDonald
- Louise Burrows
- Lucy Fol

The team puts a lot of thought and care into planning fun and sustainable events that are affordable for all our young people's families. By keeping things budget-friendly while generating a small surplus at each event, we're able to fund future activities and make even bigger events possible. A huge thank you to everyone who has attended and shown support at our events so far—you make it all happen!

- Squirrel & Beaver Campfire: Over 90 young people enjoyed an evening of song and celebration of the spirit of Scouting
- Plaza Cinema Trip: Over 380 Crosby Scouters were hosted by our brilliant neighbours at Plaza Cinema
- Greater Manchester West County Scouts Cub Mudder: Thank you Dave and the team for welcoming our volunteers to their Cub Mudder 2024 which has inspired plans for our own Cub Mudder and Scudder event, taking place at Tawd Vale Adventure Centre on Sunday 27th April 2025



Tchau e boa viagem, Mateus!

In November 2024, 12th Crosby welcomed Brazilian Scout, Mateus Becker, for a week-long visit. During his stay, he was embraced by both the group and their families, who welcomed him into their homes. Mateus had spent the previous six months traveling the world, hosted by Scout families in different countries, sharing experiences, and participating in Scout activities.

During his visit, Mateus was also welcomed by 4th Crosby, where he joined their section meetings, and was an honoured guest at our Squirrel & Beaver Campfire.

Mateus reflected on his time with 12th Crosby, saying:

"It was an incredible week, with many wonderful moments, new friendships and unforgettable adventures, it's been 214 days since I've been travelling, and I'm sure one of the best moments of my trip I had in Liverpool, I would like to give a special thanks to Big Tim from group 12th, who helped me and organised an incredible program for me, with activities every day, visiting other families and participating in activities with scouts of all ages. It was a week of great joy, laughs and a lot of scouts, once again proving that scout is an international movement, it's a family! In these videos you can see some moments of this week, but they could never explain the gratitude and affection I have to everyone I met, thank you very much for everything! You made my experience much better than I could ever imagine!"

A heartfelt thank you to his hosts 12th Crosby who demonstrated that we are all a part of the Worldwide Family of Scouting.



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Category	Census 2024	Census 2025	Change 2024 > 2025
Squirrels	14	23	+ 9 young people
Beavers	103	85	- 18 young people
Cubs	113	123	+ 10 young people
Scouts	83	93	+ 10 young people
Explorers	37	33	- 4 young people
Network	6	21	+ 15 young people
Total Youth Membership	356	378	+ 22 young people Growth of 6.19%
Total Adult Membership	93	105	+ 12 people Growth of 12.9%



We've seen some promising growth in the 2025 census, with a 6.19% increase in youth membership and a 12.9% growth in adult membership. A highlight on the past year was the opening of a new Squirrel Drey at 12th Crosby.

Looking ahead, our key focus areas will be addressing the reduction in Beaver scouts' numbers. While we've seen solid overall growth in adult membership, this has been concentrated in certain groups. We will be looking at how to encourage adult volunteers in other areas and have already reached out to the Growth & Communities team for support. There are some fantastic examples of recruitment initiatives already, such as the 2nd Crosby Parent-Helper rota and recruitment push on local community social media. 4th Crosby have had great success recruiting parents to volunteer positions and onboarding existing Scout volunteers who have moved to our area.

We'd love to see each section in every group set the goal to grow their youth membership by at least one new young person this year. With everyone's continued dedication, we're confident we can continue the positive momentum and hopefully achieve this goal.



Jen Wilson

District Lead Volunteer

Recognition & Thanks



Congratulations 4th Crosby

Recognition & Thanks

It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate the incredible achievement of the 4th Crosby & District - St William of York - Scout Group this year, as they were awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service by His Majesty's representative in Merseyside, Mr. Mark Blundell, the Lord Lieutenant, at an awards ceremony last month.

This prestigious honour, which is equivalent to an MBE, is the highest recognition a local voluntary group can receive in the UK. Mr. Blundell highlighted how 4th Crosby Scouts stood out among the many nominations due to their dedication to widening access to Scouting, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with complex educational and care needs.

The group goes above and beyond to ensure that all young people can participate, heavily subsidising activities for families and organising fundraising events to support their mission. Their annual Halloween Bingo was a fantastic event, and we're all looking forward to their upcoming sponsored walk later this month.

Congratulations to everyone at 4th Crosby Scouts for this well-deserved recognition! Your hard work, commitment, and generosity continue to make a difference in the lives of so many young people and their families.



Jen Wilson

District Lead Volunteer

Recognition & Thanks

We wish to celebrate and recognise the achievements of the following volunteers in our District:

Peter Morris: Nights Away Assessor, Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers, & DC [Retired]

John Gorst: 2nd Crosby Group Lead Volunteer [Retired]

Jean Jones: 14th Crosby Volunteer [Retired]

New Group Lead Volunteers: Deb Griffin 30th Crosby

New Nights Away Permit Holders:	Jono Lines	12 th Crosby
	'Little' Tim Hodgson	12 th Crosby
	Lucy Fol	4 th Crosby

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the volunteers from other Districts and from County who have generously supported us this year. Their collaboration has been invaluable, we truly appreciate their partnership.

**Mandy Foulkes, Ricky Brennan, Charlie Cunnane
Michael Woods, Kevin Edwards, Stephen Bennet
Calum Towers from Merseyside County Scouts**



Commendations for outstanding contribution

Awards



Kieran Murphy

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Steve Woods

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Bill McCauley

Looking forward to 2025

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Looking Forward to 2025

Llansannan Working Weekends
WhatsApp group



14 Mar at 12:00 – 16 Mar at 16:00

Llansannan Working Weekend

Llansannan, Denbigh, LL16 5HL



26 Apr at 10:00 – 27 Apr at 17:00

Adult Volunteer Camp & Event Set Up

Tawd Vale Adventure Centre



Sunday 27 April 2025 from 10:00-16:00

Cub Mudder | Scudder 2025

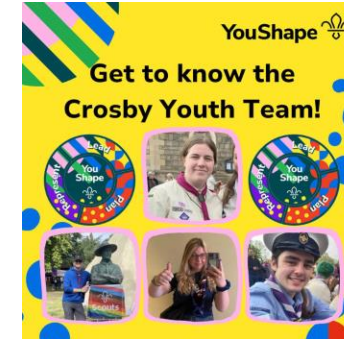
Tawd Vale Adventure Centre



Wednesday 11 June 2025 from 19:30-21:00

10B First Response Practical Demonstration

1a Myers Road East, Liverpool, L23 0QS, United Kingdom



Need to complete your First Aid 10B?



See Mandy who can help you with this module of your First Aid certification.

Questions & Answers

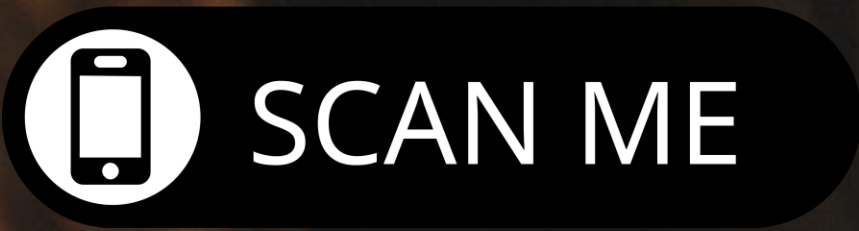


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(5-10 minutes, survey is anonymous)



Campfire Social





“A great celebration of achievement for all our members in Crosby”
Calum Towers,
Transformation Lead

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