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Dear District,

I would like to offer the very best of Season's Greetings to all our Scouting friends and leaders across the District and further afield. I hope you are all well under way with making arrangements with family and friends for Christmas activities as well as for your groups and units, and I would like to wish you all the very best for the New Year ahead.

I have found it difficult to put words together and to write comments of the passing of our dear friend Ian Chapman, as I am so very unqualified to write such a eulogy, unlike so many who have been close friends to Mr. Chapman.

Today we celebrated the life of Ian with thoughts and prayers for his family. The service was so well attended there was standing room only; many of us intently listening from the porch.

Ian was greeted by a guard of honour and with the Union Flag and County Flag standing tall at the front. Dobby Morton spoke brilliantly of Ian's Scouting achievements and family of their much loved Brother, Dad and Gramps. We were encouraged to sing Jerusalem 'lustily' - and the roof was in danger of being dislodged. Ian, we were told, was wearing his scout uniform as we said our "Goodbyes" to a wonderful man.

Scouting was a great passion in Ian's life, but it is his Family that was the greatest and most important thing - and that he was immensely proud of them all. It was also mentioned that Ian stood for what we call "Old fashioned values: service to others and dedication".

Dobby referred to our **Scout Promise and Law** of **"On my honor, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law"**, and:

**"A Scout is to be trusted. A Scout is loyal. A Scout is friendly and considerate. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts. A Scout has courage in all difficulties. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others"**.

Dobby also highlighted how Ian was the epitome of those values. I personally remember Ian receiving his award for 60 years of adult service at the County AGM and also stepping down as County Chair. He was telling us about his values and that his generation was taught to *respect others, service to country and common decency* - and that young folk looked upon his age as 'dinosaurs' - but he told us these values had served him well.

He did also look over the top of his glasses to remind us we could do well to remember, as I am sure those who have had the benefit of Ian's words of wisdom can picture.

As we all reflect on our thoughts and share our stories of Ian, I hope you join me in thinking about Ian's life, and how he used his time to live a happy life and to make the world a better place than he found it - as B-P said in his last message.

As we remember and honour the life of one of the greatest Scouts, I think we should all do this by making the very best out of our own.

Never forgotten, lights out.

Yours

**Chris Scott**  
District Commissioner

Below you will find details of all courses currently run by Merseyside county. Details concerning this year's courses can be found in the downloads section.

## Getting Started (Welcome and Induction)

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This informal course is intended for all new adult members within the County and will last for one evening, run every other month. The course is an enhanced getting started that will seek to offer an exciting introduction to new adults and springboard both their membership to the movement and their training needs.

### 2016 Courses:

- 13th February [E Book Now](#)
- 21st May [E Book Now](#)
- 17th September [E Book Now](#)
- 19th November [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Provisional Appointment  
**Duration:** Half day

## Section Essentials

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This full day course is intended for all new Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout or Explorer Scout Leaders; or leaders who are moving between Sections. The course offers essential information on being a member of a Section Leadership Team as well as essential Section specific training.

### 2016 Courses:

- 5th March [E Book Now](#)
- 25th June [E Book Now](#)
- 22nd October [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started  
**Duration:** One Day

## Management and Support Essentials

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This full day course is intended for all new District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners and Group Scout Leaders. The course offers essential information on undertaking a role whereby you have a responsibility to manage or support other adult volunteers.

### 2016 Courses:

- 19th March [E Book Now](#)
- 15th October [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started  
**Duration :** One Day

## Introduction to Residential Experiences

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This one day course is a necessary requirement for all leaders.

### 2016 Courses:

- 14th February [E Book Now](#)
- 9th October [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started & ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials  
**Duration :** Half Day

## Nights Away

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This course requires a full day of preparation and then a residential weekend at Tawd Vale Scout Camp. It offers a fantastic opportunity to develop skills for offering residential experiences for adults from all Sections and is the first step for attaining a Nights Away permit for adults who do not yet possess the skills required.

### 2016 Course:

- 5th June & 24th to 26th June [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started and Module 16 ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials  
**Duration:** One Day and One Weekend

## Safeguarding

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### 2016 Course:

- 10th March: [E Book Now](#)
- 14th July: [E Book Now](#)
- 10th November: [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** None  
**Duration:** Evening

## First Response

The one day First Aid course is designed to at least meet and where possible exceed the requirements of First Response; which is the minimum requirement for all adults holding appointments in Scouting.

### 2016 Courses:

- 20th February [E Book Now](#)
- 6th March [E Book Now](#)
- 4th June [E Book Now](#)
- 9th July [E Book Now](#)
- 2nd October [E Book Now](#)
- 12th November [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** None  
**Duration :** One Day

## Supplementary Modules

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There are a number of other courses available within the adult training scheme that provide skills for the delivery of training experiences and for working with young people with special needs. These modules can be delivered in a number of flexible ways, on request.

