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## A Very Special Wedding Celebration



*The happy couple then went on to the 'Pageant' where they were greeted outside by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from their own Scout Group, before joining the rest of their guests inside to finish off a very enjoyable day for all involved.*



*Many Congratulations to Victoria and Stuart (Cub leaders at the 2nd Southport) who were married on 4<sup>th</sup> March and many thanks to the various Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from Southport District who went along to form a Guard of Honour for them at the Town Hall in the morning.*



*It was a great turnout and a very proud moment.*

**Mark Furness**  
ADC (Cubs)

## **.Merseyside County Scouts**

Application forms for Merseyside Scouts Nepalese Adventure 2018 are now available at

<http://www.merseysidescouts.org.uk/Nepal-2018/>

Check it out. It's open to Explorer Scouts, Network Members, Leaders and other Adult members - Hurry applications close 31st March 2017!



## New Scout Ambassadors

I am delighted to announce that five well-known figures will be joining the Scout Ambassador team, to raise awareness of our invaluable work helping young people develop skills for life.

They are Paralympic gold medallist **Ellie Simmonds**, Olympic gold medallist **Helen Glover**, TV presenters **Anita Rani** and **Steve Backshall**, and adventurer **Megan Hine**. They join current Scout Ambassadors, including **Chris Evans**, **Ed Stafford** and **Julia Bradbury**, as positive role models for young people.

Along with our current ambassadors and volunteers, I know they will champion our Scout values and support us in growing the movement, helping more young people develop skills for life.

In addition to introducing our new ambassadors, I'm pleased to announce that **Bear Grylls has accepted an offer to remain as Chief Scout** until 2020, following a full consultation with the Council of The Scout Association, and a recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

**Tim Kidd**

UK Chief Commissioner

**Scout Ambassadors are committed to raising national awareness of Scouting's invaluable work, helping young people develop skills for life. They help raise our profile, extend our reach and gain influence across the UK.**

### Ellie Simmonds OBE

Aged just 13, swimmer Ellie won two golds at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic games, and went on to win again at London 2012 and Rio 2016.

'Young people need positive role models. They also need a safe, nurturing and supportive environment where they can try new things and not be afraid to fail. Scouting is one of those places.'



### Anita Rani

Journalist and broadcaster Anita is a familiar face on television, presenting shows including BBC's Countryfile.

'Scouting has a hugely powerful role to play in helping young people, girls as well as boys, develop those all-important life skills. It's an inspiring organisation that inspires so many.'



### Steve Backshall

Naturalist, adventurer and television presenter Steve has travelled the world, and was Scouting's Cubs100 ambassador in 2016.

'I got started as a Cub in 1<sup>st</sup> Bagshot Scout Group and learnt how to work as part of a team, light fires, canoe and much more. So many of the skills that I use on my expeditions now, I learnt at Cubs.'



### Helen Glover MBE

Helen is a two-time Olympic champion and triple World Champion, winning British women's rowing's first ever gold medal at London 2012.

'I was one of the first females in our Cub Scout Pack. It led to a love of the outdoors and really grew my confidence. The confidence that you gain through Scouting is something that you just can't buy.'



## Megan Hine

Adventurer and survival expert Megan has guided people through some of the most extreme environments on Earth.

'Scouts help children and young adults find alternative ways in life and help them to think outside of the box. I call on others to volunteer a little time to help young people get the best possible start.'



## Julia Bradbury

TV presenter Julia Bradbury, is well known for her love of the outdoors, and has a passion for adventure

'I've had so many "outdoor adventures" – walking, abseiling, rock climbing, and paragliding to name just some and I can't really pinpoint one amazing moment because each one is thrilling in its own way. The Scouts are brilliant as they really give people those opportunities too to experience adventure. For me, the last one is the best, but the great thing is that there is hopefully another one round the corner to top it!'



## Ed Stafford

Explorer and former Cub and Scout Ed Stafford is a world record holder for the longest jungle expedition ever undertaken. He is the first man to ever have walked the length of the Amazon River.

'I feel that my love of adventure really came from those first night camps I went on with the Scouts. Getting outdoors was always the best part of Scouting for me.'



## Chris Evans

Producer and presenter for TV and radio Chris Evans is the current host of the BBC Radio 2 Breakfast show, and a recent recipient of the Scouting Entrepreneur Challenge Award.

'I love the fact that Scouting has gone international. It's brilliant. When we did it, it was always good, but it was a lot more localised, and it seems to have really come into the 21st century, which I think is really important.'



## Richard Harpin

Founder and Chief Executive of Homeserve, Richard Harpin is one of the UK's leading entrepreneurs and sponsor of the Entrepreneur Challenge. Richard is also a Scout Fellow.

'I myself got such a lot out of Scouting, that it's wonderful I can give something



back with my support of the Entrepreneur Challenge. These young people are the future leaders of business, so we need to be encouraging them in every way possible.'

## Justin King

Justin King is a former CEO of J Sainsbury plc, and has supported Scouting personally and through our successful partnership with Sainsbury's for many years.

'I believe that the values that guide Scouting and the opportunities it affords young people to grow personally and support their communities have never been more relevant. As a large employer we always look beyond academic qualifications when recruiting young people; an involvement in Scouting is a great way for them to demonstrate they are made of "the right stuff".'



## Lord Sebastian Coe

Lord Sebastian Coe is a double Olympic champion and 12-time world record holder in athletics. As the chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, he was instrumental in delivering a successful London 2012.

'I wasn't ever a Scout but I was very honoured to be asked to become an Ambassador for the Scout Movement two years ago. I left it a bit late to join but I got there in the end.'



## Dawud Wharnsby

Canadian Dawud Wharnsby is a singer-songwriter, poet and performer, supporting Scouting in the UK and internationally.

'I believe Scouting offers something valuable to communities. It's about trying to work together to solve some of the fundamentals of community. If we can solve those problems, indirectly, a lot of the big issues will start to subside.'



## Requests for local Scout Ambassador support

Our Scout Ambassador Scheme is focussed on raising the profile of Scouting at a national level. Due to time and other commitments, local requests for appearances therefore cannot currently be met. However if you have an enquiry relating to Scout Ambassadors, please contact [communications@scouts.org.uk](mailto:communications@scouts.org.uk).



## Merseyside Scouts

### Our County Office has moved!

The County Executive recently approved plans to relocate our County Office to the Tea Factory, in Wood Street, Liverpool City Centre. We believe this will bring a number of benefits, including providing:

- increased opportunity for us to engage with other organisations and partners, serving Merseyside with whom we already work and with whom we would like to work
- a more central location, easily accessible by public transport
- a variety of spaces, including meeting rooms and collaborative areas that are accessible 24x7
- improved connectivity to support our increasing use of technology
- a vibrant environment, that is flexible enough to support range of meetings, activities and small support events

Today (Thursday), we completed the first phase of our move to a newly refurbished facility, and our new office is now live.

We will complete the move over the weekend.

With immediate effect, our new address is:

**Merseyside Scouts, Tea Factory,  
Spaces 301, 82 Wood Street, Liverpool  
L1 4DQ**

**Our telephone number remains:  
0151 707 2671, option 1**

**Our office primary email address  
remains:  
office@merseysidescouts.com**

We look forward to welcoming those who make use of County Office, when you next visit.

## New Deputy UK Youth Commissioner appointed

The Scout Association is pleased to announce that 23-year-old Frankie Smith will be joining UK Youth Commissioner Hannah Kentish as a deputy, alongside Jagz Bharth.

Frankie started Scouting as a Beaver at the age of six, and went through the sections at 3rd Hastings Scout Group before joining Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit. He then began volunteering as an Assistant Scout Leader once he turned 18, a role he maintained throughout his degree.

In 2015 he joined East Sussex County team and became their first ever County Youth Commissioner, helping to shape Scouting for young people in the area. He is currently working towards his Queen's Scout Award and is also part of the Summit 17 planning team.

'I'm really excited to start in this new role, mainly because I'm looking forward to using some of the knowledge I gained from being a County Youth Commissioner in East Sussex,' Frankie says. 'I know how the role works, and that, when you're younger, sometimes it can seem a little daunting. I want to support others and impart some of my knowledge.'

'I think the UK Youth Commissioner team has done a great job so far, and has put down excellent groundwork for getting Youth Shaped Scouting really embedded in the Programme. I hope I can continue to build on some of the good work that has already been done.'

We wish Frankie the best of luck in his new role.

If you'd like to follow Frankie's work as Deputy UK Youth Commissioner, find him on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).