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## Trained, prepared and active - Indonesian Scouts

## "Thankyou" card received at Waterside Lodge

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

INDONESIA, Kaliajir - In Central Java, heavy rains have been pouring in recent months. For as long as people can remember, these seasonal storms have been a dangerous neighbour for hundreds of thousands of people who call the area home.

To support communities prepare and respond to these cyclical events, **Gerakan Pramuka - the Scouts of Indonesia** - have been mapping out natural disaster events in each community around the country and developing an action plan to respond quickly and appropriately when dangers occur.

From the mapping process, the Scouts found that the village of Kaliajir is affected by landslides when the seasonal rains come. In March 2017, 140 homes were bombarded by a landslide trapping people in buildings and destroying the neighbourhood. The local 'Central Java Scout Disaster Response Team' have been prepared, trained and ready for the rains to come and the dangers that they bring with them. **Ubaloka**, as they call themselves, responded quickly by putting on their orange uniforms and evacuating the local population. They then went back to where the village used to stand and searched for survivors.

Their rapid response is helping to protect the community.

There are some people who have the quality of richness and joy in them, and they communicate it to everything they touch.

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*But like the mighty mariner  
who sails the storm tossed sea,  
and used the stars to chart his course  
with skill and certainty,  
You, too, can chart your course in life  
with high ideals and love,  
for high ideals are like the stars  
that light the stars above ....  
You cannot ever reach them,  
but lift your head up high  
and your life will be as shining  
as the stars up in the sky.*

We're celebrating more volunteers  
than ever before,



but we still need more.

## Waterside Lodge Activity Diary

- May**
- 1/3 Manchester Coll. of Film – Resident
  - 2 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 2 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
  - 3 **WET NIGHT**
  - 4 Sefton CVS, 'Living Well' Conference
  - 4 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 5 'Borders' Caravan Rally
  - 6 Birthday Party, Sailing
  - 7 58th Southport, AGM & Boating
  - 7 **NW REGION SCAVENGER HUNT, L'pool**
  - 8 48th S'port Beavers, Navigation Badge
  - 8 61st Southport Scouts, Dragon Boating
  - 9 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 9 Active Support Meeting, Archery
  - 9 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
  - 10 **WET NIGHT**
  - 11 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 11 Women's Institute, Meeting
  - 11 R. Navy Staff, Resident
  - 12/14 CCF Dinghy Sailing Course
  - 15 61st Southport AGM
  - 15 61st Southport Scouts, Dragon Boating
  - 16 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 16 Pyro Explorers Meeting
  - 17 **WET NIGHT**
  - 18 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 20 Triathlon Swimming Coaching
  - 20 **FIRST AID COURSE**
  - 21 Triathlon
  - 22 61st Southport Beavers, Water Safety
  - 22 61st Southport Cubs, Tent Pitching
  - 22 61st Southport Scouts Nautical Skills
  - 22 **WATERSIDE LODGE BOARD Meeting**
  - 23 Sefton CVS, 'Early Childhood' Forum
  - 23 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 23 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
  - 23 **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, Meeting**
  - 24 **WET NIGHT**
  - 25 Sea Cadets, Training
  - 25 58th Southport Cubs, Dragon Boating
  - 26/27 Merchant Taylors' Staff, Resident
  - 26/28 Liverpool College CCF, Sailing
  - 27 Auslese Society, Function
  - 28/2 Jun CCF, Dinghy Training
  - 30 Pyro Explorers, Meeting
  - 30 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
  - 31 **WET NIGHT**

## We're launching the search for our next County commissioner

You'll be aware that Alan Seeley recently finished his appointment as County Commissioner of Merseyside Scouts and that Peter Oliver is currently acting County Commissioner until Alan's successor is appointed at the County Conference and AGM in September.

**The North West Region are now launching the search for our next County Commissioner to manage a team of volunteers and lead Merseyside Scouts forward.**

You need to be up for the challenge and we promise you fun and adventure as you travel around the county and meet 1,000s of young people enjoying Scouting in Merseyside. No Scout experience is necessary and you will have a full team around you as well as being a member of a worldwide organisation with over 600,000 members in the U.K.

If you are interested in the role, or would like to consider nominating someone else, please see the following downloads:

- [County Commissioner Vacancy Pack](#)
- [County Commissioner Search Process Letter](#)
- [County Commissioner Nomination Form](#)

This information is also available on our website by [clicking here](#).

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