



West Mercia Scout County – Unit 65 Monthly Update: February 2026



Hi all,

We hope you are all well. Please see below for some quick updates and reminders.

Badge & Neckerchief Designs:

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a badge design. It has been fantastic to see your ideas and creativity.

A reminder that the **deadline for submissions is Sunday 15 February**. Submitting a design is not compulsory, but we encourage as many young people as possible to share their ideas. If you have already submitted a design, you are very welcome to send in additional entries if you have been working on more.

If you cannot visualise your design, that is fine - feel free to jot down your ideas to us, and we'll do our best our best to interpret your design.

Useful websites:

- <https://badge.design/> (creating the design)
- <https://www.westmerciascouts.org.uk/gallery/wmsc-wsj-badges> (Previous West Mercia County Unit badges)

OSM Record:

Following our January meeting, it was agreed that we would use Lewis's existing record to ensure badges such as Nights Away are mapped across. Over the past week, we have been in contact with your Scout or Explorer Scout Leader to request access, and we can now confirm that all majority of all records have been received. This means you no longer need to duplicate information, and any badge progress will transfer automatically.

However, after reviewing the data, we have noticed that some information we require is not captured at Group/Unit level. Could you please review Lewis's details and update them where necessary, particularly regarding consent, medication, allergies, and Doctor's Surgery information.

[DETAILS]

If any section is not relevant, please enter "N/A" or "None" so we know that the information is up to date.

Our first Unit Camp:

You should have received an invitation to our first Unit Camp. The **deadline to respond is Wednesday 18th February**. If you are unable to attend, please select “No” in the relevant field.

[EVENTS]

WhatsApp Group:

We have created a WhatsApp Announcement Group to share useful information and reminders. Joining is completely optional; all key information will still be sent via email. Please note that only Unit Leaders will be able to post messages in this group.

If you would like to join, please use this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I5GpfAIJVqK4NCJ7ltqQxl>

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via email, and we will do our best to assist you. Alternatively, check out our new FAQs page here <https://www.westmerciascouts.org.uk/ws2027/ws2027-faqs>. We will be updating this page regularly as we receive questions and feedback.

Yours in Scouting,

Unit 65 Leadership Team