



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



Hello,

Please see below for a quick update on all things Unit 65:

Unit Camp 1 - Patshull

We have just completed our first camp as a Unit, and it was wonderful to see our Unit Members learning one another's names and coming together as a team. Across the course of the weekend, they were challenged with cooking their own meals, lighting their own fires and performing some site work restocking the campsite's firewood store. Patshull's staff were so impressed with the volume of work done that they sent us some ice cream to enjoy on Saturday night! The staff also commented on how well-behaved our young people were and how tidy they left their campsite. Congratulations to all.

Jamboree Travel and Kit Update

The Unit Leadership Team recently attended a national conference where we were given a few key pieces of information relating to the Jamboree itself, which we thought it useful to share with you:

- It has been confirmed that we will be travelling to the Jamboree by coach. We will be picked up from within our County (location TBC) and taken to the Jamboree site via an overnight stop somewhere in Europe. We have been advised by the UK Contingent that travel itineraries will hopefully be confirmed this summer. We will keep you updated once we receive more information.
- The UK Contingent will be providing branded 4-person tents to all Units, which we will be transporting with us to and from the Jamboree. We have been given a preview of these tents, which are spacious and accessible. To clarify, no Unit Members are expected to provide their own tent for the Jamboree itself.
- You may well have seen that The UK Contingent has now released its official Jamboree brand, featuring Oddie the Otter. Everyone who was able to join us at camp has been given their official red, white and blue Jamboree neckerchief, which should be worn at all Unit events going forward (you can still wear your normal group neckerchiefs to your weekly Scout/Explorer meetings). We will endeavour to get neckerchiefs to those who were not able to come to camp as soon as possible.

Our Unit Badge

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who submitted a design idea for our Unit Badge. We were blown away by the volume and quality of designs, but unfortunately, we can only choose one. We worked with our Unit Members to narrow down the choices to a final

shortlist and are now inviting everyone to cast their votes for the final design. You can vote using the link below and must do so by Sunday 5th April 2026, in order for your vote to be counted. We will announce the winner in due course.

Unit 65: Badge Design Vote – Fill in form

Dates for the Diary

Below are some dates of confirmed upcoming events, which we would like to make everyone aware of. Please note that the list below is not exhaustive, and we are working to confirm dates of other events and fundraisers, which we will distribute as soon as practically possible.

- Friday 24th April – Unit fundraising quiz (details to be shared very soon)
- Saturday 16th May – Unit water sports event (invite to follow via OSM)
- Friday 18th – Sunday 20th September – A very special Unit camp (Location TBA)

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable long Easter weekend. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Unit 65 Leadership Team