



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



Hi All,

Please see below, Mays Update.

Unit Leaders Conference Update:

Following the recent Unit Leaders' Conference, we wanted to share a few key updates:

- The UK Contingent has confirmed that an additional shirt will not be included as part of the package. However, there will be an opportunity to purchase an additional shirt at a discounted rate through the online Scout Store. We will circulate this code along with a badge placement guide in a future email to assist with uniform preparation.
- All participants will receive a branded UK Contingent water bottle as part of their kit.
- It has also been confirmed that the unit will be stopping for two nights en route to the Jamboree site and for two nights on the return journey to the UK. We do not currently know which country this will be, the UK Contingent have stated that they are working on sending the itinerary to the Leadership Team in Summer 2027.
- The UK Contingent reiterated that there will be no pre or post event extensions attached to the trip.

Programme:

Thank you for your patience while we've been finalising the programme. As you can imagine, running a Jamboree experience involves more than unit events and fundraising. There are significant behind the scenes tasks we must complete to ensure that not only are we compliant, but the safety and wellbeing of our unit members is at the forefront.

Over the next few days, you will see our programme for the next 6 months appear on OSM. Some events will be available to RSVP straight away, while others will open closer to the date. We have ensured to craft our programme around school holidays and exam dates as well as our own personal availability.

Our aim is to deliver a programme shaped by the young people's ideas, offering experiences they may not normally access locally. While building a strong, cohesive unit ready for an international Jamboree.

Fundraising Activities:

Thank you to everyone who supported our first fundraising event, we raised £521.51 which will be shared between the unit members.

We've also formed a Jamboree Unit Support Team (JUST) to help organise fundraising alongside the Jamboree Leadership Team. These dates will be shared via OSM but may be subject to change.

As our County covers a wide area with multiple districts, it may not always be possible to hold fundraising events in every location. We will always aim to run a variety of events across the County where we can. Please also be aware that some events may have limited capacity due to venue size, fire safety regulations, and terms set by the venue. While we will do our best to include as many young people as possible, this is not always fully within our control.

Fundraising Activity 2:

We are planning a Unit fundraising event for the 10th July, we are confirming venue details. We hope to share more details as soon as possible.

Grant - The RDC Foundation:

The RDC Foundation is a UK charity that provides grants of up to £1,000 to help young people access outdoors and adventurous opportunities. In previous years, the Foundation has supported young people attending the World Scout Jamboree, helping to reduce financial barriers to taking part in this once in a life time experience.

If you would like to learn more about the charity or apply for a grant, please visit:

www.rdc.foundation

Your Fundraising Journey:

It's been great to hear about the fundraising efforts already completed by some of our unit members. We would love to feature and celebrate these achievements on our social media channels, so please do share your stories and photos with us.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming fundraising event, please note that these will only be shared on the WhatsApp group only and will not be promoted on social media.

Payment Schedule:

On 21/04/26, we shared an updated payment schedule following changes from the UK Contingent. While the overall costs remain the same, payment deadlines have shifted. If anyone is worried about meeting instalment deadlines, please do contact us and we will support as best we can.

Patrols:

Thank you to everyone who has put themselves forward (or nominated others) for Patrol Leader roles. We have now made provisional patrol allocations; these were shared with Unit Members at our May event.

Please note, these are not final. Roles and patrols may change over the next 15 months as we prepare for Poland.

Passports & EHIC:

Please ensure that passports are valid with at least 6 months remaining beyond August 2027. Also check that EHIC/GHIC cards are in date.

EventsAir:

Thank you all for completing the EventsAir registration.

Badge Placement Guide:

Please find attached the badge placement guide for reference. This guidance assumes that you are not purchasing a new shirt for [FIRSTNAME]. If you are buying a new shirt that will be worn exclusively for the Jamboree, please do not sew on the Group / Explorer Unit name tape, Moving On Award, Joining In Award, or any Young Leader badges.

FAQs:

Reminder that we have a FAQs section on the County website. This page is a living resource and will be updated regularly as we receive new questions and feedback. We recommend checking back from time to time for the latest information, clarifications, and updates. If you can't find the answer you're looking for, please get in touch. We're always happy to help and your question may help improve this page for everyone.

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Yours in Scouting,

Unit 65 Leadership Team