

## **West Mercia Scout County – Unit 65**

### **Monthly Update: June 2026**

Hi All,

Please see below, June's Update.

#### **Quick reminder:**

June payments are due. Just a quick reminder, as we understand how easy it is to lose track of the dates. If anyone is worried about meeting instalment deadlines, please do contact us and we will support as best we can.

#### **Update from the UK Contingent:**

There is currently a Whatsapp community page titled 'WSJ Poland 2027' that is circulating. This includes people from many countries and a range of ages which is leading to safeguarding concerns. As it is being spread on social media young people are joining it and there have been cases of hate messages on it. As we desire to keep everyone safe, if you know of a young person on this community, please encourage them to leave it, and any further concerns please report to [Scouts' Safeguarding Team](#).

#### **Important note regarding payment schedule**

We have recently received an update from the UK Contingent following the Unit Leaders Conference at Gilwell Park, where Ben was briefed on the latest arrangements for travel, kit and logistics, much of which has already been shared with you. Another topic of discussion at the conference was the schedule of participant fee payments, specifically the instalment due in December 2026. We are pleased to confirm that based on feedback from leadership teams, the UK Contingent have agreed to push the due date for this payment back by one month. That means that instalment 6 will now be payable by 22nd January 2027. We have attached to this email an updated version of the payment schedule in the participant agreement for your convenience. All other instalment deadlines remain unchanged.

We apologise for the fact that the schedule has changed again, but hopefully this will be good news for many of you and will take some of the financial pressure off over Christmas time.

#### **Programme:**

Due to struggles finding a venue that could accommodate us for a fundraiser in July, we are instead hosting an activity evening at County HQ. This is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July from 19:30 – 21:00 where Unit 65 can get to know each other better, find out their current patrol allocations whilst interacting with jamboree and polish team building activities.

### **Brownsea Island Camp:**

Our next camp is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of September, where we are planning to take the unit to Brownsea Island. This will see the scouts travel in minibuses; sleeping one night in a scout hut and the other on Brownsea Island. Activities and cost to be finalised nearer the time.

### **Fundraising Activities:**

In an effort to rearrange our fundraising activity, we have got our brilliant JUST team planning a fundraising activity in October. As we are reorganising to find a venue, we will keep you updated on when we have a date.

### **Unit 65 merchandise:**

A reminder to purchase some of our Unit 65 badges! They are a great way to raise money across your local scout groups and other scouting events.

We are also launching our Unit 65 hoodies for preorder! Click the link to see our design and place an order. These are not compulsory kit for the jamboree; however, we think they look pretty good. All preorders must be placed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, with each hoodie costing £26.

- Both are available at this link: <https://www.westmerciascouts.org.uk/ws2027/unit-65-merchandise-order-form>

### **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 lifetime experience.

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

[www.rdc.foundation](http://www.rdc.foundation)

### **Grant – The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust:**

The Leslie Sell Charitable trust is a UK based trust which aims to support Scout and Guide groups. Currently they are accepting applications from scout groups to raise money for the world scout jamboree. This grant must be applied for by your scout group and submitted by your group scout leader. If there are multiple participants from your group, ensure to apply on behalf of you all.

If you would like to learn more or apply for this grant, please visit:

<https://lesliesellct.org.uk/>

### **Your Fundraising Journey:**

We've loved hearing about all your fundraising efforts over the last month! Please keep us updated on all your incredible ideas as well love to share your successes and watch your journey progress.

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.

**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.

**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.

[WSJ 2027 FAQs | West Mercia Scouts](#)

Yours in Scouting,

Unit 65 Leadership Team