

Proposed Cheshire County Trustee Board 2024-25

1. David Hopley

County Lead Volunteer (ex-officio 1) 2021-present

Dave has been a member of The Scouts since the age of six. He started his adult leadership journey as Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Over St Johns in Winsford, shortly after gaining his Queen's Scout Award. He was appointed as Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) in 2007, having volunteered on the National Scout section support team since 2004. In 2011 he became Deputy County Commissioner, before being appointed as County Lead Volunteer in 2021. Dave has been instrumental in driving youth engagement in Cheshire and was a Cheshire Unit Leader to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan. Professionally, Dave is Assistant Principal Student Experience for Stoke on Trent College. Outside of work and Scouts, you can find Dave running, walking, spending time with his family and friends, as well as skiing and travelling.



2. Daniel Skinner

County Youth Lead (ex-officio 2) 2024-27

Dan is an Economics Student at the University of Bath, but home will always be Chester. He started his scouting experience 13 years ago and has enjoyed every opportunity scouting has offered him, including two World Scout Jamborees, multiple Gang Shows and many Cheshire Hikes. Dan has been a Beaver Leader, a Young Leader at Cubs and was Deputy District Youth Commissioner for Chester & District. He wants all young people in Cheshire Scouts to be able to say they shaped their own adventure! Outside of studying and scouting, Dan loves to play badminton, works as a waiter, and has a real passion for winter sports. It's rare you don't hear about his time as a chalet host in the French alps.



3. Michael Rollinson JP DL **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-26**

County Chair (appointed 1) designate, incumbent Peter Mather TD

Michael has been deeply involved with The Scouts since joining his local Beaver Colony at the age of 9. Over the years, he has taken on numerous roles within the movement, both at a local level in Salford and on a national scale. His notable contributions include serving as the Chair of The National Awards Advisory Group and being a member of the National Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2015. Additionally, Michael was a trustee for the Greater Manchester West (GMW) Scouts for 9 years. His leadership roles within the Scouts include being a Cub Leader, ADC Cubs in Salford, and the GMW Top Awards Coordinator, where he supported higher awards. Professionally, Michael works as the Assistant Headteacher for Outreach, Partnership and Service at The Manchester Grammar School. He is also an experienced Mountain Leader, with a passion for hill-walking, mountaineering and trekking. Beyond his commitments to Scouting and his professional career, Michael contributes to the community as a Magistrate in Greater Manchester and serves as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater Manchester. Furthermore, he is a Trustee for The Bond Board, an organisation dedicated to reducing homelessness by securing private sector housing for people with low incomes.



4. Luke Thornton **Action: current Trustees recommend re-appointing 2024-27**

County Treasurer (appointed 2) 2021-24

Luke trained as an accountant with EY, spending five years working primarily with Energy & Construction companies from their Aberdeen and London offices. Subsequently he has run his own strategic finance consultancy business working with companies from seed stage startup through to FTSE 100 companies across the globe. As a young person, he achieved his Queen's Scout Award, Explorer Belt Award and attended the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. Aged 21 he joined the Board of the British Youth Council, where he was treasurer for four years. In that role he led on financial matters for the organisation which employed 18 employed members of staff and delivered programs including the UK Youth Parliament, NHS Youth Forum, and Bank of England Youth Forum. He has a BSc from Warwick, is a Chartered Accountant with ICAS and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



5. **Benjamin Savage JP** **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-27**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 3)

Ben is currently Chief Operating Officer for St John Ambulance Cymru, prior to that he was Head of Planning and Programmes for Event Planning at St John Ambulance England. Ben has led and implemented major improvement programmes and volunteering on the front line across the pandemic. Ben is Chair of his local Scout Group in Helsby.



6. **Carl Askew** **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-27**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 4)

Carl is Head of Facilities Management Infrastructure & Projects at Chester Zoo. He has held various key roles in the facilities management and project management field around the world. From his time in the Ministry of Defence to working with the Sultan of Oman. With a background in civil engineering and project management, Carl was co-opted to the Board of Trustees during 2024 and will Chair the Activity Centres sub-committee. Outside of scouting, Carl enjoys travelling, walking, running, and cycling and working on his classic car.



7. **Jake Vickery** **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-25**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 5)

Jake started his scouting experience as an Explorer Scout at Aquila ESU. Since turning 18 he has held a number of roles including a Section Assistant, District Youth Commissioner and Deputy UK Youth Commissioner (Programme), as well as Nominated Youth Representative and Trustee of Cheshire Scouts. Jake has a real passion for empowering young people to shape their Scout experience and modernising the image of scouting. Jake also has a deep commitment to promoting good mental health and wellbeing. Outside of Scouting, Jake had just finished his MChem Pharmaceutical Chemistry degree at University of Leicester and has been an active member of his faculty's support network. In his spare time, he enjoys baking, watching films, attending festivals, and meeting up with friends and family.



8. **John Duley**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 6) 2020-23, and 2023-26

John retired having spent some 40 years working in telecommunications. His scouting life started as a cub, scout and leader in Hertfordshire and progressed via Essex, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and now Cheshire, where he leads on Growth, and Transformation. During this time, he has held roles at group, district and county levels including the County Commissioner role in Bedfordshire. Outside of Scouting he enjoys attending football matches as a supporter of Manchester United. He also is involved with various roles within the Methodist Church.



9. **Philip Cox** **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-26**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 7) 2017-20, and 2020-23

Philip is the Chief Executive of Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington, prior to which he was a senior civil servant for the Department for Communities and Local Government. Prior to moving to Cheshire Philip was actively involved in Scouting in Horsham. Philip has led the Activity Centres sub-committee since 2017 and has agreed to Chair the Project Steering Group for the Under-represented Communities Fund Project.



10. **Soiphet (Nung) Sirisot** **Action: current Trustees recommend appointing 2024-26**

Member of the County Trustee Board (appointed 8)

Nung is an aspiring Educational Psychologist. She is currently studying Psychology in Education at the University of York and is due to graduate this Summer. Nung is progressing to study a PGCE at the University of Leeds. Nung sits across the Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Council representing the voice of young people and young adults in the care service under Cheshire West and Chester Council. Nung is a District Youth Lead for Ebor and when at home volunteers as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader for Cestrian Scout Group in Chester.



11. Danièle Wiseman

Member of the County Trustee Board (Co-opted 1) 2024-25

Danièle is a Strategic Advisor in the Life Sciences industry; her background is Programme Management, Business Change and Consultancy for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and BioPhorum. In Scouting she has over ten years of experience in both leadership and governance roles in Greater Manchester West and was heavily involved in the first and subsequent NW Region Shelterbox Scavenger Hunts. She has travelled extensively with work, as a volunteer and as Deputy Lead for the GMW Explorer Belt expedition to the Baltic States. Danièle has two grown up daughters both participating in scouting.

Danièle is a keen writer and looks after her orchard in her 'spare' time.



12. Vacancy

Member of the County Trustee Board (Co-opted 2) 2024-25

The Trustee Board are particularly looking to Co-Opt an individual with HR and Legal experience.

Administrative Support (Non-Trustee)

Sam Davies

County Office Manager and Executive Assistant

Sam provides professional, confidential, and comprehensive secretarial and administrative support to the County Lead Volunteer and the Board of Trustees. Sam began her career in Corporate Banking and has 14 years' experience in the Education sector before joining Cheshire Scouts, and she continues in her role as Governance Professional for The Cornovii Multi-Academy Trust. Outside of Scouting Sam enjoys walks in the countryside and playing the flute.



Invited to Attend (Non-Trustee)

Oliver Chambers (invited)

Member of the Council of The Scout Association (elected 2023-26)

Oli is currently the District Lead Volunteer for Mersey Weaver, a role he has held since 2018. Although he was Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer in his youth; his journey as an adult volunteer with The Scouts only started in 2014 when he was somehow convinced to take on the Scout Section Leader role for 4th Frodsham after moving back to the area and being invited to a group BBQ!



Charlotte King (invited)

Action: standing for election 2024-27

Nominated Member of the Council of The Scout Association

Charlotte is an Environmental Consultant at RSK Group, working as an environmental coordinator on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, including highways and renewable energy schemes. Charlotte is a Cub Scout Leader at 1st Helsby. In addition, she is a Volunteer Warden at Cheshire Scouts Activity Centres, a member of the Mersey Weaver Welcome and Youth Shaped teams and is part of the team that organises Cheshire Hike practices for Mersey Weaver. She has recently gained her King's Scout Award. Outside of Scouting, Charlotte loves to be in the outdoors, whether that be running, hiking, climbing, or kayaking, and is a motorsport marshal.



Nominator: Jake Vickery, Appointed County Trustee

Seconder 1: Adam Potts, District Lead Volunteer, Warrington West

Seconder 2: Oliver Chambers, District Lead Volunteer, Mersey Weaver

Tobias Abbott (invited)

Action: standing for election 2024-27

Nominated Members (18-24) of the Council of The Scout Association

Toby is a Computer Science Student at Newcastle University. He has been a young leader at 42nd Chester Cubs and an adult leader since he turned 18. Toby attended the World Scout Jamboree in Korea as Cheshire IST and Crew Contact Point. Toby has been part of Chester Gang Show, on stage, backstage and as Assistant Youth Producer. Outside of Scouting he is employed as a Lifeguard. He also volunteers with St John Ambulance as a First Aider and on their Youth Team. He has recently gained his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and Queen's Scout Award.



Nominator: Charlotte O'Brien, County Programme Team Leader

Seconder 1: Daniel Skinner, County Youth Lead

Seconder 2: Jake Vickery, Appointed County Trustee

Eleanor Wallington (invited)

Action: standing for election 2024-27

Nominated Members (18-24) of the Council of The Scout Association

Ellie is District Youth Lead for Warrington East District; she is also a Section Assistant for Beavers and Scouts at 9th Warrington East. Ellie attended the World Scout Jamboree in Korea as Cheshire IST and volunteered on the lost and found centre on-site and at the Dragon City Hotel sorting out UK kit.



Nominator: Daniel Skinner, County Youth Lead

Seconder 1: Charlotte O'Brien, County Programme Team Leader

Seconder 2: Mike Timmins, District Lead Volunteer, Warrington East