

**Proposed Cheshire County Trustee Board 2026-27**

**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**

**County Chair** (appointed 1) 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-26

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. John Duley**

**Member of the County Trustee Board** (appointed 3) 1<sup>st</sup> 2020-23, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023-26, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026-29

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.



**5. Soiphet (Nung) Sirisot**

**Member of the County Trustee Board** (appointed 6) 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-26

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.



**6. Andy Cox**

**Member of the County Trustee Board** (appointed 7) 1<sup>st</sup> 2025-28

Andy is married, with two adult children and lives in Congleton. He is a management consultant having moved to Cheshire after retiring from the Army last year. A passionate mountaineer, whose ambition frequently outstrips his talent, he has climbed all over the world and has a particular love of ice climbing in Norway. Andy attributes his love of the outdoors and adventurous spirit to his time in the Cubs and Scouts nearly 45 years ago. He believes it is a tremendous privilege to be able to reconnect and contribute to a movement that has given him such inspiration through his life.



**7. Glen Dugdale**

**Member of the County Trustee Board** (appointed 8) 1<sup>st</sup> 2025-28

Professionally, Glen is the Estates Project Manager for the Sedbergh School Estate in Cumbria, a role he has held for 8 years, prior to which he was Head of Facilities Management Services for AQA. Glen has been a volunteer with 15th Warrington (St. Josephs) Scouts for over 20 years, is a County Training Advisor and was a member of the Cheshire Unit Leadership team to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015.



**8. Jonathan Spencer**

**Co-Opted Member of the County Trustee Board** (co-opted 1) 2026-27

Jonathan is married with two young-adult children and lives in Bramhall. Now (semi) retiring from professional life and eager to contribute to such a great movement having been a Cub and Scout many years ago. He has over 30 years' experience as a senior marketing professional in the telecoms and finance sectors having worked in the UK and Canada. He has an MBA from the University of Bradford School of Management and is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. A keen musician since taking piano lessons as a child which has now evolved into electronic music production. Also, a lover of all outdoor pursuits with the highlight being regular ski trips to the French Alps.



**9. Susan Leonard**

**Co-opted Member of the County Trustee Board** (co-opted 2) 2026-27

Sue is an experienced and highly trusted Personal Assistant with over three decades of dedicated service across local government and related organisations. She currently serves as Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive of a GM City Council, providing high-level executive and administrative support within a fast-paced and demanding environment. Sue also works in governance as a Minute Clerk, attending Trust, Board and Committee meetings to ensure accurate and professional minute-taking. She is actively involved in the community as a School Governor. Outside of work, Sue is heavily involved in Scouting, holding a range of leadership and trustee roles at both District and County level, although her heart remains with her weekly role as Akela. She is a proud nana to three granddaughters and enjoy spending time with her family. She can often be found out walking her Border Collie, Alfie, or relaxing with a good book.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2020-23, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023-26, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026-29) 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 4<sup>th</sup> Frodsham after moving back to the area and being invited to a group BBQ!



**Charlotte King** (invited)

**Nominated Member of the Council of The Scout Association** (elected 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-27)

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Tobias Abbott** (invited)

**Nominated Members (18-24) of the Council of The Scout Association** (elected 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-27)

Toby is a Computer Science Student at Newcastle University. He has been a young leader at 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Eleanor Wallington** (invited)

**Nominated Members (18-24) of the Council of The Scout Association** (elected 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-27)

Ellie is District Youth Lead for Warrington East District; she is also a Section Assistant for Beavers and Scouts at 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Heather Lomas** (invited)

**Regional Lead Volunteer for the North West of England**

Heather has been volunteering with the Scouts for over 20 years, across a variety of Group, District and County roles. Having been a youth member, Queen's Scout and Explorer Belt holder herself, Heather's passionate about supporting our adult volunteers to deliver inspiring and adventurous programmes as well as international Scouting where she's supported two World Scout Jamborees and led the organisation of Red Rose 2024. Outside of Scouting, Heather enjoys tap dancing and watching cricket. Professionally she runs a group of children's day nurseries, is a trustee of a national early education charity, and an advocate for the importance of outdoor learning in the Early Years.

