



# THE WWESU HOWLER

*Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit's termly newsletter.*

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### THE WWESU HOWLER RETURNS

Team,

We're back! You may have found the Autumn Howler missing from your inbox back in December, but don't worry, we've returned to tell you all about the amazing things Wild Wolf has been doing to kick-off 2022.

For those of you who are new to our mailing list, the WWESU Howler is our termly newsletter: all of our latest adventures delivered straight to your inbox! Usually, in this part of the email, you'll hear from a member of our leadership team but this time we'd like to introduce ourselves. You're currently hearing from the Publicity Team; WWESU's youth-led group in charge of everything from this newsletter to our Instagram page. We're always busy keeping you up to date on what we're up to but if you want to get in touch, please drop us an email [HERE](#).

Now, introductions aside, let's talk about the Spring term. Our Leaders and PLs have worked incredibly hard to curate and deliver a fantastic Spring term programme and it has not fallen short. Kicking off WWESU's first year free from COVID restrictions, this term has been full of the best sort of adventures. The sort when you can't stop laughing, when you're challenged to your limits but are able to reach your goals, and

Happy Easter,  
WWESU Publicity Team



## **Winter Camp 2022**

In January, we hiked through foggy marshlands and strong winds in the chilly Peak District, also making a stop at Speedwell Cavern! The tallest of us had to duck our heads whilst we were guided through the cavern on boats, enjoying some history and scary stories about the original miners along the way. Read our blog post [HERE](#) or watch our video [HERE](#) to hear all about it.

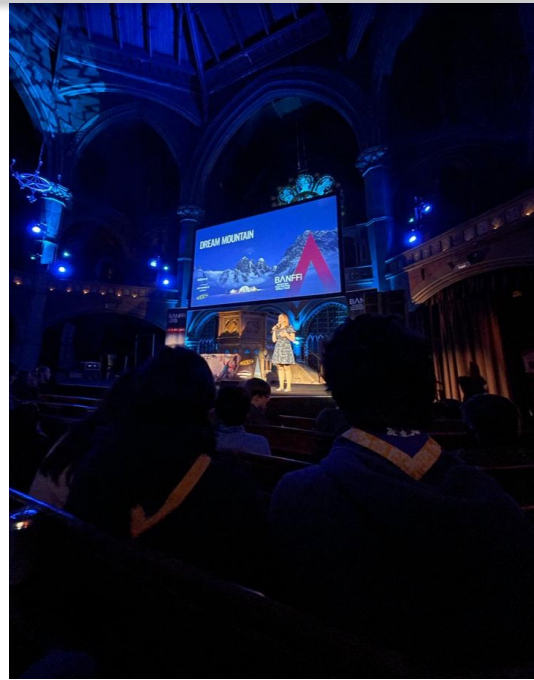


## **Southern 50**

The Southern 50 is back! For the first time in two years, we've been able to send a group of the very keenest of our Explorers to compete in the Southern 50 challenge.

Priya, Sara, Oliver and Marcelina completed the events 50km route in 14 hours, landing them in the top 20 of that category. Well done them!

As well as our weekend outings, we've kept ourselves busy in the week with a programme packed with smaller adventures. 'WWESU's Got Talent' and our visit to the Banff Film Festival kept us endlessly entertained whilst our time orienteering in Hamstead Heath and climbing on Scout Park's own wall, tested us physically. Check out everything we got up to over on [our Instagram](#).



## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

*Aside from trips, here's some of our other highlights!*

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### ***New Box Trailer***

The Unit has recently purchased another, much larger box trailer to travel our ever-expanding spread of kit on camps. It's made its way to Pembrokeshire this weekend, getting its first use on Easter camp.

### ***Dan's Archery and Air Rifle Permits***

Congratulations to one of our Leaders, Dan, who has been awarded his archery and air rifle permits! We've already made good use of them, getting to use the shooting and archery ranges on a Tuesday night.



## ***DofE Training***

Ahead of a busy expedition season, we've been spent a weekend on the Thames at a WWESU favourite campsite: Longridge. Getting newer Explorers comfortable and safe on the water is vital to a successful DofE expedition and so our Paddlesports Leader, Nick, has been training them up over the course of a weekend camp.



## ***Intro to Hillwalking***

WWESU's Mountain Leader, John, was especially impressed with a group of our younger Explorers back in March. Despite being battered by winds up to 50 mph, this resilient bunch made the most of Snowdonia's hills as breathtaking views of Wales' tallest mountains and endless clear skies became a theme of the weekend. Having summited a series of mountains and learnt the fundamentals of hillwalking navigation, they've all come away with skills for life.

## ***Easter Camp***

As you're reading this, a group of our Explorers are enjoying the Easter weekend sunshine in Pembrokeshire! They've been doing everything from Coasteering to Canoeing and will take on WWESU's annual Easter egg hunt later today.



## ***COMING UP***

*Here's a sneak peek at some of the exciting things we have planned for the summer term and beyond! Explorers, check your OSM for more details...*

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## ***District Camp***

This Summer half term, for the very first time since before the pandemic, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from across the district will pitch up at Tolmers Scout Camp in Cuffley for four days of adventure! Explorers, sign up now on [OSM](#).

The upcoming Chamboree has a whole solar system of activities, boasting a new hovercraft and an opportunity to go scuba diving. Activities are spread across 9 planetary zones, including crafts, shooting, laser tag and the like. This summer is gonna be out of this world; watch this space to hear all about it!

### ***DofE Expeditions***

As the days grow longer, we're busy preparing for a Summer packed with expeditions. In August, our Explorers will take to rivers across the UK to complete their gold, silver or bronze DofE award. Follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates.



Since you last heard from us, we've said goodbye to a group of extraordinary Explorers: Joe, Paloma, Nico, Steven, James, Pheobe, Mia and Oscar. Many of which were PL, APLs and even our SPL. As well as goodbyes, we owe them a massive 'thank you' for everything they've done!





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