

SCOTTISH HQ NEWSLETTER TO BATTALIONS

May 2019



INFORMED...

Strategic Review

The Brigade has now begun a strategic review as part of the development of a new Strategic Plan for BB UK & ROI. With membership continuing to decline the review will focus on sustainability and will look to address the big issues affecting the Brigade. All leaders are strongly encouraged to take part in the review through this survey which will be open till Friday 31st May >> surveymonkey.com/r/BBStrategicReview

NEW: Mini-Grants for Companies

A mini-grants scheme using funds from our Guild Partnership has now been launched. Grants of up to £1,000 may be applied for to support:

- the development of a new Company or new Sections
- development in existing Companies including the purchase of equipment, accessing training, trips/visits or promotional materials.

The closing date for applications for the 1st round of funding will be 1st August 2019. Find out more >> <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/guildpartnership/>

Scottish Youth Parliament

Our two new BB Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) - Alastair Thomson (1st Bearsden) and Chris Winters (7th Wishaw) will be attending their first sitting of the Parliament at the end of June. We wish them well in their new role representing the Brigade at SYP.

CashBack Funding update

We are now in the final year of the current Cashback (Phase 4) project. 30 company or senior sections have benefitted from this funding in the last two years, predominantly to support them grow their programme, membership and skills. You can find out more about CashBack and the criteria by emailing jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk

COMING UP...

Battalion Presidents and Secretaries conference – 17th August

On Saturday 17th August the Scotland Committee would like Battalion Presidents and Secretaries, or two other appropriate Battalion representatives, to join them to discuss the future of the Brigade in Scotland, and help set the priorities for the new Scotland Workplan. To register for this event please go to >> <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotland-planning-meeting-tickets-62149352386>

KGVI

KGVI Part one will take place July 27th – 2nd August. The course is for young men and women aged 17 - 21 to support them move into leadership roles within the Brigade. The course will equip young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to become an effective BB leader. More information is available here >> <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/kgvi-youth-leadership-training> or by speaking with the Scottish HQ Team – 01324 562008

Volunteers' Week.

Volunteers' Week takes place every year from 1st – 7th June and is a time to say thank you for the fantastic contribution volunteers make. This year the tagline is 'Time to Celebrate'. Find out more about Volunteers' Week and this year's theme here on the new Volunteers' Week Scot website <https://www.volunteersweek.scot>

Kilbryde Hike

Celebrating its 50th birthday this year, The Kilbryde Hike is a competitive adventurous challenge taking place over the weekend of 8th and 9th June. The hike has different competitions for you to get involved in, making it an ideal addition to a summer programme. The Hike has also introduced a 'Veterans' category this year. Go to the website for more information >> <https://kilbrydehike.bbglasgow.org.uk> or contact Glasgow Battalion on 0141 427 4051

Brigade Conference

Brigade Conference/Council takes place from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th September in Swansea. The weekend will feature a programme with workshops, worship, opportunities for fellowship, as well as the AGM. The conference is open to all leaders in the UK and ROI - to book your place go to >> <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brigade-conference-2019-tickets-58600371288>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

24th – 27th May – Cumbrae Camp (SHQ will be closed from Friday 24th – Monday 27th)

1st – 7th June – Volunteers' Week 2019

8th June – BIG Sports Roadshow, Inverness

8th – 9th June – Kilbryde Hike

19th – 24th June – DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition

28th – 30th June – Scottish Youth Parliament sitting in Clackmannanshire

27th July – 2nd August – KGVI New Entrants

1st August – Deadline for Mini-Grants funding applications

17th August – Battalion Presidents and Secretaries conference

6th- 9th September – Brigade Conference/Council

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