

BOLTON SOUTH with FARNWORTH DISTRICT SCOUTS
24th ANNUAL PIKE HIKE WEEKEND 2027

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Dear Scouter/Guider

In April 2026, the 23rd Pike View Hike was held with approximately 60 teams taking part in the competition.

We are now pleased to announce that our 24th event will be held over the weekend of 16th to 18th April 2027, at Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre!

Please note that the event is subject to Scout Association rules governing large events and as such cancellation may happen due to any developing situation.

The three events are aimed at Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and allow a young person to compete from the ages of 8 up to nearly 18. Each event consists of teams of 4 competitors, with a defined age range per event, and a combined maximum total age per team.

Three events are run as follows:

- Pip Hartley Memorial Trophy (ages 8-10 years); expected distance 14km
- Pike View Hike (10-14½ years); expected distance up to 20km
- Bibby's Farm Yomp (14-17 years); expected distance up to 25km

For full details of the age restrictions on each event, please refer to the event rules for further information.

Please circulate this information within your respective Scout/Guide communities.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027

Please note that:

- **Payments for team entries are to be made at the time of booking via payment card or PayPal. No cheque payments can be accepted. Please contact us if you require a Bank Transfer (BACS) payment; this is not available at the time of launch but we hope to make it possible soon. A PayPal account is not required.**

If you haven't joined in on an event before, here's a brief description:

At various checkpoints en-route, the team will be asked to perform a range of challenges, in addition to completing the "ongoing incident" which begins as soon as they depart on their hike. The format of all events is the same, but the tasks performed are more taxing as they progress through the age ranges.

Staffing of the checkpoints, control teams, etc. is thanks to the goodwill of our volunteers; if any team has adults/leaders free on the day who are willing to help or a spare minibus, then please get in touch with the event organisers.

Below are what Leaders need to do to enter the event:

1) Review the Rules and this Invite Letter

2) Enter your Teams
Entries are available now up to the closing date of 2nd April 2027 (subject to availability); the closing date for entries will be strictly adhered to. All bookings are handled electronically via our website. Payment must be made during the booking process.

For teams entering by the 5th March 2027 then there is an early bird entry fee of £80 per team; for teams entering after the 5th March but prior to the closing date, the entry fee is £90 per team. Payment covers the site camping fees.

3) Receive Confirmation of Entry
Confirmation of entry is sent when payment clears. For card payment this is instant.

4) Organise your Team and Train your Team Members (refer to age restrictions above)
See Top Tips on our website.

5) Submit Team and Competitor details online
When payment is cleared, we will provide you with access to our website which will allow you to submit the details of your teams. All competitor details must be entered by the 2nd April 2027.

The aim of these events is to allow as many young people as possible to compete. If you are unable to make up a full team or have any "spare" prospective competitors, then please enter your details at the "Swop Shop" on our website. This will be open from early January 2027.

EVENT START

6) Prepare for your Camp
"Pike View Hike" and "Bibby's Farm Yomp" teams must camp on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

"Pip Hartley Memorial" teams will camp only on Saturday evening - unless distances travelled would make this impractical. Pip Hartley Memorial teams will be advised of their time to arrive on site in the weeks prior to the event – normally around 08:00 – 08:30 in the morning.

7) Book in on Arrival
   a. **With Bibby's Farm Staff; who will allocate your campsite**
   b. **With Event Organisers; who will check competitor details**

On Friday evening, the team check in desk will open from 18:30; please check in as soon as possible after this time. At check in, you will need to bring along a copy of your signed Team Sheet form. Please also confirm the numbers camping each night.

8) Set up Camp on allocated site
Please let us know if you wish to camp alongside other groups that have entered the event; we will do our best to accommodate.

For "Pip Hartley Memorial" teams arriving on Saturday you are free to set up your camp as time allows on the day; however please report to the Kit Check Inspection Area at your allocated times. Team points may be deducted for lateness.

9) Competitor Safety Briefing; team leader from each team

As you know, we take safety very seriously, and we hope that these briefings will enhance your understanding of the safety precautions in place. The time of the briefing for the Bibby's Farm Yomp and Pike View Hike Events is 22:00.

Note: Pip Hartley Memorial Safety Briefings take place on Saturday morning; the times for the Pip Hartley Memorial Safety Briefings are circulated before the event.

10) Adult Leaders Safety Briefing

The time of the Adult Leader's safety briefing is 22:30.

11) Lights Out -- MIDNIGHT

EVENT DAY -- SATURDAY

Please arrive at Kit Check ready to start the event. Teams must be ready to transition through Kit Check, Route Plotting and leaving site via the Start/Finish Desk without returning to their camp/tents in between.

12) Kit Check Opens at:

- **a) 06:00 -- Bibby's Farm Yomp (Explorers)**
- **b) 06:50 approximately -- Pike View Hike (Scouts)**
- **c) 08:30 approximately -- Pip Hartley Memorial (Cubs)**

Every team has its kit checked over by Bolton Mountain Rescue Team; missing critical items (see rules) will mean that teams will not be allowed to take part.

All teams should report to the Kit Check Inspection Area at your allocated times. Team points may be deducted for lateness.

13) Pip Hartley Memorial (Cub) Safety Briefings

The safety briefing for Pip Hartley Memorial teams will take place on-site on the Saturday morning.

14) Route Plotting Opens at:

- **a) 06:10 approximately -- Bibby's Farm Yomp (Explorers)**
- **b) 07:00 approximately -- Pike View Hike (Scouts)**
- **c) 08:40 approximately -- Pip Hartley Memorial (Cubs)**

Teams plot a preset route (unassisted) which is issued in the same format as a Scout Association Route Card. (Fact sheet FS120409).

15) Report to the Start/Finish Desk

The Start/Finish Desk Staff will check that your Emergency Envelope has been signed off before you start the walk.

16) Enjoy the day; GOOD LUCK!

17) Lights Out -- MIDNIGHT

PRESENTATION DAY -- SUNDAY

18) Scouts Own & Presentation starts at 09:30

19) Event Closes from 11:00

For further details, visit our website at www.pikeviewhike.co.uk, or contact me via email (chair@pikeviewhike.co.uk).

Yours in Scouting

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