12 January 2022

Dear Name,

My name is Gary Cooke and I have been volunteering as a Scout leader for 1st Rustington Scouts as part of Arundel & Littlehampton District Scouts for over five years. I am excited to announce that I have been selected to lead a team of 4 adults to take 36 young people from across West Sussex to the next World Scout Jamboree to Korea in 2023.

A World Scout Jamboree is a gathering of Scouts from all over the world for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, fun and friendship.

This is the largest event delivered by Scouting worldwide and 45,000 young people and adult volunteers are expected to attend from over 150 countries. There was incredibly tough competition to be selected to represent the UK, which will consist of 100 units.

The aim is to deliver a unique international adventure shaped by young people, where contingent members will develop personally and have a positive longer-term impact not only on Scouting but also our local community.

We have made a commitment to ensure that we not only deliver a fantastic international adventure for our Contingent but that we will also champion youth engagement ensuring that we provide young people with opportunities to shape the Jamboree experience. Not only this, but we also want to ensure that we are providing development and training opportunities for every member of the Contingent so that they are able to recognise that they have gained new skills and confidence through being a member of the Contingent.

Lastly, we want to ensure that the Jamboree reaches beyond those that travel with us. We want our work on youth engagement and personal development to filter back into local Scouting for the wider movement to benefit from in the years to come.

I’m sure my training in the British Army and as a teacher will be put to the test but I’m ready for the challenge. Can you help enable my Jamboree journey by contributing to my fund?

I’m looking for organisations to contribute **£250.00** or as much as you can offer to go towards my funding for this opportunity.

I will be working with the rest of my unit to raise over £4,000 each over the next 18 months, both individually as well as part of a team. The fee will contribute to attendance at the event but also contributes to Scouts from other less fortunate countries allowing them to attend, supporting the aim of the Jamboree to ‘Think Big, Dream Wild, Act Together’.

Please do take a look at our website, [West Sussex Scouts World Scout Jamboree 2023 (wswsj.org.uk)](https://wswsj.org.uk/) Over the coming months this is where you’ll be able to follow our journey.

Our fundraising plans are to include a 20-mile overnight hike, local fund-raising tasks as designed by the young people, litter picking and cake sales. We would welcome any suggestions as to how else we can raise awareness for our journey as well as raise those vital funds.

Any assistance you might be able to offer in terms of raising money would be amazing, there will be a great deal of PR value as we will be prolific in both social media and with support from the local newspapers.

I would very much welcome an opportunity to have a chat with you about the above, or other ways that the Organisation Name might be able to support our Jamboree adventure.

Thank you for your time

Yours in Scouting

Gary Cooke

Unit 74 Leader

West Sussex Scouts

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