



*The Camping Season has started - ENJOY*

# VALLEY NEWS

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## CHANGES

As many of you will know after 17 years our Warden, **Doug Sutton**, has stepped down to an Assistant Warden. Doug was largely responsible for the development of activities on the Site.

Our new Warden is **John Salisbury**. Formerly a CSL in 1<sup>st</sup> Middleton and an Assistant Warden for the past 3 years. John is keen to see the continued development of the Site.

We also welcome three new Assistant Wardens

**Keith Duckworth**  
Keith is SL at the 11<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Bury and has been Duty Warden regularly over the last 20 years

**Hannah Pullan**  
In addition to her Group and Network responsibilities Hannah will be working to attract more young people to help on the Site  
**Ian Moriarty.**

Ian is an ACSL at 12<sup>th</sup> Heywood and has been helping on the Site for almost a year. He will have special responsibilities for developing and managing activities

**Finally congratulations to Len Allinson** Assistant Warden and **Ken Bowden** (Mgt Comm) on the award of the Silver Acorn Both are also Leaders in Bury & Ramsbottom District

**A very big thank you to the following Groups who have helped over the last few months**

**Pennine Patrol Leaders**  
**Course** Clearing Litter around the Site

**Pennine Explorers** for the donation of new mattresses for the Duty Warden's Hut

**Pennine Network** gateways, cutting back and clearing rubbish tipped in Valley  
**7<sup>th</sup> Manchester and the**

**Chester Crew**, Ground work, gutter clearing, storage sorting  
**All the Groups in Pennine District** for the donation of a neckerchief for the newly decorated Frank Downham Clarke Room

**Bury Masonic Movement** for a grant of £4950 to install central heating in the Ranch House (now done)

### Did You Know? (1)

**When Bear Grylls visited the Site in 2013 he was not the first Chief to come**

**Lord Rowallan** visited in 1946 and again in 1959

**Lord McLean** came in 1965

**Sir William Gladstone** came in 1973

**Garth Morrisson** came in 1992

**Ralph Reader** (the Founder of Gang Shows) also visited in 1955 (it rained)

## Management Committee

We have two new members on the Committee

**Hannah Pullan**, a CSL from 1<sup>st</sup> Heywood is the new Network Representative  
**Sam Pullan** an AESL from Heywood Explorers is the new Explorer Representative (Yes they are brother and sister)

Welcome to them both – now all the Sections in Pennine District have a voice on the Committee.

### Did You Know? (2)

When the Site ceased being a working farm in the mid 1990s the Cottage continued to be tenanted.

Over the last 3 years, In conjunction with the present tenants, **Walt and Sue** (both in Scouting), major refurbishments have been carried out making the Cottage a valuable asset and adding to Site security

Warden – John Salisbury