



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

VALLEY NEWS

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From the Warden

Following campers suggestions we have installed lighting on the path up to the camp fire circle and also under the "Lid" Work has commenced on refurbishing the Staff buildings. The Duty Warden's cabin is under way and over the winter the Service Team and Staff Hut will be done Work has started on an outside Archery Range, an Axe Throwing Range and a "dipping Pond

Road Closures

As many of you will know there was a landslide on Ashworth Road, south of the site, and the road will be closed for the foreseeable future. Access to the site is either down Ashworth Road from Edenfield Road (A680) and the Council have put up "diversion" signs. Alternatively access can be via Clay Lane, Furbarn Road and School Lane, but we would only suggest this to people who know the route. All existing and new bookings are being advised of the problems. PLEASE IGNORE SAT. NAVS SAYING USE JOWKIN LANE.

ASGC

We have had another great review on the Association of Scout and Guide Centres (ASGC) web site this makes 13.

A very big thank you to the following Groups who have helped recently

Pennine Network, 12th Heywood & 37th Rochdale for prep work on the new activity areas
Medvale Explorers for sorting out a large supply of wood, delivered to the Site, completing the trench for the lighting cable to the campfire circle and work on the Duty Warden's cabin

Any young Leaders who want to get involved with the Site should contact Asst, Wardens Hannah Pullan (07944786272) or Matt Rush (07712286565) or the Warden, John Salisbury (01706 360498

Did You Know? (1)

In the mid 1990s North West Water laid a new main right across the bottom field (Leach Field) This resulted in serious drainage problems which have been aggravated by some very wet winters over the last 15 years. New drains have been laid and the field is "campable" in the summer months.

Did You Know (2)

A few years ago a couple of our Wardens were helping at Gilwell Park and showed the Staff there pictures of AVSC. They could not believe it was a District site run entirely by volunteers!

Management Committee

The Management Committee have approved a new web site This is now up and running, on our existing address and looks great. Thanks to Asst, Warden Matt Rush for all his work on this

Did You Know? (3)

When the Site was first set up it was purchased with the assistance of funds raised by Heywood and Rochdale Scouts who became the "owning" Districts. Bury and Middleton Districts volunteered to help run the site and were known as the "supporting" Districts All four had reps on the Management Committee.

Since the District mergers in 2014 Pennine is the new "owning" District, but Bury and Ramsbottom District still have reps and continue to play a valuable role on the Site