

## ALPS25

## NEWSLETTER



## Bon printemps à tous !

First off, a huge thank you to everyone who joined our webinar this week! It was great to see so many of you there, and we hope it answered some of your burning questions (or at least didn't create too many new ones). If you missed it—or just fancy reliving the excitement—you can find the recording on the county website.



By the time this lands in your inbox, we will be in the midst of our first hill walking training session. This is the first real chance to meet some of you in person, and we're looking forward to seeing how well you handle the hills (and whether you packed the right socks). On that note, details for the water training have now been sent out via email, including your allocated dates. Each day runs from 0930 to 1600. Please check these carefully and let us know if anything doesn't quite work—so you don't accidentally turn up with your water clothes on the wrong day 😊.

So, keep reading, stay excited, and start brushing up on your French—because very soon, we'll be swapping the rolling hills of the Chilterns for the peaks of the Alps, and yes, before you ask, oui, you probably will need more snacks than you think...

Phill - Event Lead

## Unit leaders

We have had a number of queries about who the unit leaders are and how you can get in touch with them, so here is a handy list:

Kennet/Taceham - [kennettacehamalps25@gmail.com](mailto:kennettacehamalps25@gmail.com)  
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Jay Beare, Daryl Mills, Elizabeth Wilson, Michelle O'Sullivan

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Michael Clark, Luke Boughey, Debs Boughey, Michael Shellard

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Derek Salter, Hilary Crofton

Wokingham - [Liz.jenkin@3rdwokingham.org.uk](mailto:Liz.jenkin@3rdwokingham.org.uk)  
Liz Jenkins, Ian Tovey, Sharon Mcintyre

### Key dates

2-3 March or 22-23 March	Hill walking training (1 day)
31 March	Payment 3 to county due Everyone
31 March	Webinar for delivery team
5-21 April (not 19)	Water training (2 days)
31 May	Payment 4 due
29 June	Pre-event gathering
6 July	Dragon-boat fundraising
11 August	Opening ceremony
22 August	Departure day

# A day at Alps25

0600 and 0800 – Time to get up, get washed, dressed and head to your continental breakfast spread (or just a big cup of coffee) in the catering tent. You will know the night before what time you need to be ready as it depends on the activity.

Make yourself a packed lunch on the way back to your tent (in your reusable box you have brought with you). Grab your day bag and meet up with the activity leader.

Every day has two sessions – morning and afternoon - some activities (hill walking and water) are usually all day.



Most activities will start with a ride in one of our MPV's, where our hard-working team of drivers will whisk you to your destination. Your name will be yelled at full volume across the camp site should you not have got ready to meet your chariot in time.

At the end of the morning it's time for something you prepared earlier...your packed lunch. You will magically appear at your afternoon's activity (via a trip in an MPV). And before you know it you will be back at camp and getting yourself and your kit sorted after your day out.



1800-1900 (ish) – Dinner time. There are two dinner sittings each day with two hearty courses suitable for all notified dietary needs; your unit leaders will make sure you know which is for you and if you are on washing up duty or not (everyone clears and cleans their own. No-one escapes altogether). If you are late back from your activity do not worry, we will keep food for you.

1930 – Conor's daily briefing from the rock (which has gone missing, the rock not the briefing, logistics are looking for a replacement). Then straight afterwards you will meet with your activity leaders for the next day and get info on timings/kit requirements/etc.

2000 – Evening programme commences – Each night there will be a different organised on-site activity. This could include things like wide games/disco/quiz/film night/murder mystery game/swimming.

2200 – Bed (and sleep) - as the week progresses this tends to get earlier.



## Meet the Core Team: Alison Berry - Deputy Event Leader

Alison Berry started her journey in scouting when her son swam up from Beavers to Cubs and she didn't want to miss out on the fun activities! She moved on from that well known occasional helper and is now an Explorer leader. Taking any excuse to go to the hills, she's gained a hillwalking permit and helps support the Berkshire county hillwalking training for adults and the top awards expeditions (including DofE). She was part of the hillwalking team in Alps22 and is looking forward to supporting more young people with their adventures in the Alps in 2025.