

South Yorkshire Scout County.

8 August 2018.

Dear Colleagues,

**County Commissioner – South Yorkshire Scout County.**

I am very pleased to announce that the County Search Group unanimously recommended Neil McKay as the County Commissioner (Designate) for South Yorkshire Scout County and that the Headquarters Appointments Advisory Committee has approved the appointment.

Neil is currently District Commissioner for Sheffield Hallam Scout District, a role he has held since April 2000. Prior to this Neil has held the roles of Assistant District Commissioner, Local Training Manager and Group Scout Leader in Sheffield as well as Section Leader and the equivalent to Assistant County Commissioner roles in Scotland. Neil brings with him a wealth of experience to support Scouting in South Yorkshire.

Neil has worked in higher education for over twenty years and currently holds the post of Dean of Students at Sheffield Hallam University. Neil is married with two children and lives in Oughtibridge on the outskirts of Sheffield.

Neil said, 'I am very much looking forward to meeting and supporting new Scouting colleagues across South Yorkshire to build on the many achievements made in recent years. I joined Scouting when I was 19yrs and have seen first-hand the benefits Scouting brings to all involved, including my own family and friends. With the launch of the new strategy 'Skills for Life' it is an exciting time for Scouting nationally and an opportunity to bring Scouting to more young people across all of South Yorkshire'.


Neil will take up his role as County Commissioner at the County Annual General Meeting on 5 September 2018.

I know that you will all support Neil as he takes on his new role especially as we look towards 2023 and our plan to deliver better futures for our membership.

Kind regards,  
Ian Chappell.

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