



# ROVERWAY 2009



## UK Contingent Bulletin

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### Briefing Weekend:

We will be holding our Briefing Weekend on the 27th—29th March 2009. This will be the one and only opportunity to get together as a contingent before we all meet up for the Opening Ceremony in Iceland!

It will be a great chance to learn more about the event and get to know the other members of the Contingent. The fee is included in the fee, so all you have to do is get yourself there.

The weekend will be held at Forest Camp Activity Centre Site, Cheshire. Enclosed with the bulletin is a form for you to complete to confirm your attendance and directions to the Venue.

Food will be provided from a light supper on Friday to lunch on Sunday.

We will all be camping, so be sure to pack your tent and sleeping bag. If you have any particular needs that mean it will be difficult for you to camp, please contact the Roverway team asap.

Should you need collecting from the station, we will provide a shuttle service on Friday and Sunday to and from Cuddington station.

Finally, please return your form by 9am on Monday 16th March to confirm your attendance.

More information is available online at:

[www.scouts.org.uk/roverway](http://www.scouts.org.uk/roverway)

### Iceland: Take the plunge!



In July, The Icelandic Scout and Guide Association will be hosting the 3rd Roverway under the theme "Open Up". We can look at Open up from many different perspectives: Open up your Heart, Open up to Challenges Open up to Culture, Open up to Creativity, Open up to Environment. This is an important part of the Roverway ethos with policies designed to respect other peoples cultures and ways of life. All the activities will be linked to this theme.

UK Contingent members should aim to be in Iceland by 19th July ahead of the opening ceremony in Reykjavik on the 20th July. Following this. Teams will travel to one of several base camps to begin their Roverway Journey

This will last four days, before all Roverway Participants and IST gather at the Ulfjotsvatn Scout Centre for the Althingi, or Gathering.

The closing ceremony will take place on the morning of 28th July after which Contingents will begin to depart. It will be possible for you to return to the UK late on the evening of 28th. However, you may remain onsite until th 29th at no extra cost. Airport transfers will be included in the event fee.

Before you arrive in Iceland you will know all about The Journey which you have selected. You will enjoy four days on a project under the theme of environment, creativity, culture, challenges, heart or mind. When choosing your Journey please ensure you have taken into account the star ratings of the projects, especially for the challenge Journeys.

Know your limits and be aware the terrain in Iceland is quite different to terrain in the UK. You need to inform the contingent team of your choice of Journey NOW!

Althingi will be held during the final four days of Roverway when everyone will gather at Ulfjotsvatn Scout Centre where you will have time to enjoy scout cafes, Viking village, International Carnival, camp fires, live music and much more FUN! During the day there will be an array of creative acitivities and exciting topics at round tables.

One thing you need to prepare for in advance is the International Carnival. For this event it's over to you! You will need to prepare in advance some activities, crafts, games, food tasting etc... It is your opportunity to introduce the culture of the UK to others.

### Forms to Fill In?

The Bulletin contains the following three forms that you need to complete and return to us. You should also send us a photocopy of your photo page from your passport, or bring it to the briefing weekend:

1. Briefing Weekend attendance form by 9am on Monday 16th.
2. Personal Health and form (inc. IST), on or before the briefing weekend.



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## Who's going to Iceland?

There are 101 people in the UK Scouting Contingent to Roverway.

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Participant: | 90 |
| IST:         | 7  |
| Support Team | 3  |

We are from:

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Aberdeenshire      | 1          |
| Avon               | 4          |
| Cambridgeshire     | 1          |
| Cheshire           | 17         |
| County Londonderry | 16         |
| East Lancashire    | 5          |
| Greater London     | 2          |
| Greater Manchester | 1          |
| Hawick             | 5          |
| Merseyside         | 10         |
| Norfolk            | 1          |
| Northumberland     | 14         |
| North Yorkshire    | 2          |
| Oxfordshire        | 1          |
| Solihull           | 4          |
| Somerset           | 9          |
| West Sussex        | 1          |
| West Yorkshire     | 6          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>100</b> |

There are also upwards of 65 members of Girlguiding UK who will form an additional UK Contingent to Roverway.

All this means that the United Kingdom will take far more people to Roverway in 2009 than ever before.

In total there are more than 2000 people who have registered for Roverway, from all over Europe. We hope you enjoy being one of them!

## UK Contingent: Meet the Team.

### Heidi McConnell



As a leader from Richmondshire District in North Yorkshire I have had the experience of working with all sections over a number of years. I have been lucky enough to attend a number of International events as a participant, IST and Contingent Leader. I have been to Sweden, Chile, Taiwan and Thailand with the Scout Association and was a member of the International Service Team at Roverway 2006 in Italy. I have also had the privilege of taking part in the Icelandic Jamboree in 2000.

### Debbie Gallagher

Hi I'm Debbie and I live in Manchester, I am a Cub Scout Leader and a member of Greater Manchester East County. I have been a participant, member of IST and also a Leader on various overseas expeditions including an expedition to Iceland way back in 1993!



### Callum Kaye



Hey! I'm Callum and I'm currently a District Explorer Scout Commissioner in Aberdeen. My first international trip with Scouts was RoverWay 2003 in Portugal and from then I was hooked. After that I was a participant at the 12th World Scout Moot in Taiwan (where I met the rest of the team!) and then EuroJam & the 21st World Jamboree as IST...so I've seen both sides of the coin! Outside of Scouts I am a junior doctor, which I love doing but it keeps me busy!

## Keeping in the Loop; How to find out More

There will be a need to keep yourself informed about the Contingent's preparations for Roverway. There may be deadlines for you to meet and forms for you to fill in. Plans can change fast and even the most basic information might not be available until later in the day.

Web: [www.scouts.org.uk/roverway](http://www.scouts.org.uk/roverway)

Email: [roverway@scout.org.uk](mailto:roverway@scout.org.uk)

Tel: 0208 433 7147

Iceland: [roverway.is](http://roverway.is)

It is vital that you keep yourself informed and take responsibility for this. Make sure you check your email regularly and consult the website often. It will change on a daily basis as we move towards the summer.

Email: [keep checking it](mailto:keep checking it)

Facebook Search: UK Scouting Contingent, Roverway 2009



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## What do I do now:

### Finalise Teams:

If you did not register as a full team you should now be aware of who you will be joining forces with.

For those larger teams please consider breaking down into smaller teams so that you can enjoy a Journey more tailored to your taste.

### Register online:

Once you know who is in your team it is time for the Team Leader to register the team on line. Go to [www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is) click on registration, click "online registration", on the right hand side click "new registration" and register your group.

Do not worry about the notice of increased fee due to late application. The Scout Association registered your place before the closing date.

### Select your Journey:

During registration you are asked to pick three Journeys which you would like to take part in. For more information about the Journeys see [www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is).

### Book flights:

It is now time to book your flights, arriving by 19th July and departing from evening of 28th July.

### Payments:

Remember your second payment is nearly due.

### Get Facebooked!:

Join our group now to share your experiences. Search for UK Scouting Contingent - Roverway 2009.

## International Service Team:

As IST you will still need to register online at [www.roverway.is](http://www.roverway.is)

As yet no job descriptions have been released but we have been assured they will be detailed shortly. Ensure you list your relevant skills so you can be allocated an appropriate job. The aim of the event organisers is to use your skill base.

If you have a particular workshop you would like to run at the event please get in touch at [roverway@scout.org.uk](mailto:roverway@scout.org.uk)

## UK Contingent: Travel

### Plane Sailing

As we have mentioned previously, it is the responsibility of each Contingent member to arrange their own travel to and from Iceland. When it comes to getting to Iceland, by far the most convenient option is to fly.

There are two main airlines that fly from the UK to Iceland, IcelandAir and Iceland Express.

IcelandAir flies from London, Manchester and Glasgow with a return fare of around £400. Although this may seem slightly pricy, they do offer group discounts for groups of 10 or more. Neighbouring teams may wish to combine travel plans to take advantage of this offer. More details of the offer can be found on the IcelandAir website!

Iceland Express fall towards the budget airline end of the bracket, but bear in mind that the cost of flights can fluctuate and so it is best to check as many options as you can. A travel agent may help you with this. You should also look to consult online sources.

### What you need to do.

Now is the time to act with travel. So don't delay! Decide exactly when you want to go and get looking online and looking for prices! Prices are most likely to rise as we move towards the event so, get those cheap seats while you can!

Tell others what you are planning! If your team are planning to fly from Glasgow, put it on the Facebook group. Other groups may be flying from there too and you can get your discount!

Check your passports NOW! To avoid any *Airport* style arguments at the check in desk, make sure you have a passport and that it is valid for the dates for Roverway!

For help with the above visit your local travel agent, or check the website: [www.scouts.org.uk/roverway](http://www.scouts.org.uk/roverway).

For further advice about travelling to Iceland and about the country itself visit the Foreign and Commonwealth office website at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

## Roverway Money Matters

### Payment Schedule

Thank you to everyone who has paid their first instalment of the Roverway fee. Don't forget, the second payment is due by 28th February!

As before, you can pay online or via cheque, see the website for details. The final payment is due by the 30th April.

### Money for you!

We are pleased to announce that there are 10 bursaries of £150 available for members of the UK Contingent to help them participate in the event. These will be awarded on the basis of personal circumstance.

To apply visit [www.scouts.org.uk/roverway](http://www.scouts.org.uk/roverway).