



## Hampshire County Scouts Roverway 2024 - Norway



### Questions and Answers

With more than 15 months until Roverway 24, the specific details are not yet available and will be confirmed to the patrols nearer the time. Below we have provided answers to questions you may have, and we have provided as much information as we can at this point.

If there are any questions that you cannot find answers to on this form, please e-mail [R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

**Where and when will the Roverway 24 take place?** The Roverway 24 will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to 5<sup>th</sup> August in 2024 in Norway.

**What is a Roverway?** The Roverway is the smallest event that UK Scouting organises a contingent to attend. It is held in a different country every 6 years, and has three aspects.

- Semi-independent exploration of the country (Southern Norway) where your patrol will join up with other International Patrols to follow a pathway to explore.
- A jamboree style camp experience which will be near Stavanger attended by all those taking part from across the world (expected to be around 5,000 people).
- A post event experience for all members of the UK contingent.

**Who can apply to go as a member?** To apply to be a member of a Roverway Patrol, you must be born between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2002 and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008. You must also be a member of Hampshire Scouting (either as an Explorer, Explorer Young Leader, Leader or a member of Network Scouts).

**What happens if I was born outside of these dates?** If you were born before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2002, you can apply to be a member of the IST (International Service Team). This will be organised centrally by UK HQ.

**Where will the Roverway be?** Southern Norway, with the Jamboree event near Stavanger.

**Can I join the Roverway expedition late or leave early?** No, you must be available for the whole event.

**What is a Roverway Patrol?** A Roverway Patrol is made up of 5 – 8 members, all aged between 16-22. The Patrol will have

- A Patrol Leader – aged 18-22 (born between 1st August 2002 and 1st Jan 2006)
- An Assistant Patrol Leader - aged 18-22 (born between 1st August 2002 and 1st Jan 2006)
- 3-6 members aged 16-22 (1st August 2002 and 22nd July 2008)

**Are there different requirements for the different roles in a Patrol?** Yes, the Patrol Leader and the Assistant Patrol Leader will have additional responsibilities. These include

- Attending UK HQ events for Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders
- Plan and organise local events for the Patrol for team building.
- Obtain a Camping Nights Away Permit before the start of Roverway 24 (so don't need them now, just by the start of the Roverway event)
- Obtain any other Scout Training as required by HQ.

**Do I need a DBS / Safeguarding?** All those that will be 18 and over for Roverway, will need to complete the appropriate Scouting DBS / Safeguarding when they turn 18.

### **I have special needs / medical requirements / disabilities / neurodiversity challenges, can I still go?**

The Roverway is a very different event from something like the World Scout jamboree . At the WSJ a Unit is comprised of 36 young people but they also have 4 carefully selected leaders and a backup team to support everyone.

The Roverway experience goes a step beyond this and requires young people to be mature in their decision making and resilient enough to withstand the inevitable set backs without as much access to extra leadership support.

We strive to be as inclusive as possible as an organisation so are simply asking applicants to consider the overall demands on them as an individual and we will of course make as many adjustments for people as is reasonable and within our capabilities.

If you wish to discuss this further before applying, please E-mail us at [R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk) Please make sure that anything that falls into this area is entered on the application form.

**Can you accommodate special dietary requirements?** A lot of dietary requirements can reasonably easily be catered for, as long as you are prepared to be as flexible as possible. Dietary requirements based on religion, and for example Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free are routine. However all participants need to be aware that access to particular foods whilst travelling can be more challenging so a degree of flexibility is appreciated. Other dietary requirements will need more work to be achieved. If you have any concerns, then please contact us on [R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:R24@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

**What is the UK contingent?** The UK contingent is the name for all of the patrol members and the International Service Team who will attend the event from the UK. The entire UK contingent will contain around 500 people.

**How many Patrols does Hampshire have?** Hampshire has been awarded one patrol, so we will need 5 – 8 members. We are still hoping to get a second patrol, which we will know by the end of April 23.

**Do I have to be a Hampshire Scout to apply?** Yes, you must be a member of a Hampshire Explorer Unit, a Hampshire Young Leader, a Hampshire Network member or a Leader to apply (providing you match the age requirements). If you Scout elsewhere, you will need to apply through that County.

**What happens if I move away after being selected?** Providing you join Scouting at your new location, and are prepared to travel back to Hampshire for all training meetings etc., then you should be able to continue in the Hampshire Patrol.

**How much will the Roverway cost?** The fee is made up of two separate amounts.

- a. UK HQ Roverway Fee. UK Contingent Management Team have just released a price of £1,999. This amount covers all costs from when the Patrol assembles at a UK Airport, until their return.
- b. Hampshire Scouts Training Fee. The Patrol will need to meet up and undertake joint activities over the next 15 months. What these activities are, and the cost, will be down to the Patrol to decide. Therefore, we are not setting a specific training fee, but you need to be aware that any meet ups and activities will need to be paid for as the Patrol develops and this will be on top of the UK HQ Fee.

**Are there any other costs not included above?** There may be a few other items such as

- a. All participants will require an individual valid passport in their own name with 6 months expiry from date of return to the UK after Roverway.
- b. Visa's may be required for the countries being visited.
- c. Compulsory and voluntary Vaccinations may be required for the countries being visited.
- d. Some kit will be required (such as sleeping bags, mats, footwear etc.)
- e. There are usually options to buy additional UK Contingent kit, and Patrol kit (so sometimes extra hoodies, badges, or even an additional item that the unit would like but is not in the budget).
- f. Travel and transport to all training events and departure / return airport.

**Am I allowed to fundraise to pay for the Roverway?** Absolutely, we would encourage you to fundraise to help raise your Roverway fee, this can be an important part of your journey. In the past many participants have fundraised their entire fee. Essentially, if you work hard at your fundraising, you are more likely to raise more. If you sit back and let others do it, you are less likely to raise the money. Fundraising can be done individually, in small groups, as part of an Explorer Unit / District, or with others going on other expeditions etc.

**Do the Patrol Leaders help us Fundraise?** Essentially, NO. It is down to each individual to fundraise. The leaders may be offered fund raising activities that they then share out to the Patrol, however, the leaders are NOT responsible to fund raise for you, or to organise any fundraising. Ultimately, this is down to you.

**Will all of the people in the Patrol be from Hampshire?** Essentially, yes.

**Will I know the people in my Patrol before we go?** Yes, you will meet up and undertake team bonding events over the 15 months before hand.

**Do I need to use Social Media?** It will be down to the Patrol to decide on how they communicate. The chances are that this will be via a channel of some sort on Social Media.

**How many training weekends will there be, and do I have to go to them?** This is totally down to the Patrol. The more you attend, the more you will gain from the experience.

**Will there be any Virtual Training?** There will probably be some virtual meet ups, especially if there are long gaps between physical meet ups.

**How do I apply?** There will be an application form issued by Hampshire County Scouts, and all applications must be made via this application form (by the date on the form).

**What about selection?** HQ have given us very short tight deadlines for the selection process. As a result, the selection process will be initially based on the application forms and leaders references. After this, a ballot process will be used to draw the places. We will also select for a second patrol at the same time as the first patrol, in the hope that we are awarded a second patrol.

This process is due to complete over the weekend 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 with the ballot itself.

**When will I know if I have a place?** We aim to do this as quickly as possible after the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> April, by E-mail. If you have been un-successful, then we will let you know at the same time.

**Do I have to pay all of the money at the start?** No, we need stage payments to meet the commitment to pay Scout HQ over the next 15 months. Once we know the HQ payment schedule, we will set the schedule and publish it. All participants will need to keep to this schedule.

**Do I need to pay a deposit?** If you are offered a place in the Roverway 24 patrol after the selection process, you will need to confirm your acceptance with an acceptance letter and a non-refundable deposit. The deposit will be for £200, and payable by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you are struggling to organise the deposit, please talk to us.

**What happens if I need to withdraw after paying the deposit?** Refunds of money paid will only be given if we can refill your place in the Patrol, less the non-refundable deposit, less the cost for training / equipment received or ordered, less the cost of changing names charged by HQ, and any discount needed to be given to fill the place (potentially at short notice). If money has been fundraised, then under charity commission rules, we may need to return this money to the original source of the funds. If this is not possible (for example it was a bag pack), then it may need to be kept and used for a suitable comparable alternative purpose. Monies will be refunded in the following order (after costs)

- A. Any HQ Grant
- B. Any County Grant
- C. Any District Grant
- D. Any Group Grant

E. Any other organisation Grant

F. Any untraceable funds donated (such as bag packs) donated to Hampshire International fund

G. Any remaining funds returned to source

You may still need to pay money in to go towards refunding grants / cover costs.

**What happens if I need to withdraw close to departure?** We will always try very hard to re-fill the place, however, this may be very difficult – especially at short notice. Depending on the reason for withdrawal, there may be insurance cover (for instance, a broken bone or a major illness / death in immediate family). However, we reserve the right to insist on payment in full, even if you do not attend.

**How will money for the Roverway be handled?** All funds for Roverway will be paid directly into the main Hampshire County Scouts bank account at HSBC (either via cheque, cash or electronic transfer). We will issue instructions on this procedure later. No funds are to be paid to any other person. For keeping track of each individual participant account, we are looking at appointing a finance point of contact, who will use an accounting system to keep track of all monies and send through statements showing your progress.

**Can we claim gift aid on fundraising?** Unfortunately, the Roverway 24 does not qualify for gift aid, and therefore, no gift aid can be claimed / reclaimed for Jamboree payments / fundraising.

**Can we claim any grants to attend the Roverway?** Yes, there are a range of funds and grants that can be applied for.

a. It is always worth approaching your Group / Explorer Unit / District, as they may have funds in place for this type of event.

b. UK HQ will have a Roverway support fund. We currently have no information on this.

c. Other private trusts and organisations – Lesley Sale Trust, Round Table, Rotary Club etc.

Some of the above are open to all, some can have restrictions (such as location, purpose, financial situation) etc.

**Do I have to apply via my Group / District?** No! All applications go direct from the person applying, to the County Roverway Management Team. The application forms are then checked, and processed.

**Do I have to tell my Group / District?** You don't have to, but it might be good to tell your leaders. As part of our checks, we will notify all District Commissioners of the applicants from their District, and after selection and participant notification, the results.

**Do I have to be a Scout?** Yes – you must be a member of UK Scouting to attend. If you leave Scouting / stop being an active member of your Scout group / Explorer unit, your place may be withdrawn.

**What is the Roverway management for Hampshire?** The Roverway comes under the Hampshire Assistant County Commissioner (International) - Julian Sore. The Roverway Patrol largely makes its own decisions, but will be overseen by Julian Sore.

**What is the Roverway Management System?** This is a web based system used by HQ to obtain information on all participants for their management on the planning and running of the Roverway. This system usually starts to be used around 12 months prior to the Roverway.

**Do I have to use the Roverway Management System?** Yes, you will need to use this system, and keep it up to date.

**Is there another expedition in 2024 if I am not successful?** We are expecting a high number of applications, far more than we can accept onto the Roverway Patrols.

There is no explicit alternative, but there will generally be other International expeditions happening in 2024 / 2025, so please just keep looking.

**Is there an option of being a reserve if I am not offered a Roverway place?** As part of the selection process, we will choose some reserves. If members do not take up an offer of a place, or subsequently drop out, we will then contact a reserve to see if they wish to join the patrol.

**What about GDPR?** As a Hampshire County Scout event, data will be handled as described by the Hampshire County Scouts GDPR policy (available from the Hampshire County Scouts Website). Central Data (such as application forms, selection planning) will be held on the Hampshire County Scouts Microsoft Office 365 account. Access will be limited to the Hampshire Roverway Management team and Selection members. Financial data will be held and processed in an accountancy system set up for this purpose. Data will also be shared with UK Scout HQ where needed for the planning and management of the Roverway. Data will be destroyed in various stages, up to 11 years after the last Roverway event (for instance general data could be 2 years, financial data will be destroyed after 7 years, medical / insurance information could be 11 years).

**Will we be insured?** The UK HQ will organise the insurance for the expedition (usually through their Insurance arm – Unity). When we have details, we will forward this on to you.

**What about Covid?** The Roverway is over 15 months away, we are continuing on the basis that issues caused by Coronavirus will continue to dissipate over the next 15 months. However, we are not able to predict the future and Covid may become an issue again. We will have to wait to see what Insurance can be put into place, but we think it would be fair to say it is unlikely that insurance for a Covid cancellation would be possible. If Covid were to become an issue, and withdrawal / cancellation occurs, then you will need to expect that it may not be possible to refund some or all of your monies paid due to factors outside of the direct control of Hampshire County Scouts / uninsurable situations.

**Will I need any vaccinations?** Quite possibly yes. You will need to have any vaccinations which are compulsory for the countries we are visiting, or mandated by the Roverway organisers. Unfortunately, we don't know what these are at present. It is recommended (subject to your Doctors advice) to have your normal UK range of vaccinations.

#### **Where can I find any additional information?**

You can visit

- a. Scout UK HQ contingent pages <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/international-scouts-and-events/international-events/roverway/>
- b. Norway Organisers pages at <https://roverway.kmspeider.no/welcome>

**Who has the final say?** All places in the Hampshire Roverway Patrols are granted by permission of the Hampshire County Commissioner. At any time, and for any reason, an individual's place may be withdrawn by the County Commissioner. The financial consequences of this, will follow the **What happens if I need to withdraw after paying the deposit.**