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Message from the District Commissioner

As we near the end of another challenging year we see Scouting in the District coming back to life with meetings being carried out indoors as well as outdoors. Camps have been undertaken and trips out to activity centres where more adventurous activities can take place. There is lots of good Scouting going on for all our young people to take part in. The District is looking to be in a good place, yes we have lost a couple of sections and some Leaders, but I am sure in the new year we will start to see new Leaders coming on board and those two sections up and going again. Thank you, Leaders, and the Groups Executive Committees, for all you are doing to keep your young people safe, so that they can still take part in a fun packed programme of activities. I would also like to thank my team and the District Executive for all that you do to help me keep the District moving along.

With Christmas fast approaching I hope you all have a well earned festive break.

On behalf of the District Executive we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Take Care and Stay Safe.

Wendy Tierney D.C



Schools gather to remember the fallen on Armistice Day

Local schools in the area fell silent to mark Armistice Day on Thursday 11 November. Students from the Scout and Guiding movements marked the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month with the traditional two-minute silence in their Scout and Guide Uniform.

Year 7 student Nathan said "I feel really proud wearing my Scout's uniform at school representing the Queen and our Country".



There were Beavers, Cubs, Scouts from 4th Letchworth and 5th Letchworth and Explorer Scouts as well as Leaders from most Groups representing the District at the Sunday Service of Remembrance in Letchworth .



8th Letchworth at Jambowlree



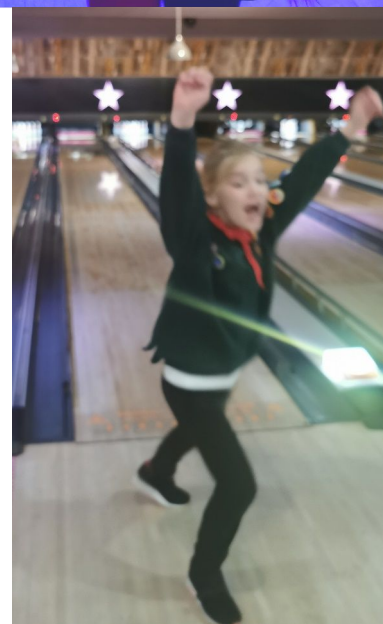
In November 8th Letchworth Cubs and Scouts took part in Jambowlree at the Hollywood Bowl in Stevenage.

Everyone had a great time and there were plenty of strikes throughout the evening.

The Scout section invested 4 of it's members while we were there.

In the Cub section Amy A scores the most with 102 points.

Caitlyn came out on top of the Scout section with 127 points.





25 World Scout Jamboree Tuesday 1 – Saturday 12 August 2023 South Korea

The next World Scout Jamboree is to be held in South Korea in 2023.

The District have been given 5 places to send Scouts / Explorer Scouts on a trip of a life time.

A selection afternoon was held on Saturday 6th November at DHQ.

There were 15 applications for 5 places. All the young people did very well, making it a hard decision who to select. The selection panel were

Hayley Palmer DNC, Robert Coldrey DYC, Chris King DESC, Apryl Goodwin DS, and a guest from Royston District Larry Eels.

Larry went to the last Jamboree as a unit leader and this time he is going as part of the management team. Larry gave a presentation to the young people and their parents about what the Jamboree was all about and what would be expected if selected. During the afternoon another presentation was give by Larry and Rosaline on their experience of attending the Jamboree last time. After activities, group interviews and presentations it was time for the young people to leave and the hard work of the selection panel to begin.

The young people selected to represent the District / County / and UK are:-

Molly Latto	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Freddie Hartley	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Ceris Creedon	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Jude Davies	4 th Letchworth Scouts
Molly George	4 th Letchworth Scouts



Congratulations to these 5 young people I am sure they are going to put in the hard work to have a trip of a lifetime.

Please give them all the support, encouragement and help with their fund raising as you can. If you have any good ideas for fund raising or would like to help them fund raise, please let me know.

Wendy Tierney DC



Congratulations to Zeke Hill, Scout Leader at 8th Letchworth Scout Group on being given the opportunity to take a new direction in his Scouting journey as he has been chosen to support a group of Hertfordshire Explorer Scouts to the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea 2023.



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Charges 2022 / 2023



At the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Committee Meeting in November it was agreed NOT to increase the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Scout Centre charges for 2022. However, it was agreed for 2023 the charges would increase by £1.00 per head for the Centre and camping fees would increase by 50p per head.



You Shape Award Completion

When any young person has achieved all of the sections to their relevant You Shape Award their Leader can fill in an online form (please contact Rob Coldrey - rob@lbdscouts.org.uk) Data collected from this form will be used within the District, names will be recorded in the District monthly magazine Co-Ordinator unless asked otherwise.

If you have any queries and require clarification on the You Shape Award please contact Rob Coldrey - District Youth Commissioner rob@lbdscouts.org.uk

Membership Cost 2022

At our last District Executive meeting which focused on finances it was agreed that we would set our membership levy at £5.00 per Young Person. This figure includes £1.00 that will be used to pay for and provide OSM to all Groups and Sections across the District.

Having set this figure and having received the figures for both National and County Membership Subscriptions, I can advise that the cost per Young Person next year is as follows:-

National membership	£34.50 (this includes a 50p discount for early payment)
County membership	£13.50
District	£ 5.00
Total per head	<u>£53.00</u>

Please note that in order to claim the prompt payment discount your payment will need to reached the District account by 14th March 2022



Scouts of the World Award

Scouts of the World Award (SOWA) is a Scout Network only award that gives Scout Network members the chance to undertake a project of their choice within the themes of Peace, Environment and Sustainability.

Through your Scouts of the World Award journey, you'll develop skills and knowledge that will empower you to undertake a project that will make a sustainable impact on your local, national or international community, while developing your personal skills.

You don't have to go abroad to complete your Scouts of the World Award. Local and national projects are acceptable, as long as all requirements of the award are being met.

Whichever theme you choose for your project it should have a strong tie to the 17 World Sustainable Development Goals.

In October 2021 Alex Hawkins, a member of the Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District, was the first person in Hertfordshire to complete and receive his Scouts of the World Award. His project centred around the theme of sustainable development. Alex worked at a campsite that was in need of renewing some of its activity infrastructure. The campsite is based in a historic woodland and so all of the materials for the project had to come from that area. In addition, any wood used had to be signed off by the forestry commission and come from the site itself. Alex built relationships with key stakeholders of the campsite to ensure maintenance of the activity equipment for the foreseeable future.

To mark the occasion and present Alex with his award we planted an oak tree at Knebworth Park Estate. Family and friends as well as key people from Hertfordshire Scouts were invited to enjoy the afternoon and assist with the tree planting.

If you would like to find the SOWA tree and check on it's progress you can find it using

Grid Ref: (224, 211)

What Three Words:
groom.during.crop

**Jo Haynes -
ACC 14-25**





Oak Tree Dedication @ Knebworth Park

On Saturday 30th October members of the District Team, County Team and members of Alex's family met up at Knebworth park for a tree planting ceremony. The tree is dedicated to Alex Hawkins to recognise that he is the first Scout in Hertfordshire to be awarded **"The World Scout Award"** Alex was presented with his award by Matt Palacio (County Network Commissioner)

Alex was a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer and a Scout Network member in this District. He is now a District Leader. He does most of his Scouting in Monmouthshire where he has just taken on the role as Network Commissioner. Alex still supports this District when and where he can.

Congratulations Alex on your award, we are all proud of your achievement.



Wendy Tierney DC



8th Letchworth Cubs - RAF Hendon Scouts' Air Activity Day

I really enjoyed going to RAF Hendon. I liked the park especially because it had a nice space to play in and equipment. I also liked the hangers and planes, especially the ones you could go into or climb up to it. I learnt that nearly all planes have an image or letters on them. I would recommend it to everybody because it is an enjoyable place, nice playgrounds and games, interesting facts, a gift shop and very friendly staff.

Keira - 8th Letchworth Cub



8th Letchworth Flying through the activities.

8th Letchworth Cubs went on a recent minibus trip to Hendon Air Museum in London. When we got there, we were all excited to go in and see all the exciting activities we could do. In one of the hangars, we learnt about the Buccaneer and a bit about the Typhoon. We learnt that the Buccaneer is a pinky yellow colour to blend with the desert. The Typhoon is the quickest turning plane in the world.

We had a work sheet on different planes. The first one was the yellow monoplane. Later we found the Canberra which won a race to New Zealand from England. Afterwards we had a look at the Vulcan. The Vulcan is one of the biggest planes in the UK. We made a paper aeroplane and then we launched them. Mine went 12m, someone else's went over the banister! The longest distance out of all the Cubs and Scout Groups was 17m. When the day had ended, we went to the shop and bought some toys. I had a fantastic day and really enjoyed myself. I would recommend you go there for a visit.

Alex - 8th Letchworth Cub



Adult Training



Training / Compass

1. Over the last few months Gill, Chris and myself have been sending out emails to Leaders that need training. Some of you will also have had emails from Scout HQ too.
Thank you to those that have responded and have completed the training that has been required. If you have yet to complete, please get on and do so. It's not only you that gets chased, it is the training manager / administrator and me, but also, we all need to do our bit to make sure that training is completed. It will come that if training is not completed in a timely fashion suspension will be applied until it is completed.
2. All Leaders in the District have a Scouting email address. Please could you go onto Compass to check that you have this as your main email address, at the same time please check that all your details are correct. If you cannot get onto your compass record you will need to get in touch with Gilwell to get your password reset.

Your help with both these matters would be appreciated.

Wendy Tierney DC

Who are the Scout Active Support Unit ?

Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District has a Scout Active Support Unit currently with 34 members many of whom have been involved in Scouting over many years - as Leaders, administrators and helpers.

The unit is there to support the District and Groups either financially or physically. Currently members of ASU volunteer behind the counter at the District Scout Shop, members have roles in the District including chair and secretary of the Wymondley Wood Committee, Badge Secretary, editor of Co-Ordinator, providing administrative skills to various Groups and, when asked, help with activities, sleepovers and badgework. The unit also holds various social events during the year. The first of which was in November for tea, cake and a chat. During the course of the afternoon it was decided that in order to raise the profile of the ASU members we would wear the ASU tee-shirt / neckerchief / and or badge and also a ASU sweatshirt.

We are always looking for new members to join us and bring new skills and the average age down.

If you need any help or require any financial assistance please contact the ASU via the Manager or Treasurer whilst the vacancies of Secretary, Events Co-Ordinator and Administration Co-Ordinator, who will be the first point of contact for Groups, are filled.



Manager - Dave Upson

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Treasurer - Mike Durrant

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Achievements



Chief Scout' Bronze Award

Tom Gaskell	2nd Baldock
Ben Mitchell	2nd Baldock
Max Robinson	1st Baldock



Chief Scout' Silver Award

Freya Boor	2nd Baldock
Bev Burton	2nd Baldock
Emily Clark	2nd Baldock
Luca Clarke	12th Letchworth
Daisy Collen	8th Letchworth
Evan Cushen	2nd Baldock
Alessandro D'Onofrio	2nd Baldock
Harry Latto	2nd Baldock
Neil Whitaker	8th Letchworth



Chief Scout' Gold Award

Cameron Murphy	8th Letchworth
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Chief Scout' Platinum Award

Felicity Cook Allen	Oak Eagle ESU
Ellie Hill	Oak Eagle ESU
Holly Scoot	Oak Eagle ESU



**Garden
House
Hospice
Care**

Why not pop down to The Cloisters, Barrington Road on Sunday 12 December between 12 noon - 4.30 pm to the Christmas Village. All proceeds go to the Garden House Hospice Care.

Chris Lewis , 11th Letchworth Scout Leader will be again supporting the GHHC by having a stall selling corded goods

and leather products.

Diary Dates 2021 / 2022

DECEMBER

- 4** **ASU Festive Dinner - The Wilbury**
- 7** **District Scout Leaders' Meeting**
- 9** **District Executive Meeting**
- 11** **Oak Eagle ESU fund raising event - swimming pool party**
- 16** **Scout and Guide Shop closes for Christmas at 8.00 pm**

JANUARY 2022

- 10** **District Cub Leaders' Meeting**
- 12** **Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting**
- 13** **District Executive Meeting**

FEBRUARY

- 6** **District Scout Cooking Competition**
- 9** **Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting**
- 10** **District Executive Meeting**
- 27** **County Scout Cooking Competition**



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