



## Introduction to the Hills (ITTH) Hertfordshire County Scouts Event

I enjoyed the activities - walking, cycling, caving and climbing. My favourites were climbing and caving as they were both new to me. The cycling was fun round Ladybower Reservoir area. There were a few hills but nothing I couldn't do. I really liked the two Leaders who took my group walking.

I went not knowing anyone and made some new friends - some I shared a tent with and some in my activity group. In our free time we played games in our tent. This helped us get to know each other. Saturday evening we watched a film with everyone.

We were well fed by a wonderful team of Leaders who cooked for us. Although we had to do our own washing up and the plates etc. for our Leaders.

I would recommend the ITTH to other Scouts.

**Reuben Hobbs, 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scout**



Introduction to the Hills (ITTH) returned to The Foundry in Great Hucklow in the Peak District this year. 72 Scouts and Guides and 40 Leaders from across the County enjoyed Caving near Eyam, climbing at Birchen Edge, mountain biking around Ladybower, and hiking at various locations including Derwent Edge, Mam Tor, Stanage Edge and Bleaklow.

The weather was kind and the food was excellent.



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## Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

On 7th and 8th May eight Explorer Scouts in two teams took part in their Bronze DofE expedition. This is a two day hike with no support along the way. Leaders and an assessor meet teams along the way to ensure all is well.

The teams started in Broom near Biggleswade on a wet Saturday morning. Bags were heavy but spirits were high. The teams hiked on different routes to Jordan Close Scout site in Great Barford for an overnight stop. Lightweight camping skills were required for cooking on Trangias and keeping the site safe and tidy.

Sunday morning the sun was shining and after a bit of route jiggling the teams were off again. Bags a bit lighter having eaten most of the food and lots of sweets. On the way the teams continued to work on their aims. Boys were looking at the amount of litter in different areas and the girls were bird spotting.

The expedition ended at Sandy RSPB centre. After a debrief, the teams had passed their assessment and celebrated with ice-creams.

Well done to the teams, they worked hard, supported each other and had fun along the way. Many thanks to Fiona Potts who was our assessor for the weekend. We all learnt so much from you.

**Clair Calver - ESL**

### Comments from the teams

Recently in Explorers some of us took part in the bronze DofE expedition. This involved going on two six hour hikes. It was a great experience because we were able to work on our teamwork skills whilst also having fun with our friends.

After lots of hard work and around 30km of walking we are delighted to say we have completed our expedition. The countryside was stunning and the

weather was mostly good. I would recommend it to anyone eligible as it is an experience too good to pass up.





# 4th Letchworth Cubs



**4th Letchworth Cubs Kenex Tower Building**



The Scout and Guide shop will now be accepting cards from all major vendors.

They will continue to accept cash and cheques.



## Sixers and Seconders Weekend 20—21 May 2022

The Cub Section held it's annual Sixers and Seconders weekend at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Activity Centre with over 60 Cubs taking part on a very warm and sunny weekend in May! We couldn't have asked for better weather. Sunny and warm during the day and not too cold outside at night. With around 60 Cubs sleeping outside it looked a little like a tent city. We were lucky enough to be able to eat outside for all of our meals on the patio.

During the weekend we held six bases, Cubs spent an hour on each base learning new scouting skills. The bases were:

Fire lighting, pioneering, archery, blind fold rope trail and rope making, shooting and puzzle Room.



Saturday evening the Cubs took part in a camp fire and then went for a short walk through the woods to a small clearing to play Capture the flag. Great fun was had by all of the Cubs. They went to bed very tired and didn't take long to go to sleep. The first Cubs were wake by about 5.30am (much too early for me)

We managed to keep them in their tents until 7ish! Once up washed and dressed in uniform it was time for breakfast on the patio! You just have to love the warmer weather! After breakfast it was time to pack their bags and get ready for Cubs Own where 8 Cubs were presented with their Chief Scout Silver Award - the highest award in the Cub Section.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the catering team for the lovely food which kept us all going.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the Leaders for giving up their time to make this a very enjoyable weekend for everyone.

**Amanda Woolmer**





## Sixer and Seconder Weekend





# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Harry Banham	12th Letchworth
Sebastian Banham	12th Letchworth
Alfred Hewlett	12th Letchworth
Fern Middleton	12th Letchworth
Edward Moon	12th Letchworth
Tommy Newland	12th Letchworth
Pippa Whelan	12th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Joshua Beardsall	4th Letchworth
Honor Bentley	4th Letchworth
Austin Constable	1st Ashwell
Jude Davies	4th Letchworth
Oscar Davies	4th Letchworth
Molly George	4th Letchworth
Sophie Hills	4th Letchworth
Edward Kendrick	1st Ashwell
Henry Peacock	1st Ashwell
James Vickerstaffe	1st Ashwell



### Doreen Lewis

**07/05/1937 - 03/05/2022**

**8th Letchworth and District**



Doreen Lewis was a Scouter at 8th Letchworth

Dorian Cubs for many years and to many was known as Baloo, also a member of the District Gang Show during its early days.

Many leaders have worked with her or been guided by her during their youth.

Being a keen cake maker Doreen always had a good selection of cakes available for any event, many Leaders past and present had their wedding cakes made by Doreen.

Doreen was always a keen swimmer and a member of the Letchworth swimming club where she was an instructor teaching many Letchworth residents how to swim over the years.

During her later years, she kept up the cake baking for family birthdays etc, with enjoyment of her garden. Unfortunately Doreen's health wasn't 100% over the last few years whilst in the care home. Sadly during early May Bank Holiday weekend Doreen passed away peacefully.

The family have had a private cremation and request that any donations go to Alzheimer's UK.

# Diary Dates 2022

## JUNE

- 2** Scout and Guide Shop closed for half term
- 4** Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Wymondley Wood)
- 5** Thank You Day (part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend)
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 18** County AGM - TBA
- 22** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 25 - 26** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Well End

## JULY

- 2 - 3** County Beavers in Tents (BiTs) - Well End
- 3** District Archery and Shooting Competition (Scouts/Explorers)
- 9 - 10** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Wymondley Wood
- 11** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14** District Executive Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 12** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 24** County - Cubs Activity Day - Tolmers
- 25** County - Cubs Activity Day - Tolmers

## OCTOBER

- 2** District Cub Day Out - Duxford
- 9** County Cub Cyclo-Cross - Well End
- 14** JOTA / JOTI
- 14 - 16** County Peak Assault

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