

Dear All

Thank you so much for your messages of congratulations. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Wendy on behalf of the District for all that she has done as District Commissioner over the last 5 years. I am looking forward to the new challenge, which the role will give me. I hope to maintain the District's steady leadership over the next few years of transformation within the Scouting movement. I hope you will be patient with me while I find my feet.

The District is in an exciting place. This year we are starting to see more events return after the Covid hiatus. We have Leaders and young people going to the Jamboree in South Korea. Please help and support them in their fund raising to make it all possible. And the Greenway Walk is making a return.

I have been working hard over my first couple of months to put together a team. The new District team can be found below with contact information. Please wish them well. We have taken this period of change as an opportunity to begin introducing the new District team structure that will be implemented across all Districts next year. There will be no immediate changes to the District team roles, however, you may notice some changes in terminology in the near future.



Robert Coldrey - DC

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Letchworth Baldock and Ashwell Scouts

Census Return 2023

GROUP	Beavers			Cubs			Scouts			Explorers			Leaders			Assistants			Others			Exec Mbrs			Occ Hlprs			Census 2023	Census 2022
	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	M	F	S.I	Census 2023	Census 2022			
1st Ashwell	17	5	0	20	4	0	24	8	0	2	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	10	8	0	112	119
1st Baldock	27	5	0	43	3	0	29	12	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	3	1	0	4	1	0	10	19	0	167	168
2nd Baldock	10	14	0	20	4	0	15	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	3	0	10	11	0	101	102
4th Letchworth	14	5	0	20	4	0	20	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	7	0	99	103
5th Letchworth	6	4	0	9	4	0	7	11	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	59	70
7th Letchworth	15	4	0	10	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	6	0	66	52
8th Letchworth	12	3	0	7	7	0	11	8	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	0	69	82
11th Letchworth	9	2	0	8	4	0	11	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	50	59
12th Letchworth	21	1	0	18	4	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	7	9	0	86	80
Oak Eagle Explorers	25 15 0 0 1 0 4 2 0																												
Oak Eagle (Y.L only)	2 0 0																												
Network	32 26 0																												
Active Support	13 16 0																												
District Personnel	6 5 0																												
Grand Total																													
131 43 0 155 40 139 56 3 29 15 991 1008																													
% Difference on previous year																													
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Notes Young Leader figure does not include those doing DofE only
 Young Leader figure appears low but the majority are active in Explorers so are captured within that total
 Others column contains Sectional Assistant roles only

1st Baldock Scouts

My experience at Tolmers

Despite it being quite muddy, I really enjoyed my weekend at Tolmers. There was a variety of activities to do and there wasn't a single point where I was bored. My favourite activity was the pedal karts as it was very competitive. So me and my friends came back a second time to see if someone else would win.

Jan – 1st Baldock Scout

My experience at Green Beret



I am just finishing my Gold Award. I am writing about my best experience which was when I went on the Green Beret Challenges. It was so fun. I would definitely recommend it to any Scout if you get the chance. We did loads of amazing activities. It was like a festival without the live music. My favourite was when we climbed up the side of the van.

Ruby Ekers – 1st Baldock Scouts

Green Beret Challenge

Save the date - 17– 19 November 2023

@ Phasels Wood Activity Centre



At the last Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Executive Meeting it was agreed that there would be no increase in the charges

for the Centre for 2024 at this time. However, there will be a review in June / July to assess the situation. Please bear this in mind when you do your costings.



The Big Help Out – recruit more volunteers on Coronation weekend. The Big Help Out, a national day of volunteering happening on Monday 8 May, is set to be a centrepiece of the Coronation celebrations. The day's about inspiring people to try volunteering in their local community for the first time, so it's a great opportunity for recruiting more volunteers in your area.

For more information please see your February Membership email or go to the Scouts website www.scouts.org.uk



SATURDAY 28th JANUARY

EXPLORERS

On Saturday 28th January 17 Explorers in three teams headed off to London for the county Monopoly Challenge. We took the train from Letchworth to Kings Cross and then the tube to South Battersea

Each team had an app so the organisers could track where they were and a website to show the clues, challenges, and upload the answers. For each clue, the team had to visit the place and take a photo of themselves and their mascot. The clues were related to films such as Mary Poppins, Sherlock Holmes, Love Actually and others

As the teams became more confident on the transport systems and navigation they increased their speed and bagged lots of Monopoly money. Marshalls were roaming around the city and if they found a team they would give them a chance card. This could be money or a fine or even a Go to Jail card which meant a trip to the Tower of London

It was a great day out and the teams did really well. Looking forward to next year!

Clair Calver - DESC



Results

SCOUTS - 14 teams took place

Position	Team Name	Section
3	Just Visiting	12th Letchworth
5	Rambuncions Rizzlers	Letchworth & Baldock
7	Topguns	Letchworth & Baldock

EXPLORERS- 38 teams took place

23	Janathans	Oak Eagle ESU
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District Scout Cooking Competition 5 February 2023—1st Baldock HQ



1st Baldock Scouts and 4th Letchworth Scouts competed in this year's District Cooking Competition. The judge, Jeremy Croxford, declared 1st Baldock the winners by 154 points to 144 points. He complimented both teams on their menus and the quality of their cooking.

Both teams will compete in the County finals held at Tolmers Scout camp and Activity Centre on Sunday 27 February 2023 as each District is allotted two places.

Many thanks to the parents of both Groups. They can be proud of their young cooks and what they have achieved.



**Winners
1st Baldock**

The theme was based on the location of World Scout Jamboree in Saemangeum, North Jeolla, South Korea, this year



Starter

Habak Joen
Korean fried zucchini served
With a Soy sauce and vinegar dip



Main Course

Korean beef stir fry
with rice



Dessert

Songpyeon
Korean rice cakes
filled with honey
sesame seeds



**Founders Day /
World Thinking Day
25 February 2023
Scout District HQ**



Over 20 members of the Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Active Support Unit and the Guide Trefoil Guilds of Letchworth and Hitchin met at the Scout District HQ on Saturday 25 February to celebrate Founder's Day / World Thinking Day with afternoon tea and cake.

Founder's Day / World Thinking Day is celebrated on 22 February, the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell (born in 1857), the founder of Scouting and coincidentally also of his wife Olave Baden-Powell, founder of Guiding (born in 1889),

All had a great time. We all enjoyed the quiz, with tea and cake afterwards whilst we caught up with each others news.

It was decided that we would like to hold the event again next year.

It is hoped that the event will be the first of many where Scouting and Guiding can come together.



Achievements



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Zack Wake

Oak Eagle ESU



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Oliver Akrill	4th Letchworth
Rohan Bidewell	12th Letchworth
Douglas Borthwick	4th Letchworth
Enzo Clarke	12th Letchworth
Max Delaney	12th Letchworth
Lola Dimmock	4th Letchworth
Noah Hewett	12th Letchworth
Theo Lagan	2nd Baldock
Miles Larke	4th Letchworth
Emily Norfolk	4th Letchworth
Oliver Norman	4th Letchworth
Lorcan Prino	12th Letchworth
Luka Randjelovic	12th Letchworth
Heydon Reeves	4th Letchworth
Liam Shields	4th Letchworth
Noah Wood	2nd Baldock



Group: 5th Letchworth
Date: 22 March 2023
Time: 18:00 for 18:30 start
Venue: 11th Letchworth HQ

Group: 1st Baldock
Date: 30 March 2023
Time: 18:15 for 19:00 start
Venue: 1st Baldock HQ

Centre: Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide
Date: 12 April 2023
Time: 19.15 for 19.30 start
Venue: Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre

District: District
Date: 11 May 2023
Time: 20.00 start
Venue: District HQ

Diary Dates 2023

MARCH

- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 10** District Gang Show
- 11** Two performances District Gang Show
- 11** County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood
- 22** 5th Letchworth AGM
- 25** County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood
(Running, Shooting and Cycling)
- 25 - 26** District Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 26** ASU Meeting @ DHQ



APRIL

- 7** Good Friday
- 10** Easter Monday
- 12** Wymondley Wood AGM
- 13** District Executive Meeting
- 23** St George's Day Parade - 2nd Baldock

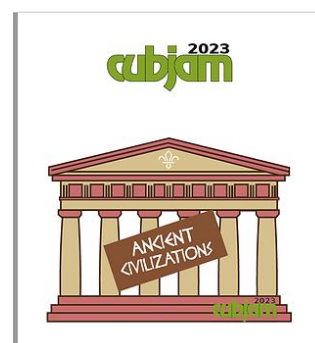


MAY

- 21** District Scouts Greenway Walk
- 23** District Beaver Challenge
- 27 - 2 June** Cubjam - Phasels Wood

JUNE

- 11** District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition
- 17** County AGM
- 18** ASU Meeting @ DHQ
- 24/25** County Beavers in Tents (BiTs) - Well End



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