

Co-Ordinator

All District Adults - all sections

Lochearnhead Planning Meeting 1

**Tuesday 19th September 2023 8pm at
Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre**

In the school summer holiday 2025 we will be going to Hertfordshire Scout's mountain base, Lochearnhead Scout Station, in the Southern Highlands of Scotland.

All interested Leaders are invited to attend the initial planning meeting to find out more about the expedition, the process for young people booking and the leader team needed.



23 April 2023

**Windsor Day of
Celebration and
Achievement**



George Muge,
7th Letchworth,
Robert Coldrey,
District Commissioner
Stiofan Doherty,
5th Letchworth and
Ruby Doherty ,
Scout Network

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St George's Day Parade and Service @ Windsor

On the 23rd of April, I did what I always do as a member of Scouts - got up, got into my uniform and got ready to head to a St. George's Day parade. However, unlike recent years, this time I was going with my sister, Ruby Doherty, in George Muge's car to Windsor Castle. The reason? Well, I was going to be participating in the parade for the King's/Queen's Scout Award achievers!

We arrived at Windsor bright and early and headed to the meeting point, Victoria Barracks, where we met up with the one and only Rob Coldrey. Once we made it inside, we were split into marching groups and headed outside into the crisp, damp morning to be drilled in proper marching form. This was quite a comical affair, watching a couple of hundred Scout Leaders and Network members trying to work out that your right leg and left arm go together, then you do the same with your left leg and right arm. (Having been in Cadets together as teenagers, Rob and I were perfect at it, honest).

After a few hours of this, we were told to go and get some lunch and then head to the meeting point outside the castle to prepare for the parade. Lunch was decent, punctuated by a months' worth of water plummeting from the sky within about an hour. But as soon as it was time to meet and form up for the parade, boom, bright sunshine and blue skies. Perfect timing.

Once we were all in order, the band kicked up and the parade set off, marching down the road and into the grounds of the castle to be met by the band of the Royal Grenadiers! The parade took it's places and the ceremony began. The bands played their tunes (James Bond fans were delighted by the selections), Bear Grylls took a stroll around shaking hands and chatting with the award holders, as did a number of the top Scouting brass in the country.

After that, we marched back out and headed to the chapel for a service. Can't say too much about the service. It was pretty good, we sang some stuff and got given an acorn each, so that was pretty great. The highlight was probably Mr. Grylls popping up again and giving a speech to us all about the values of Scouting, which is always nice to be reminded of.

After that, we headed outside to the bottom of the chapel steps and, can you guess who was there to give us a speech? That's right, Bear Grylls! This was probably his best, stood on the historic steps of the chapel, congratulating us all on achieving the Queen's/King's Scout Award. We'd done it, we had achieved the highest ranking badge you can get in Scouting. I'm not a proud person, but there was definitely some pride felt during that day. Thank you to Scouts for being such an important part of my life and for enabling me to have so many amazing experiences like this one. And for those wondering, yes, you should do this award. It's great fun and the payoff is well worth it. So go on, get on it!

Stiofan Doherty - 5th Letchworth SL

District Shooting and Archery Competition Sunday 11 June 2023 Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

Scout individual: Shooting Segment

1 O Lynam	1st Baldock A	43
2 Jacey D	4th Letchworth	42
- Oliver D	12th Letchworth	42
- I Wong.	2nd Baldock	42
3 Jake N	7th Letchworth	39

Whalebone Trophy Scout team:

1	2nd Baldock :	186
2	1st B Ashwell	176
-	12th Letchworth	176
-	8th Letchworth	176
3	4th Letchworth	165
4	7th Letchworth	142

Overall event winners:

1st	4th Letchworth	391
2nd	12th Letchworth	380
3rd	1st Baldock A	365
4th	2nd Baldock	335

Archery Segment:

Individual:

1	Harriet 8th Letchworth	66
2	Samuel 1st Baldock A	59
3	Luca 12th Letchworth	55

Team segment:

1st	4th Letchworth	226
2nd	12th Letchworth	204
3rd	1st Baldock A	189

Leader Trophy goes to Ed Hartley
2nd Baldock by default

Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts

Team 'A' Shooting and archery
combined - 338

Team 'B' Shooting and archery
combined score - 304

Individual shooting winner:

Austin C - 47

Archery Winner:

Molly G - 59



Thank you to all the teams who took part in the District Shooting and Archery Competition at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. Also a big thank you to all Instructors, Leaders and helpers who gave up their Sunday to make the competition possible. Not forgetting the parents / carers for transporting the Scouts to and from the venue.

5th Letchworth Scouts Spring Over Night Hike

When we arrived at the 1st Baldock Scout HQ, we put down our bags and other belongings. Next, we were messing around and having a fun time (throwing and catching a ball across the hut). After all that, we put ourselves into 2 groups. One group being an 8 mile hike and the other being 12 miles! Almost everyone went in the 12 mile hike but 3 people (obviously not me) went in the 8 mile.

Then, we planned our route from the Scout HQ to Baldock train station.. Our Scout Group (5th Letchworth) walk to the train station to get the train to Ashwell and Morden station. When we got off the train, the two different groups went different ways.

As we walked, we saw stunning views from the hills of the towns and villages from down below. The best views of the countryside and the beauty of nature. As it was raining that day, I was jumping in all the muddy puddles.

After all the hiking, we returned to the Scout HQ together we played football and dodgeball. The Leaders cooked scrumptious dinner and us Scouts washed up after. Then we all got in our sleeping bags and watched a film Moana as we started to go to sleep. I liked the spring overnight hike because of the views, jumping in muddy puddles and seeing my friends.

Kyron -5th Letchworth Scouts



8th and 7th Letchworth Cubs Rounders

It was a quiet evening in early June 2023, the afternoon sun bathed the rounder pitch in a warm light as 2 teams of eager young Cubs squared off for a game of rounders. The prize... bragging rights and pride.

7th and 8th Letchworth Cubs met for a battle of the ages in what would prove a fun entertaining evening of Rounders. After a quick round of Rock, Paper, Scissors that game began in earnest, Cubs were able to bat and field twice, and there was even time for the Leaders to have a quick go. Everyone was cheering each other so much I'm sure there must have been some croaky voices the following day. The final scores were too close to call, but in the end everyone agreed that it was the taking part that counted.

Zeke Hill - 8th Letchworth GSL





8th Letchworth Cubs

Ferny Crofts Camp Site - New Forest



On Sunday 28th May 8th Letchworth Cubs went to Ferny Crofts camp site in the New Forest. We set off with lots of singing on the minibus. Too loud at times! When we arrived we set up camp and had time to explore the camp site and the woods. After dinner we played pass the parcel and had cake for my birthday.

On Monday we went on a massive zipline. It was so much fun but the staircase up to the top was very dodgy! Our next activity was crate stacking. I got to the maximum height with my partner Daisy. After lunch we went raft building. My team took longer to build our raft but it lasted longer in the water and didn't break up. Tabitha was the 1st cub to fall in the water!

Tuesday we went to Monkey World. It was so much fun and we all loved seeing the animals. My favourite was the marmosets. We stopped at a harbour on the way home for a fish n chips supper. It was a brilliant day!

On Wednesday we went tunnelling on a bus. It was a bus converted with lots of tunnels inside. Next was the obstacle course. I got stuck on a wall and Mike had to rescue me. The whole course was fun. We then did archery to finish the day.

George got a bullseye and I was happy to get my arrows in the board. George made tea that night which was spag bol. It was yummy. I made Mike and Colonel Clumsy (Immi) a cup of coffee. As it was our last night we sang songs round the camp fire.

Thursday we were sad to be leaving. We took the camp down and it was time for the journey home.

Thank you to all the Leaders for taking us away on camp, we all had an amazing time.

Emily Collen - 8th Letchworth Cub

District Beaver Challenge

10th June 2023 - 11th Letchworth HQ

This year's Beaver Challenge was held on the 10th June and organised by 12th Letchworth as they were the winners in 2022. It was a great turn out with 7 Colonies taking part in teams of 6. It was a very warm weekend but this didn't stop things going ahead inside and out in the shade, with a few snacks and drinks!!

Rounds this year included general and international knowledge, with a few Scouting questions thrown in. These were set by some of 12th Cubs. The deciding round this year was a building challenge, based on the warm weather. Beavers had to use Lego or K'nex to make an invention to cool a person, animal or the world. These were presented at the end and Beavers voted for their favourite.

We ended on a tie break between 11th and 12th where they had to see who was the closest to 30 seconds on the timer when counting in their heads.

This year's winners were 11th Letchworth who will set the questions and challenges next year. Great fun was had by everyone and it was lovely to see them all working as a team throughout.

Results	Points
11 th Letchworth	31
	plus winners of tie break
12 th Letchworth	31
4 th & 8 th Letchworth	28
8 th Letchworth	27
1 st Baldock	24
5 th Letchworth	23
2 nd Baldock	22

Hayley - ADC Beavers





Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts Letchworth GC Classic & Vintage Car Club Transport Picnic - 17 June 2023

The Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts helped at LGCCVCC at Fairclough Hall Farm, Halls Green on Saturday 17 June with refreshments and car parking. It was their busiest day ever at this event and everyone worked so hard.

Clair would like to say thank you to the tea makers, car parkers, washer uppers, cake bakers, burger cooking and all the extra bits that made this work so well.

The tea tent made a fabulous £1044 profit. The unit will also be given a donation by the car club for the car parking duties. The money will go directly to the Kandersteg International Scout Camp Trip



We are excited to announce
the return of Nightjar -
Letchworth, Baldock and
Ashwell District's night hike
competition for Scouts

Save the date:
7th October 2023



Preparing your Scouts: This is a perfect focus for your late September programme. Consider including some map reading sessions, a practice hike and team building evenings. Need tips on map reading? Join our District Scout Leaders Whatsapp group here:



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GxZTMMVG7xe7VKGM0ki8CY>



Phil Charsley, District Treasurer being
presented with his 50 Years Long Service
Award at the last Trustee Meeting by
Robert Coldrey, District Commissioner.

Correction to last months edition of Co-Ordinator (715).
The 15 Year Service Award was awarded to Phil George
- 1st Ashwell ASL and not Nick Denham. As you may
have noticed he received his 5 Year Award.

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Joshua Blake	8th Letchworth
Lucia Burns	8th Letchworth
Matias Burns	8th Letchworth
Brandon Carter	8th Letchworth
Aiden McGivney	8th Letchworth
Keelan Pile	8th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Joe Bennett	8th Letchworth
Isaac Brown	1st Baldock (Templars)
Edgar Chapman	1st Baldock (Knights)
Cameron Chivers	1st Baldock (Templars)
Hannah Cooke	1st Baldock (Templars)
Amy Fidgeon	8th Letchworth
Edward Fulcher	1st Baldock (Knights)
Felix Howell	1st Baldock (Knights)
Ieuan James	1st Baldock (Knights)
Phoenix Perrott	1st Baldock (Templars)
Emmie-Leigh Stapleton	8th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Jacques Bernabe	5th Letchworth
Toby Denham	1st Ashwell
Dean Glover	1st Ashwell
Felix Hard	1st Ashwell
Ailsa Heal	1st Ashwell
Joseph Hurst	1st Ashwell

Long Service Award



Christine Hart

ASU

Diary Dates 2023

JULY

- 10 County DC Meeting
- 12 Wymondley Wood Meeting
- 15/16 County Beavers in Tents (BiTs) - Wymondley Wood
- 20 District Beavers Bangers and Bash
- 20 District Trustee Board Meeting

AUGUST

- 19 ASU Cream Tea - Wrayfield Farm
- 19 - 28 Come to Tolmers (CTT)

SEPTEMBER

- 16 District Beavers Orienteering
- 17 ASU Meeting at DHQ
- 19 District Lochearnhead Planning Meeting
- 24 County Cubs Activity Day - Tolmers

OCTOBER

- 7 District Scout Nightjar Competition
- 8 County Cub Cyclocross

NOVEMBER

- 17/19 County Scout Green Beret

DECEMBER

- 9 or 10 District Beaver Day Out
- 17 ASU Christmas Dinner TBC



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