

# Co-Ordinator

# Remembrance Sunday - 12th November 2023

The Scouts and Explorer Scouts have been invited to join the Cadets on their march from Broadway Gardens. Meet at 10:00 hrs in Broadway Gardens, march off at 10:30 hrs and arrive at the War Memorial at 10:45 hrs Beavers and Cubs - meet at the train station at 10:00 hrs as you usually would and parade from there.

The theme of this year's International Day of Remembrance is "Legacy: Finding Hope and Building a Peaceful Future"

Remember the fallen

Remember the innocent

Remember the fighters - animal + human, mums, dads, sisters, brothers, aunties, uncles, cousins, friends, sons, daughters

Remember the slaughter

Remember your freedom

Remember your rights

The life you were given by family before you

They suffered, some died, were tortured or lost

Wherever you come from it's all same I'm proud of them all and you should be too

Not just today but all the year through

I'll never forget and neither should you .

Teach the children and this will stay strong, your memory is with us, even now that you're gone



Nikki Killick - 4th Letchworth ACSL



# District Cub Shooting Competition Boyd Field, Henlow - 8 October 2023

On Sunday 8 October 2023 the District held its inaugural Cub Scout Shooting Competition. All packs were represented by at least two Cub Scouts.

Thanks to everyone that came and took part in the event.

Well done to Alyssia B (7th Let) and Fletcher J (1st Ash) for a joint first place score of 36 points in the individual competition.

Congratulations to 1st Baldock (Knights) for coming first in the team competition with a top score of 104 points.

Russell Wake - 4th Letchworth Cub Team

Top 10 Individual Scores

Name	Group	Score	Final Position
		Out of 50 points	
Alyssia B	7th Letchworth	36	1st
Fletcher J	1st Ashwell	36	1st
Tommy P	1st Baldock (Templars)	35	2nd
Jasmine L	11th Letchworth	35	2nd
David H	1st Baldock (Templars)	34	3rd
David D S	8th Letchworth	33	4th
Lovcan P	12th Letchworth	32	5th
Noah W	5th Letchworth	31	6th
Luke F	4th Letchworth	30	7th
Elijah H	1st Baldock (Templars)	29	8th
Henry L	1st Baldock (Knights)	28	9th
Henry K	2nd Baldock	27	10th





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# District Cub Shooting Competition Boyd Field, Henlow - 8 October 2023

Team Score - Top 5		
Group	Score	Final Position
Out	of 200 points	
1st Baldock (Knights)	104	1st
1st Baldock (Templars)	98	2nd
4th Letchworth	88	3rd
1st Ashwell	85	4th

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# District Cub Day Out - Whipsnade Zoo

5th

# 1st Baldock Cubs - quotes

7th Letchworth

I saw tigers and red pandas. My favourite was probably the crocodile because it just stood so still, but it was alive.

I liked all of it. My favourite part was the butterfly house. The giraffe because it was so tall.

The best was the hippo enclosure.

We went to the train station to go to the toilet and the lemurs walk through was closed.

Snakes were my favourite, they were so camouflaged until you spotted them and the chameleons blended in really well too.

Lots of talks, we learned about parrots and penguins.

We went to the zoo. We saw reindeer, giraffes, otters carrying their babies in their mouths, butterfly enclosure with alligator and scary spider killers, tarantulas.

We had a wonderful tour around the site and saw unique animals at every bend. I liked the lemurs.



My favourite animal was a giraffe. We had two awesome talks about penguins and crocs where I learnt a lot about these creatures.

My favourite was the penguins.

Thank you for organising this great day out for the Cubs - Fiona Potts 1st Baldock CSL





# 13th - 15th October 2023 Brecon Beacons

Mid October is always Herts Peak Assault. A county event run very efficiently by a large team of helpers. They arrive mid week before the competition weekend and work so hard to get the base camp, away camp and the course ready for the competitors. Our very own Chris King is part of the staff and drove the minibus picking up and dropping of people around the valley.

Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell entered 4 teams this year. From Oak Eagle there was a training team and a competing team. Balin network entered a team and there was also a team of District Leaders. All very well supported by Glenn and Wendy.

The venue is always secret until we go and this year we were in Glyntawe in the Brecon Beacons. A good site for base camp and a lovely area for competing.

We arrived at 11.30pm Friday evening and put up our tents, then off to bed by 1.30am. Saturday started at 5am with the cook team getting the kettle on. Teams were up and off to kit check from 6.30am.

The competition is for 8 hours on the Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday. Using map and compass skills to find orienteering clickers around the hills. Some are easier to find than others. Some up high and some closer to home.

A fantastic effort from all those that took part in the weekend. Oak Eagle A team came 7th out of 30, an excellent result. B team were 15th out of 27. Very good considering they had kit issues along the way and they all showed great resilience over the two days.

Network BaLiN came in third and had a great weekend catching up with each other. The Leader team were truly magnificent and rose to the challenge of all terrains they encountered, laughing all the way.... almost.!

As always the support team were fabulous serving delicious food, hot drinks and even sticky toffee pudding! Thanks again Wendy and Glenn

Clair Calver - DESC

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# Peak Assault 13 - 15 October 2023









Network Results: -

1st Team Team 75 Scouting Legenda Achieving Glory 108 points in 12:10:00
2nd Team Team 78 Shackleton Network 106 points in 11:20:00
3rd Team 77 BaLiN Network 74 points in 12:36:00

Oak Eagle ESU 'A' achieved 7th position with a score of 103 points in 12:25:00 out of 30 teams

Oak Eagle ESU 'B' training team achieved 15 position with a score of 62 points in 12:15:00 out of 27 teams

Senior - L&B Leaders achieved 4th position with a score of 89 points in 12:13:00 out of 6 teams.

# District Nightjar Competition 7 October 2023



This year saw the return of the Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell Nightjar competition which was last held as a stand alone event in 2012, the year of the London Olympics . 4th Letchworth won the event and 5th Letchworth won the training section. Ten teams of Scouts and two of Explorers took up the challenge of walking a set route through the Hertfordshire countryside using their map reading skills to complete the course as quickly as possible. The weather was kind to us and the event enjoyed what can only described as a late summer evening. All teams did really well with only two going off course a little, they realised quickly and were able to be supported back on track quickly. Tired and hungry young people started arriving back around 10.30pm welcomed back with cake and hot chocolate from a great team from ASU.

A big thank you must go out to all the volunteers and parents whom without their support this event could not take place. Please hold the date 5th October which is provisionally pencilled in for next year's event.

Congratulations to Jasper Bentley of 4th Letchworth for coming up with the winning badge design that will be used for our event going forward.





Group	Team Name	Training or unaccompanied team	Times
8th Letchworth	Six Minus One	Unaccompanied	3hrs 41mins
1st Ashwell	Puma	Unaccompanied	4hrs 19mins
4th Letchworth	Go Forth	Unaccompanied	4hrs 34mins
2nd Baldock	Baldock A	Unaccompanied	5hrs 29min
5th Letchworth	B Team	Unaccompanied	5hrs 32min
8th Letchworth	Excellent 8th	Training	4hrs 36mins
1st Ashwell	Eagle	Training	4hrs 41mins
5th Letchworth	C Team	Training	5hrs 1min
2nd Baldock	Baldock B	Training	5hrs 23mins
4th Letchworth	May the Forth	Training	5hrs 36mins
Oak Eagle ESU	Lost		3hrs 40mins
Oak Eagle ESU	The Peeps		4hrs 48mins



# District Expedition to Lochearnhead 2025



26th July - 2nd August 2025 2nd August - 9th August 2025

Applications welcome from all adults in all sections to come and help and join the fun and activities at Hert's Scouts Scottish base.

For each week we need a Leader team of 25 - 30 adults to run the expedition safely and to make it enjoyable for everyone. There are various roles needing filling, particularly from adults who enjoy outdoor activities. If you filled in an expression of interest form earlier in the year, please now complete the adult application so we know confirmed leaders.

There is further information on the District website.

The adult application form is on this link <a href="https://lbd.org.uk/s/loch25-adults">https://lbd.org.uk/s/loch25-adults</a> or scan the QR Code



# Achievements







# **Chief Scout's Bronze Award**

Daniel Chan 5th Letchworth

## **Chief Scout's Gold Award**

Ruben Hobbs 4th Letchworth
Aidan Kenny 4th Letchworth

Congratulations to

George Muge, 7th Letchworth Cub Team on being awarded his Wood Beads November 2023 No 719 Page 8

# Diary Dates 2023 / 2024

### **NOVEMBER**

2 District Scout Shop reopens

12 Remembrance Sunday

14 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

17/19 County Scout Green Beret

### **DECEMBER**

**16** ASU Christmas Dinner

### **JANUARY**

9 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

19-21 Tolmers Fire and Ice

**27** County Monopoly Run - London

30 District Lochearnhead Meeting - Wymondley Wood

### **FEBRUARY**

24 ASU / Trefoil - Founders / Thinking Day tea and cake

**MARCH** 

17 ASU Meeting

APRIL

21 St George's Day Parade and Service

**MAY** 

3 - 6 Introduction to the Hills (ITTH) 11 - 13 year olds - Peak District

19 District Greenway Walk

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