



Letchworth, Baldock &  
Ashwell

# Co-Ordinator

As we end a VERY busy 2025 I would like to thank everyone for the huge amount of time and effort they have put in throughout the year.

This year I have seen most of you at Meetings and Events working together as a team to deliver Scouting for all of our Young People.

This year the highlight has to be Lochearnhead! What a trip that was after having not been for so long! And Thanks to everyone who made it possible!

However this should not detract from the everyday effort that everyone puts in, planning and running meetings, organising camps and ensuring everyone has an opportunity to gain their top awards. (To name a few)

Thank You to every one of you who does their bit to make sure Scouting continues. It would not be possible without you

## THANK YOU



Robert Coldrey - District Lead Volunteer



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The Scout Association is

Celebrating 5 years of  
Squirrels across the UK

2021 - 2026

Letchworth and Baldock  
District opened its first Drey  
Saturday 24 February 2024  
Ivel Springs Squirrel Drey

Celebrating 40 years of  
Beavers

1986 - 2026

Letchworth and Baldock  
District opened it's first Colony  
in 1987 - 8th Letchworth Scout  
Group

Celebrating 110 years of Cubs

1916 - 2026

Archive records show that Wolf  
Cubs have been active in the  
Letchworth and Baldock area,  
led by Miss E. Gertrude Allen,  
acting Scoutmaster and Cub  
Master since 1916



**23 - 29 May 2026**

**Phasels Wood**

**8 February 2026**

**Tolmers Activity Centre**



## 4th Letchworth Scouts



The Scouts were hard at work last Friday (12 December) channelling their inner architects, engineers, and (let's be honest) sugar addiction. Their mission? To construct gingerbread houses so magnificent that even Santa might consider downsizing from the North Pole.



And don't worry - no gingerbread houses were harmed in the making of this competition (though several marshmallows mysteriously disappeared). Thank you for supporting our Scouts in their festive training programme. After all, if they can build a structurally sound gingerbread house and train, surely they can survive a night in the woods?

All the best with sticky fingers

**4th Letchworth Scout Leaders**



# January is Bring a Friend Month!

**Share the fun. Double the adventure**

This January, invite a friend to come along and see what Scouting is all about!

Whether it's Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, or Scouts, your friend can join in games, challenges, and adventures - and discover how amazing Scouting really is.

## **Why bring a friend!**

- Friends make everything more fun!
- New members help your group grow stronger.
- Parents get to see what we do - and might want to join the adventure too!

## **Get involved**

Bring your friend to your next meeting in January - no uniform or experience needed.

Let's make 2026 our biggest adventure yet!

Preparing young people with skills for life.

Are you ready to join the adventure?

[Scouts.org.uk](http://Scouts.org.uk)

**Plans are being formed for the Greenway Fundraising Walk next year!**

**Please save the date - 17 May 2026.**



**17 May 2026**



## Ron Smith



It is with great sadness that we must inform you that Ron Smith passed before Christmas.

Ron was an invaluable member within the District for many years with roles including District Executive Committee Member, Chair of 12th Letchworth Scout Group, Census Co-ordinator and he welcomed many of us into the movement in his role on the Appointments Committee. Ron had an amicable personality and was willing to share his extensive knowledge of Scouting. He was very efficient and paid great attention to details in all his work.

He deservedly achieved his Bar to the Award for Merit and 25 Year Service Award in 2014.



## Colin Green



**30 November 1947 - 29 November 2025**



It was with sadness that we received the sad news of Colin's sudden death. Colin was married to Karen a former Guide District Commission. This relationship brought him in contact with Scouting as a result of joint activities with the Guides. Colin played a leading role in the community and was president for six terms of the Rotary Club Letchworth Howard and he was instrumental in the District getting its first minibus.

He helped raise funds for Scouting, and Guiding with his popular race nights and along with Karen he was a warden at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre where he also undertook maintenance work. He was a successful business man and always willing to give help and advice on management issues.



## John Davies



**1944 - 2025**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of John Davies, an ex Cub, Scout, Senior Scout with

1st Baldock as well as a Rover Scout. John was a regular member of the Gang Show, organised the Icknield Shield and attended the 11th World Scout Jamboree in Greece in 1963 as a Leader. In 1961 he was awarded his Queen's Scout Award. The Whalebone Trophy was made by John from an actual cetacean vertebra discovered on the coast of Aberdeen on Sunday 30 July 1961. Our Sympathy and prayers are with his family at this sad time.



## POLAND 2027

World Scout  
26<sup>th</sup> Jamboree  
Scout Mondial



Meet the Hertfordshire Scouts Unit 42 and Unit 43 Jamboree Leaders from our District.



Rosalind Hartley - Unit 42 Team Member - Assistant Unit Leader



Taking place in Gdańsk  
in summer 2027

Ed Hartley -  
Unit 43 Unit Leader

# Achievements / Awards

## Year Service Awards



Margaret Durrant Event Support



John Elkington 2nd Baldock Scouts



Christopher Lewis Oak Eagle ESU



Rob Coldrey -  
District Lead  
Volunteer  
presenting a  
Long Service  
Award to 'John'

# Achievements / Awards



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Ben Burridge	4th Letchworth
Bobby Clark	7th Letchworth
Gunde Dacius	4th Letchworth
Toby Everington	1st Ashwell
Benji Herman	7th Letchworth
Max Jackson	7th Letchworth
Constantine Kobzar	4th Letchworth
William Woloschin	7th Letchworth
Leon Yeganeh	4th Letchworth
Remy Yeganeh	4th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Joshua Blake	8th Letchworth
Brandon Carter	8th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Zavier Lemaitre	2nd Baldock
Felix Purcell	2nd Baldock

## Year Service Awards



Christopher Pennell	2nd Baldock
Sarah Sexton	12th Letchworth Scouts



Ben Constable	1st Ashwell	Cubs
Maria Proctor	1st Baldock	Beavers
Louise Young	1st Ashwell	Beavers

# Diary Dates 2026

## JANUARY 2026

- 12           Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 16 - 18      Fire & Ice - Tolmers
- 24           County Explorer Monopoly Challenge - London

## FEBRUARY

- 3           District Scout Section Programme Team Meeting
- 8           County Scout / Explorer Cooking Competition
- 10           Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 22           Founders / Thinking Day - DHQ

## MARCH

- 14           County Cub Bushcraft Activity Day
- 17           District Scout Section Events Team Meeting
- 22           County Scout / Explorer Triathlon - Lees Wood Scout Camp Site

## APRIL

- 18           District Scout Barton Challenge
- 18 - 19      District Cub Sixers and Seconders Weekend

## MAY

- 17           District Greenway Fundraising Walk

## JUNE

- 6           County Scouts / Explorer Water Activities Day
- 7           County Cub Water Activities Day
- 20 / 21      County Squirrels in Trees (SITS) & Beavers in Tents (BITS)
- 22           County Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Well End Activity Centre
- 27 / 28      County Squirrels in Tress (SITS) & Beavers in Tents (BITS)

## JULY

- 3-5           County Cubs in Tents (CITS) - Well End Activity Centre
- 3-5           District Scout FIRE Quest Camping Competition **NEW**
- 11 / 12      County Explorer Chilfest - Well End Activity Centre

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