



Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell

Co-Ordinator

On the 22nd January we gathered at DHQ for a small presentation for Nora who after several decades has stepped down as manager of the Scout and Guide Shops.

The DLV said the following:

"After more than 30 years of dedicated service, Nora as you all know, has stepped down from her role as Scout and Guide Shop Manager, a position she carried with unwavering commitment, kindness, and a passion for supporting young people.

Nora, throughout your decades of involvement, you have played a vital role in raising significant funds for Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District Scouts and Local Guiding, helping to ensure that generations of young people have been able to enjoy opportunities, adventures, and experiences they might otherwise never have had.

Your contribution is nothing short of extraordinary. Your length of service, generosity, and community spirit is greatly appreciated, the legacy of the shop will forever be shaped by your contribution.



Thank you, Nora, for everything you have given. Your impact is immeasurable, and you are greatly appreciated."

Robert Coldrey -
District Lead Volunteer



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The Scout Shop

Thanks to some willing volunteers and hard work the Scout Shop had a complete re-fit over the Christmas break and is now re-open. It is down the steps at the side of DHQ, 141 Icknield Way, Letchworth, SG6 4AD, just before Busy Bees Nursery car park.

The Guides decided to close their part of the shop which means there is now room for both new and pre-loved stock. The District is keen to support Reduce Reuse Recycle and accessibility to much cheaper uniform so please do consider buying pre-loved uniform and donating any old uniform.

There are a selection of pre-loved waterproofs and boots that are suitable for usual scouting activities. Those attending Scout or Explorer Expeditions or Challenges will be advised on the correct equipment by their Expedition Leaders.

Shop Opening Times:

First half of each term:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1800hrs - 2000hrd

Second half of each term:

Thursdays only 1800 hrs - 2000hrs

Look out for a questionnaire later in the term where you can offer suggestions for further improvement.

Please support your local Scout Shop. All profits go back into District Scout funds which keeps costs down for all and helps to pay for District Activities.

Chris Tyler - Manager





County Monopoly Challenge

2026

Rather early on Saturday 24th January 4 teams from Oak Eagle ESU set off to London on the train. We were taking part in the County Monopoly Challenge 2026.

The theme was Sport this year and we spent a busy day going around the capital solving clues, completing challenges and having fun. We were on and off the buses, up and down the escalator to the tube and lots of checking maps, plans and apps to see if we were in the right place, going in the right direction.

There were marshalls to keep an eye on the teams and help if necessary. They also had Chance cards. Just like the board game you could win money or get a fine or even get sent to jail

Many thanks to Herts County Scouts for running a great event and to the Leaders that came along to help

Oak Eagle A £2520

Oak Eagle B £1810

Oak Eagle C £1775

Oak Eagle D £815





Oak Eagle
Explorer
Scouts



Corporate Funded Volunteering Day

Offering Scouting a corporate funded volunteering day, we knew exactly how to make the best use of Glyn's time, at the same time saving money for Scouting; with a project to clear out the Thatched Hut. It turned into far more than just that one day for Glyn, as the Thatched Hut was full to the ceiling!

Over the course of a few weeks - with work, family, life, Beavers, and the Festive Season in the middle, the job was completed, and this has meant that the District Lead Volunteer has been able to return the keys to the landlord.

This had been on the job list for a long time, and through his endeavours, contacts and resourcefulness, Glyn advertised and successfully donated as much as possible for re-use, ensuring that the minimum went to the recycling centre.

Glyn's corporate volunteering day enabled this full-scale project, supported by others. Our thanks also go to Chris, Paul, Apryl, Goodie, and some from the Scout Shop working party. The Scout shop refurbishment has reused some of the racking and many of the storage boxes.

District would like to say a huge "thank you" to Glyn and his employers, Williams Sale Partnership (WSP), for enabling this project to be completed.

Thank you, Glyn.

However, it doesn't stop here - if anyone has a corporate volunteering day, or knows of companies offering this opportunity, please ask them to speak with us. There are other projects to be completed, or in the pipeline.

Helen Howard - Group Lead Volunteer



Start of clear out





Greenway Fundraising Walk

Greenway fundraising walk will be on the 17th May 2026, we have continued to take on feedback from previous years to make this one even better.

Remember that families and older Scouts can walk on their own without Leader support. This walk is usually a fantastic source of fundraising for groups. All we ask in return is £3 contribution per uniformed walker which will be invoiced directly to the group.

Registrations will open next month and all of the information will follow then.

In the meantime we need some volunteers to help with car parking, check in's, checkpoints, sweeping and minibus driving.

Please contact greenway@lbdscouts.org.uk if you would be able to help with the event.



St George's Day Parade

The District St George's Day Parade will be held on 26th April.

Meeting at the Letchworth Splash park at 10am.

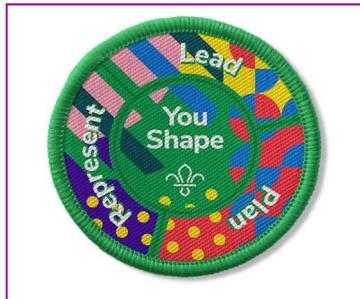
Parading up Leys Avenue, Broadway.

Service to be held on the Broadway Gardens.

More information to follow



Awards / Achievements



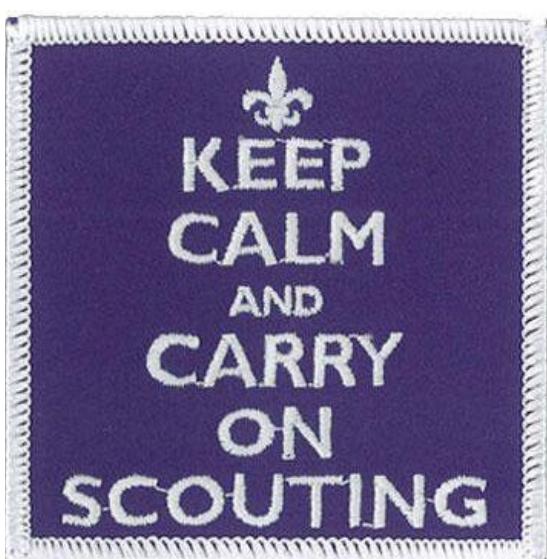
YouShape Award - Cubs

Awstyn Bradford	1st Baldock
Leon Cartier	1st Baldock
Oscar Caton	1st Baldock
Oliver Cherry	1st Baldock
Laurie Fulcher	1st Baldock
Buddy Goode-Dooher	1st Baldock
Layla Hemmings	1st Baldock
Reuben Smith	1st Baldock
Elliot Tiplady	1st Baldock
Ivan Varnava	1st Baldock
Oscar Willoughby	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Acorn Award

Kelyn Buckland	Ivel Spring Squirrels
Felix Fletcher	Ivel Spring Squirrels
Bonnie Hebblethwaite	Ivel Spring Squirrels
Alex Langridge	Ivel Spring Squirrels
Hendrix Welland	Ivel Spring Squirrels



Badge Secretary

I would like to thank all the Leaders, Group Badge Co-Ordinators and Group Treasurers for their support over the last twenty years. It has been a pleasure to supply the badges to you all and to the young people in the District. In the twenty years we have moved from a paper system, accepting cash only and face to face purchasing to a computerised stock system, cashless purchases of badges, ordering by email and home delivery. Thank you for all of your support and I wish my successor all the best.

Dave Hawkins

Diary Dates 2026

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**
- 26 **St George's Day Parade— Broadway Gardens**

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**

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 20 **County Beaver and Cub Activity Day - Tolmers Scout Activity Centre**

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