

# Scouts

Letchworth, Baldock &  
Ashwell

# Co-Ordinator



This year's District St George's Day celebration is  
being organised by

8th Letchworth Scout Group.

The event will take place on Sunday

26th April 2026.

Meeting at 10.00am at Letchworth Splash Park

Parade up Leys Avenue and Broadway to the Broadway Gardens arriving at 11.00 am  
to start the celebrations. It is hoped to be finished by 11.30 am / 12.00 pm at  
the Broadway Gardens.

This year's collection will go to the Garden House Hospice



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## 11th Letchworth Cubs Scientist Activity Badge

For the past two weeks, the **11th Letchworth Cubs** have been diving into the world of STEM to earn their **Scientist Activity Badge**. Through a series of hands-on experiments, the Cubs explored physics, biology, and chemistry, learning how to observe results and make predictions like real scientists.

### Core Experiments and Observations

The Cubs participated in several key activities designed to test scientific theories:

- **Balloon Rockets:** Exploring the laws of motion, the Cubs attached balloons to strings and watched how the release of air propelled them forward. It was a high-energy lesson in thrust and air pressure.
- **The Cress Test (Light vs. Dark):** This experiment showed the power of plant resilience. Cubs grew cress in two different environments: one in the light and one in the dark.
- **Result:** While the light-grown cress was green and sturdy, the dark-grown cress surprised many by growing long, pale, and spindly as it "searched" for a light source.
- **Engineering with Spaghetti and Marshmallows:** Using only dry spaghetti and marshmallows, the Cubs worked in teams to build the tallest, most stable towers possible, learning about structural integrity and base support.
- **Chemical Reactions & Mixtures:** The Cubs also experimented with liquids, creating density columns (as seen with the oil and water layers) and observing how different substances react when mixed.

### Cubs' Reflections

The best part of the badge work was seeing the Cubs' reactions to their discoveries. Here is what some of them had to say:

"I liked making marshmallow castles because at the end we got to eat them!" — Charlie W.

"I didn't expect the cress in the dark to grow!" — Raf

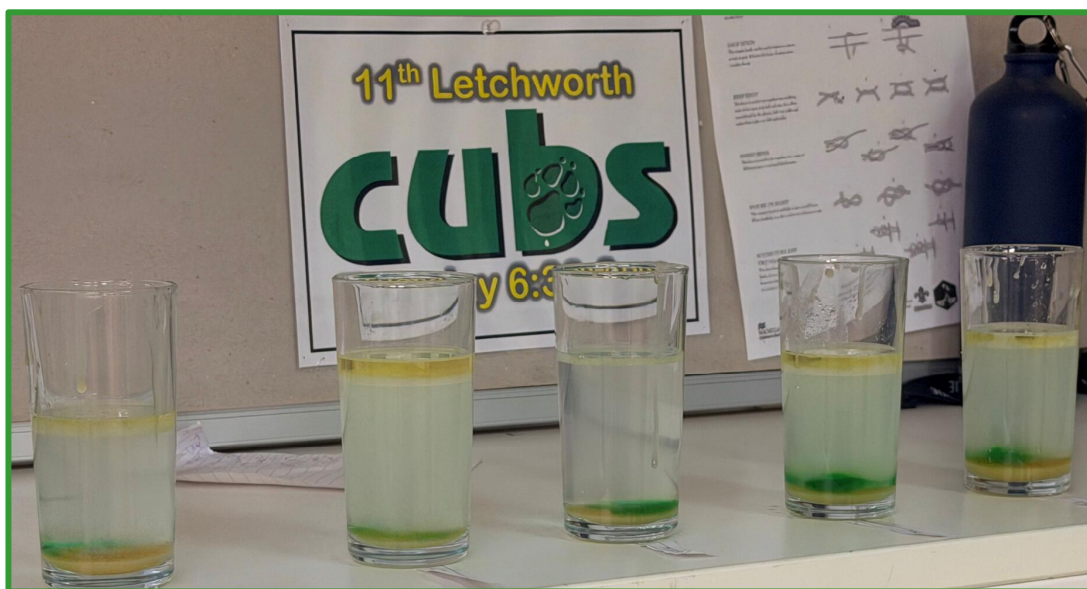
"I liked the teamwork because now I have more friends." — Arya

## Summary from the Leader

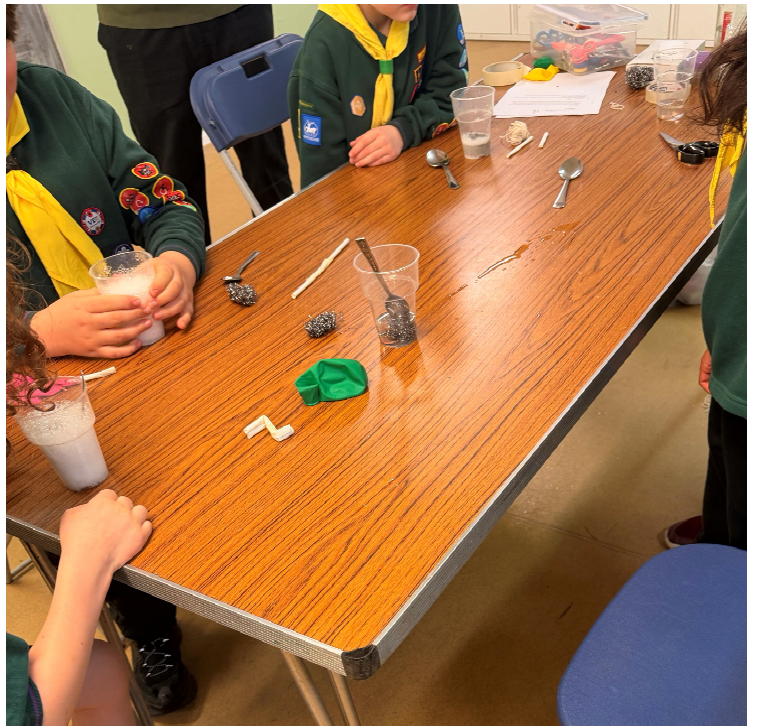
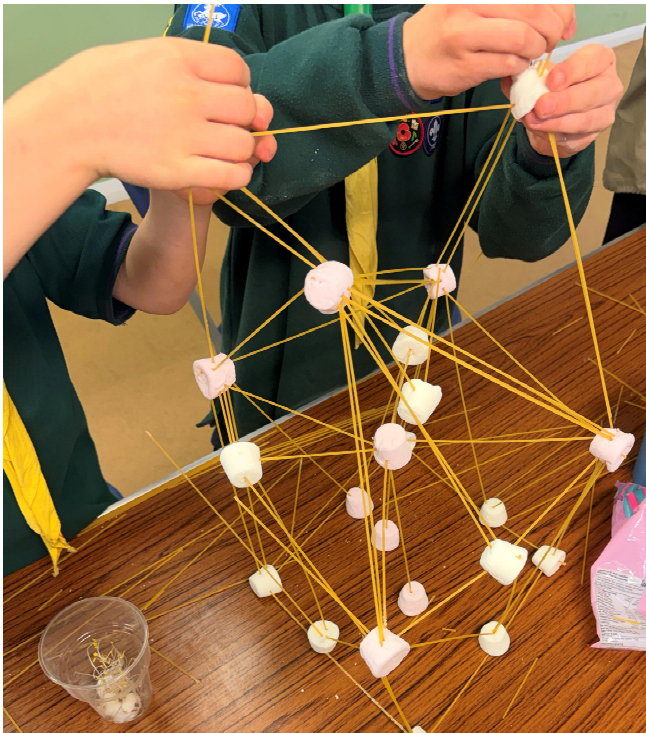
It has been an incredible two weeks of discovery. Watching the Cubs engage with the experiments—from the excitement of a successful balloon launch to the curiosity of why cress turns yellow in the dark—is exactly what the Scientist badge is all about.

"I can honestly say that the Cubs have had the best time." —

*Lisa Tassell, Cub Leader*



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“ How does the Easter Bunny stay fit? Lots of egg-ercise! ”





## Founders Day / Thinking Day 22nd February 2026 - District HQ

It was my pleasure to attend the Founders' Day/Thinking Day event with the District Support Team (formerly Scout Active Support Unit) and Trefoil Guild. Thank you to them for inviting me and giving me the opportunity to raise money for my Jamboree funds by running a raffle. I enjoyed the quiz questions and the amazing array of cakes. Thank you to Rita and Dave Hawkins who did a brilliant job of organising it. I'm very excited to have been selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Poland 2027 and looking forward to my Jamboree journey. I'm sure you'll see me around doing various fundraising events in the next year and a half.

**Emma Rafferty - Oak Eagle Explorer Scout**

**DofE Bronze expedition ready for action. Have fun!  
(Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts)**



# Awards



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Ronnie Beery	1st Ashwell
Eddie Denham	1st Ashwell
Jake Edwards-Cliffe	1st Ashwell



**Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Tuesday 21 April 2026  
 Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre  
 7.15 pm - 7.30 pm start  
 Light refreshments will be provided**

**PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR**

Everybody is welcome to join us at the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Annual General Meeting (AGM) where you can meet like minded people.

# Diary Dates 2026

## APRIL

- 18 District Scout Barton Challenge
- 18 - 19 District Cub Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 21 Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre AGM— 7.30 pm
- 23 District Trustees Meeting - DHQ
- 26 St George's Day Parade - Broadway Gardens

## MAY

- 6 7th Letchworth AGM - 6.00 pm Wymondley Wood
- 7 8th Letchworth AGM - 6.30 pm 8th Letchworth HQ
- 9 District Beaver Challenge
- 11 District Cub Section Meeting
- 12 Scout Section Programme Meeting
- 14 District Trustee AGM - DHQ 8.00 pm
- 17 District Greenway Fundraising Walk



## JUNE

- 6 County Scouts / Explorer Water Activities Day
- 7 County Cub Water Activities Day
- 18 District Trustees Meeting
- 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** - Wymondley Wood
- 9 District Beavers Bangers and Bash - Wymondley Wood
- 9 District Trustees Meeting - Wymondley Wood 8.00 pm
- 11 / 12 County Explorer Chilfest - Well End Activity Centre
- 13 District Cub Section Meeting

**BITS**  
BEAVERS IN TENTS



# Diary Dates 2026 / 2027

## AUGUST

15 Event Support Team / Trefoil Guild Cream Tea - Wrayfield Farm

## SEPTEMBER

20 County Beaver and Cub Activity Day - Tolmers Scout Activity Centre  
24 District Trustees Meeting - DHQ  
26 District Scout Nightjar Competition

## OCTOBER

4 District Beavers 40th Birthday Event  
6 Scout Section Programme Meeting  
11 Cubs District Day Out  
16 - 28 Peak Assault  
22 District Trustees Meeting - DHQ

## NOVEMBER

13 - 15 County Scout Green Beret - Tolmers  
26 District Trustees Meeting - DHQ

## DECEMBER

8 Scout Section Christmas Social  
10 District Trustees Meeting

## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY

27 - 28 District Operation Ferret ( ALL)



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