



**Scouts**  
Letchworth, Baldock &  
Ashwell

# Co-Ordinator

Thank you for all the entries for the District Beavers 40th Birthday badge, we had over 60 designs to choose from, it was very difficult. Tis a selection of the designs.

The winner will be announced soon with a digital design of their drawing.

Thanks

Hayley - District Beaver Programme Team Lead



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## 1st Ashwell Scout Group Annual General Meeting

At 1st Ashwell AGM we were delighted to have 6 (SIX !!) visitors from District join us.

Rob Coldrey, Jacob Tyler, Paul Tyler, Beth Aird, Vicki Gage and Helen Howard all paid us a visit.

Our Group Lead Volunteer Stuart Kendrick welcomed Scouts, parents, District visitors and Leaders. We listened to some detailed and some speedy reports, and to young people mention some highlights of the year (Lochearnhead, Denmark jamboree prep camps, and Sixers and Seconders camps were all mentioned). We finished the "boring stuff" in record time, and invited our visitors to join us for some games. We warmed up with a game of ladders and then a surprisingly competitive game of District-Leaders-and-Young-Leaders vs Scouts dodgeball.



**Pete Repka**  
1st Ashwell  
Scout Section Team Member



### St George's Day Parade and Service 26 April 2026

Thus year's event was organised by 8th Letchworth Scout Group. All the Groups, Units and parents met up at Letchworth Splash Pool. The Parade set off at 10.00 am and made it's way along Leys Avenue and Broadway to The Broadway Gardens, where they celebrated the Patron Saint of Scouting and renewed their promise. The DLV presented a number of wards to District Leaders.

## District Cubs Sixer and Seconder Camp Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

The sun was shining and all was peaceful at Wymondley Wood on a Saturday morning in the middle of April. Then 48 Cubs descended, noise and chaos followed.

After setting up their sleeping bags in their tents and being sorted into 6 groups, the Cubs began a day of rotating around bases and learning many different skills. This year the Cubs got to test their brain power in the puzzle room; see how well they could use axes, saws and mini catapults; test their accuracy with the archery; see if they could successfully light a fire; test their throwing skills with the angels; and see how well they could navigate a rope trail blindfolded and make rope.

Dinner on Saturday was burger in a bun with wedges and vegetables, followed by birthday cake for the 110<sup>th</sup> birthday year. Of course we sang!



On Sunday morning it was very cold but all the Cubs made it through the night, which was fantastic. After cereal and a hot, cooked breakfast the Cubs finished packing and then headed out for a short walk. When they got back they all lay down on the grass and made the numbers 110. It looked awesome from above! After that they had a brilliant street dance session with Lee and Phoenix.

Thank you to all the leaders who helped out and especially those in the kitchen for feeding us all so successfully. The camp would not run without you all.

**Ros - Programme Team Leader (Cubs)**



## District Barton Challenge Scouts / Explorers Scouts

### Barton Challenge Returns After Five Years

After a five-year break, the Barton Challenge made a very welcome return this April. Nine teams of Scouts and Explorers took part in the four hour orienteering competition, putting their navigation, teamwork and determination to the test. It turned out to be a brilliant day of sunshine, fresh air and friendly competition.

### A Great Setting for a Great Challenge

We were kindly hosted by Mill End Plants, who let us use their facilities and car park for the day. From there, teams headed out into the countryside around Wallington, Southern Green, Red Hill and Roe Hill, armed with maps, compasses and plenty of enthusiasm.

The idea was simple enough: Plan your own route; Visit as many checkpoints as you can; Get back within four hours; Avoid any late penalties. Of course, anyone who's taken part before knows that the real challenge is choosing the right approach.

### Bold or Safe? Teams Decide

Some teams went for the bold option, heading out to the more distant, high value checkpoints. Others stuck to the centre of the map, aiming for steady points and a guaranteed return on time.

This year, the bold strategy paid off. Both the winning Explorer team and the top Scout team took the longer routes — and their confidence was rewarded.

### The Results

#### Explorer Teams

- 1st Oak Eagle A 88 pts
- 2nd Oak Eagle B 88 pts

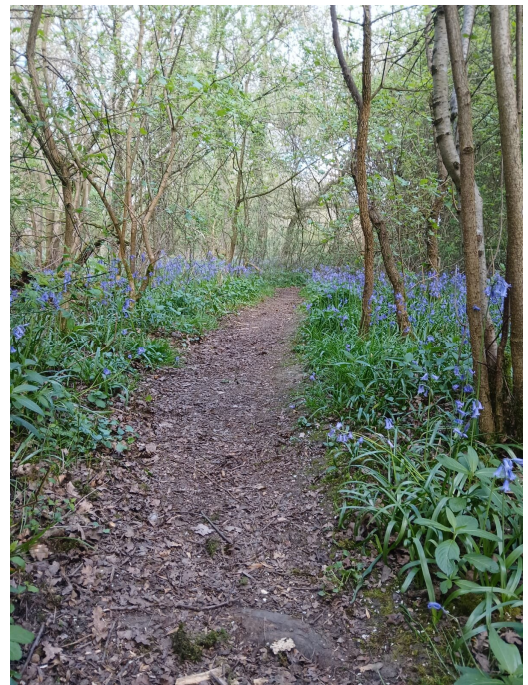
#### Scout Unaccompanied Teams

- 1st 5th Letchworth 2 86 pts
- =2nd 2nd Baldock 78 pts
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- 4th May the Fourth Be With You 70 pts
- 5th Fourth Go Fourth 68 pts

#### Scout Accompanied Teams

- 1st 5th Letchworth
- 2nd 2nd Baldock

Every team showed real resilience and strong map reading skills — exactly the qualities Scouting aims to build.



### A Real Team Effort

Events like this only happen thanks to the support of many people. Our thanks go to:

- Mill End Plants, for hosting us
- All the Leaders and marshals who kept things running smoothly
- Senuna Explorers, who helped set the course on Friday evening

And of course, the Scouts and Explorers who threw themselves into the challenge with such energy

The sunshine certainly helped, but it was the spirit of everyone involved that made the day so enjoyable.

### Looking Ahead

We're pleased to say that the next Barton Challenge is planned for April 2027, and we hope to see even more teams taking part.



**Ed Hartley - 2nd Baldock GLV**



# Awards / Achievements



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Chester Baker      8th Letchworth

## Chief Scout's Gold Award

James Borthwick    4th Letchworth  
 Marley Earl        4th Letchworth  
 Isla Hobbs         4th Letchworth  
 Alex Killick        4th Letchworth  
 Thomas Norfolk    4th Letchworth  
 Eoin Shields        4th Letchworth

## Service Award

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

Chris Lewis        Oak Eagle ESU

## Commendation of Good Service

Chris Pennell      2nd Baldock Scouts

### Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre



On behalf of the Wymondley Wood Committee - thank you to the Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts and 12th Letchworth Scouts for doing a brilliant spring clean of the outside of The Centre. They all did an amazing job.



# Awards / Achievements



## Award for Merit



Jackie Hare - Programme Team  
Leader (Event Support)

Ros Wing - Programme Team  
Leader (Cubs)

Presented with their Award For Merit  
at the District Sixers and Seconders  
Weekend by Robert Coldrey, District  
Lead Volunteer

Glenn Read - Oak Eagle ESU  
Presented at St George's Day Parade  
and Celebration .

## Silver Acorn



Amanda Woolmer 7th Letchworth  
Group Lead Volunteer

Presented at the District St George's  
Day Parade and Celebration by Robert  
Coldrey, District Lead Volunteer

Awarded after at least 20 years'  
service, which is specially distinguished  
and appreciably better than outstanding.

# Diary Dates 2026

## MAY

- 6 7th Letchworth AGM - 6.00 pm Wymondley Wood
- 7 8th Letchworth AGM - 6.30 pm 8th Letchworth HQ
- 8 4th Letchworth AGM - 7.00 pm St Pauls Lower Hall
- 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
- 9 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 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 Trees (SITS) & Beavers in Tents (BITS)

## JULY

- 3-5 County Cubs in Tents (CITS) - Well End Activity Centre
- 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

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 20 County Beaver and Cub Activity Day Tolmers Scout Activity Centre
- 24 District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ
- 26 District Scout Nightjar Competition

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