

Co-Ordinator



Due to time constraints with work I have decided that I need to step down as District Lead Volunteer.

It has been a (mostly) great time and would not have been half as fun without everyone of you, in particular those on the District Team!

Thanks All!

I'm not stopping Scouting and will be carrying on with my other roles in District and at 1st Baldock Scout Group.

I'm also not stopping immediately, while I will step down when a suitable successor is found. The official end date agreed with the CLV is next year, including a 6 month handover period so that the

next DLV is well supported in their transition.

More details will follow for applications to be the new DLV including an email to be sent to all parents.

But if you are particularly keen and would like to get your name on the list then please send over an email !

We hope to be inundated!

Robert Coldrey

District Lead Volunteer

Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts Walk with alpacas

On Monday 18th May two groups of Explorer Scouts ventured out to Charlton to walk alpacas

Group one met at the Windmill pub and after the safety talk we headed out with ten Explorer Scouts, four alpacas and various adults. We set off through the village and onto the footpath towards Hitchin, with the Explorers taking turns leading the alpacas, As we walked around the field one of the alpacas broke free! As our guide chased after it two more broke free causing lots of excitement. After all were rounded up we headed off again with a tighter grip on the reigns. We walked in a big loop back to the pub where parents and group two were waiting. After photos and safety talk, group two set off towards Luton. The alpacas decided to speed up a little bit and were humming. Our guide explained this was the alpacas talking to each other. We



walked in a big loop stopping to swap handlers or when there was a particularly tasty hedge for the alpacas to snack on. We walked back to the paddock to drop the alpacas off and then walked around the corner to the pub.

Many thanks to Corn Hill Alpacas for a fun evening

Glenn Read - ESU Section Team Volunteer





Being a Young Leader at Scouts is always fun and exiting. The Scouts participate in a wide range of activities from crafts to rugby to fire lighting. The Scouts try many new activities while also doing activities that they have enjoyed in the past such as air rifle shooting. My favourite activity I have done so far at Scouts was helping with the cooking badge as it was fun to see what the Scouts would make and how they chose to make it. I have enjoyed going on camps as a Young Leader and helping out, it is really fun to go on a camp as a Young Leader instead of a young person for a change. It is also a great opportunity for me to learn as a Young Leader about leading activities,

helping young people and much more from the adult Leaders as well as the other Young Leaders there.

**Emily Clark - Young Leader
2nd Baldock Scouts**

District Beaver Challenge

Beaver Challenge took place on the 9th May. This year the questions were set by last year's winners 12th Letchworth. We had 5 teams from across the District. Beavers had to answer questions on scouting, try and name all the badges from pictures and crack some codes. We always do an activity as the second part and this year they were challenged to make a parachute which would hold an egg/ get it safely to the ground. We had some amazing entries of all different styles. The weather was dry and sunny so we took them outside to be tested! All the Beavers cheered each other's entries on and parents watched. It was very close points wise up until the parachutes. The best one, which floated nicely to the ground, was from 11th Letchworth making them our winners this year. (All eggs survived this challenge)

Great afternoon had by all who attended!

Hayley Letchworth and Baldock Beavers Team Lead



1st Ashwell Scout Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leader Camp

It's unfortunate that there are certain activities in Scouts you can't do with the younger scout's. Which is why it is perfect that the older Scouts have a camp to do exactly that. I love Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader camp because it has activitie you wouldn't normally be able to do with the younger Scouts, for example, axe chopping. I really enjoyed axe chopping for the fun of using a sharp tool to split wood and then using that chopped wood later in a fire. Another activity that I really loved was building a "tippy tap". which is basically a tap made out of wood beams and had a plank tied to a rope which when stepped on would pull down a watering can filled with water to wash your hands. I enjoyed building it as a group, it was easy and fun to use.

Rudy Repka, 1st Ashwell Scout



Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit Kayaking

25th April 2026: Oak Eagle Explorers from Letchworth and Baldock headed to The Lock in Essex for a day of kayaking on the River Stort. What started as a bright, but cold, day was dense fog by Stevenage which stayed all the way to Harlow. It was bitterly cold waiting for all the Explorers and the weather wasn't promising, with thick fog on the River. As we geared up though, the sun burned through the fog and it turned into a beautiful day, ideal for

The plan was to paddle upstream to Royden Lock, around 3 miles, stop for lunch, then paddle back to Harlow in the afternoon. That meant we would need to port the boats at several locks (lift them out of the water, carry them round and then re-launch). The dry Spring we have had meant the River was low and when you are on the water, that means the bank is very high. Climbing in and out at locks to port was going to be very challenging. Oh yes, we also had an 18 foot long canoe with us, to carry lunch (have you seen how much Explorers can eat?)

**Mark Brewis -
Oak Eagle ESU**



Awards / Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Felicity Norman - 4th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Jacob Killick - 4th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Emma Rafferty - Oak Eagle ESU

It has been a bumper year for Gold Awards at 4th Scouts. We awarded 3 before Christmas, 5 before Easter and one at the AGM in May. Another Scout has just completed their Personal Challenge Award which finished their Gold Award.



Diary Dates 2026

JUNE

- 6 County Scouts / Explorer Water Activities Day
- 7 County Cub Water Activities Day
- 7 Ivel Spring Squirrels Day Out - Hertfordshire Zoo
- 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
- 9
- 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 - Boyd Field, Henlow
- 11 District Cub Day Out
- 16 - 18 County Peak Assault Competition
- 22 District Trustees' Meeting

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