

Co-Ordinator



Please join me in congratulating Wendy Tierney who was awarded her Silver Wolf tonight (Monday 22 June 2026) at the County AGM.

The Silver Wolf is the highest Good Service Award in Scouting and awarded for service of a most exceptional nature.

Wendy has achieved 46 years of exceptional service in Scouting (so far!) across Group, District and County roles.

She blends her experience and empathy in such a way as to get the very best out of the teams around her thus ensuring we deliver the best possible experience to our Young People.

She is fiercely loyal to the movement, her approachable character and understanding of the needs of volunteers around her and how to get the best out of them has helped guide our District through some of the most challenging times in Scouting and we have come through better and stronger than ever.



She is always there for anyone who needs help.

A true ambassador for Scouting, Wendy has earned and deserves the respect of everyone involved in the District and County with her unwavering commitment.

A massive congratulations from everyone across the District!

Robert Coldrey
District Lead Volunteer

Squirrels get loose at Hertfordshire Zoo

An amazing trip out with the Squirrels of 8th Letchworth ! Hertfordshire Zoo was such a great site with a huge range of attractions, playgrounds, picnic areas and even a lovely shop with a range of small souvenirs for our modest pocket money budgets!

We loved the dino trail and large adventure playground with slides and ropes and climbing frames etc

The animals were very impressive for

lions on a mini Pride Rock, Tony animated monkeys from the rainforest, snakes and lizards, marsupials , big wild cats, camels as well as farm animals and exotics like the red panda and capybaras etc

The children were wide eyed with enthusiasm and loved the whole experience! For some of them it was the first time ever in a minibus and that was an adventure just travelling there and back home together as a group!

Parents, YL and Leaders were all fabulous at supporting the children and making g it such a memorable day!

Also we had the best of luck with the sunny dry day after a week of storms previously and the days after looking pretty cold and windy too! - **Roz, Wombat**

The dinosaur spitted a straight line of water, and it missed us! My favourite thing was the minibus because it went so fast and also the red panda because they're stripy -

Ethan B, age 5

I loved the zoo. liked that the penguins had different houses. I also liked the wallabies because they had cute faces. The most fun part of the day was seeing the big snake under the water - **Erin M, age 5**





Water Camp Adventure

2nd Baldock Scouts

ESSA Water Activity Centre

When I first arrived at the water camp, I met up with all my friends and we walked onto the site together. After dropping our bags off, we waited for everyone else to show up. I had lunch with my friends before we headed down to the lake to try some sail boating. First, we had a safety briefing, and then we got our lifejackets and helmets on before launching the boats.

A little bit after we got into the water, the instructors helped put our sails up. Shortly after, one of our Leaders accidentally fell into the water, and everyone had a good laugh!

After sailing, we split into two teams for dragon boating. My team won both of the races, and we celebrated by splashing all of our Leaders!

Paddleboards and Campfires

Next, we were allowed to go on the paddleboards for a bit. Everybody was trying to push each other off their boards. It was really funny when one of the instructors pushed my friend off! One of our Leaders also swam around and tried to flip everyone off their boards.

After we got off the water and had a warm shower, we went into the marquee for a dinner of burgers. Before heading to bed, we went back to camp to perform campfire sketches and enjoy some s'mores.

Day Two: High Winds and Capsizing

When we woke up the next morning, my tent group was up early, so we packed up our tent and waited for breakfast. Once we finished eating, we packed everything else up, changed into our swimming costumes, and headed back down to the lake.

We got on the sailboats again. About 15 minutes after getting into the water, my boat capsized! Luckily, we got right back out on the water, and since there was more wind than the day before, we went a lot faster.

Once we headed back to the dock, some people did some jumps off the pier before it was time to go home. Overall, I had a really good experience and I would definitely go again!

By Owen Forsdike - 2nd Baldock Scout

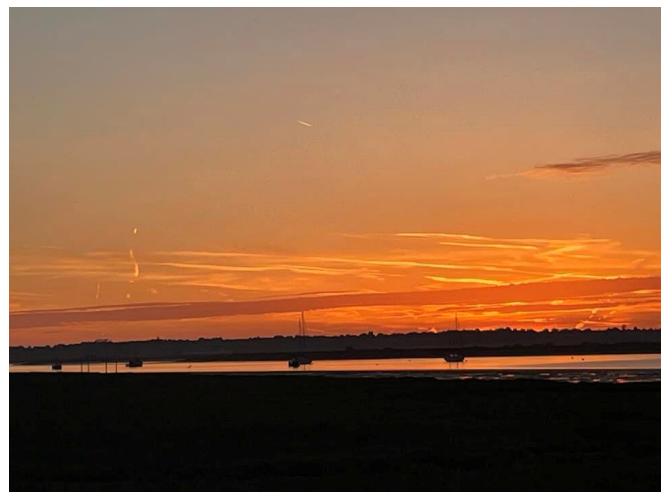




Hertfordshire Scouts celebrate 50th anniversary sailing week

Over the May half term Herts Scouts celebrated their 50th anniversary of sailing. The milestone event took place at the Mersea Island Scout camp and sailing base, featuring a full week of on-the-water activities, seamanship training, a celebration ceremony, and a fireworks display.

Approximately 100 Scouts including Scouts from Letchworth and Baldock were there enjoying the fantastic weather and developing their nautical know-how, earn activity badges, and participate in powerboating and sailing.



**A stunning final sunset to conclude the
50th Anniversary Herts Scouts Sailing
week at Mersea**

The Scout Shop

I am calling for help please. The Scout Shop has had a good start with a small band of willing volunteers. The funds raised are both helping with DHQ costs and adding to District funds so everyone benefits. Our preloved items are selling well and are helping to keep down the cost of uniform.

We have opened 1800 - 2000 hrs on Tuesdays for the first half of each term and each Thursday during term time and both sessions have gone well. It does mean that there are quite a few sessions to fill and currently I am relying on a select few individuals.

Please:

- volunteer for a shift from September - even one per term would help, please contact me. It would be great to keep the current opening hours for everyone's benefit, but we do need 2 people per shift.
- encourage donations of old uniform to keep the shop well stocked
- pass this information to Scouting parents - there is some initial training needed eg Safety and Safeguarding, but we can take volunteers from the wider pool

Thank you

Chris Tyler

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Shop Team Lead Volunteer

First Response



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Everyone in uniform who has regular contact with young people needs to renew their First Response every 3 years. If you are a new uniformed Team Volunteer you should complete this within 12 months of joining. Our next local course is on Sunday 15 November 9am to 4pm in Baldock. To

book please contact Gill at [**gill@lbdscouts.org.uk**](mailto:gill@lbdscouts.org.uk)

There are other courses available around the County please contact me if I can help you find one. **Gill**

Diary Dates 2026

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
- 11 - 13** Activity Spectacular at Phasels (ASAP)
- 20** County Beaver and Cub Activity Day Tolmers Scout Activity Centre
- 24** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ
- 26** District Scout Nightjar Competition

OCTOBER

- 2 - 4** Tolmers Activity Day (TAD)
- 4** District Beavers' 40th Birthday - Boyd Field, Henlow
- 6** Autumn Term Scout Section Programme Meeting
- 11** District Cub Day Out
- 16 - 18** County Peak Assault Competition
- 22** District Trustees' Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 13 - 15** County Green Beret
- 15** District First Response Course - Baldock
- 26** District Trustees' Meeting

DECEMBER

- 8** Scout Section Xmas Social

2027

JANUARY

- 15 - 17** Fire and Ice—Tolmers
- 21** District Trustees' Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 11** District Trustees' Meeting
- 21** Founders Day and Thinking Day Tea and Cake

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