



Letchworth, Baldock &
Ashwell

Co-Ordinator

Silver Wolf celebrations continue!

Having had her award presented at the County AGM Wendy's Silver Wolf celebrations continued at the County Cubs In Tents Event (CITS).

We thought that it was worth celebrating in front of the young people, after all it is the reason we all are involved in Scouting! So members of 1st Baldock Cubs stepped up making Wendy a very special Silver Wolf that could be presented by Richard (County Programme Team Lead) at the closing ceremony of the Camp.



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Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts



Each year Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts like to have a build project. In September the Baldock group built go karts and had lots of fun with those.

In June the Letchworth gang turned shopping trolleys into other vehicles. We had racing cars, Harry Potter luggage trolley, a tractor, Glenn cooking and a pirate ship.



Due to the cancellation of a county event a small band of Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts were looking for something fun to do at the end of term.

We headed into Letchworth town centre for the challenge of an Agent Brain escape room. Yes they all escaped in under one hour and had great fun.

Dinner was pizza and pasta at Prezzo and then we hopped into the minibus and headed for Wymondley Wood. Accommodation was a hammock or a tarp sleeping under the stars. The hammocks were easy to put up and very comfortable to sleep in. The weather was perfect and a welcome breeze kept us cool.

England were playing Denmark so we settled down to cheer on the team and eat snacks. Well done England for winning 2-1.

In the morning we packed up, had breakfast and headed home. A short and sweet event with a great bunch of Explorers.



1st Ashwell Scout Group

The annual 1st Ashwell, end of year barbecue is an event that we really look forward to. All the sections get together to play games, celebrate our achievements and eat delicious food. This year's event took place on 13th July.

Each section started out separately doing our own activities. The Cubs then got their food (hot dogs or burgers supplied by Crumps) and then the Beavers followed. Once they had finished, we all gathered into a massive horseshoe and Marcus from Beavers broke the flag. Badger (Beaver Leader) then presented the four Chief Scout Bronze awards for those who'd achieved them in the Colony. Akela then presented the four Silver awards to the Cubs. Next our special guest from District, Nick Howell, presented two Chief Scout Gold awards to me and Rudy. The final young people's award given out was the incredibly rare Chief Scout Diamond award (also presented by Nick) which was given to Henry from our Senuna Explorers. Once lots of 'thank yous' had been said to parents and Leaders, Marcus lowered the flag again, and the Scouts could get their food, closely followed by the Explorers and adults. Then everyone rushed to the cake stall!



When the younger sections had gone, the Scouts and Explorers helped take down the mess tent and pack everything away back at the stores. And that was BBQ 2026!

**Daniel Prowle,
1st Ashwell
Scout**

8th Letchworth Scout Summer Camp Northumberland



Northumberland write-up 27/07/26

Today we went sea fishing from a town called Seahouses. We were put into 3 groups and while the first group went fishing the others did crabbing at the rock pools while they were waiting. One of the groups caught 23 fishes and Davide was stroking a fish inside the bucket. Some parts of the fishing were boring when you didn't catch any fish. During the trip we were lucky enough to see a family of dolphins swimming near the island. After the fishing we had fish and chips for dinner.



Surfing was really fun and exciting. Chris and Matthew were really good coaches and they taught us a lot. Emily and Harriet kept on tipping over the surf boards. We took it in turns in groups of three. Whilst waiting for our turns for surfing we played football in the sand. When swapping over groups we had to

struggle to get into our wet suits and went down back to the beach to do the tutorial.

Davide and Emily S

Northumberland write-up 28/7/26

We woke up at 7:00 and we had the tastiest breakfast of our lives and then proceeded to pack our backpacks with the recommended kit-list for coasteering and shopping. We then got into the mini-bus and drove to coasteering. We got out and got changed into our wetsuits, which was a struggle. Then we walked down the side of a hill to the rock pools. We then got into the freezing cold water to get used to the cold temperature for jumping in later. We had to barrel roll and dunk our heads under. When that was over, we walked over to the appropriately named rockpool 'The peanut'. We jumped in with our legs straight and our arms tucked into our chests. When we had all finished our first jump, we made the walk to the higher ledge of 'The peanut'. There we tried jumping in from a higher ledge. Then we split up into 2 different groups to do different activities. One group had a cannon ball competition into 'The peanut' and the other group had the leaders swim under a rock and the other half jumped in rock pools to soak the leaders in a waterfall, and then switched who was under the rock and in the rockpools. Both of the 2 groups then switched and did the activities of the other group. We all walked over to a ledge to do a competition on who could jump the furthest into the water. We then walked over to another ledge, where we jumped in and jumped in (again). There was a rock that we swam over to and sat on where we would get hit by waves. We went to another ledge and did some tricks like a trust fall, front flip and belly flop. We went back and came back out of our wetsuits, a struggle again. We got changed into our scout uniform and headed our way to the mini-bus shopping.

Henry and Toby



Overnight hike write-up

We started off the day with sausages and beans to provide us energy for the day. Then, we got into the minibus and drove for about 20 minutes. We thought the start of the hike would be easy....We were wrong. The hike began with a huge downhill followed by a very steep uphill. Once we reached the top (finally) we took out our maps and looked to where to go next. We agreed to go downhill which was a relief but then had to stop as Mike realized we took a wrong turn and had to walk through a lot of heather and then climb up the side of a hill. After that, we walked through more heather and I fell over in a very comfy patch of grass - I was so tired at this point I just wanted to stay there forever!

The next few hours involved walking up hills and alongside fences. We finally reached a flat bit of land which was really nice and stayed on flat ground for 15 minutes before climbing up the beginning of The Cheviot. After climbing The Cheviot we stopped at the trig point where it began to get foggy as we were enveloped in a cloud.

Once we arrived at the campsite, we set up tents and cooked our food - I had mac & cheese which was very yummy and had a good laugh with Emmie and George. Then we went to bed, where I had a very rough sleep - awake every hour without fail. In the morning, I ate sausage and beans which in my opinion was not nice. Then we filled up our water bottles from the mountain waterfall and set off.

We walked up to a signpost where we saw the other group walking in the opposite direction from where we thought we needed to go so we had to stop to check our maps to make sure we were right - we were. Then we walked some more before going downhill for most of the journey back. The final few hours was like a parkour challenge - hopping over rivers, rocks and everything else in between. There were so many ferns - some of which were taller than us and we saw a beautiful mini waterfall.

We finally arrived at the minibus and were so happy to sit down and relax. Looking back on the expedition, I enjoyed it and feel like it was a really good experience, showing me what DoV would be like - tiring but fun.

Keira



Northumberland write-up 1/8/26

Today we had breakfast which we had: sausages ,bacon, egg, hashbrown, baked beans. Afterwards we packed to go to our activities (crazy golf and climbing). When we arrived at crazy golf the other two groups were climbing. They were both really fun. In our group George won the golf with 61 points and in the other group mike won with 64 points.

At climbing there were 3 rock paths to climb. Rob's one was the easiest and Jay's one was the hardest and Geoff was abseiling. Henry climbed up Robs wall in about 1 second. It was very fun. Then afterwards we packed our bags and some of us went outside to play. For dinner we are having chicken fajitas. Later we are doing a campfire and we all have to do a skit.

Aidan and Emily C



Scouts / Guides Cream Tea



Twenty members from Scouts and Guides met at Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold on a gorgeous sunny afternoon in August for cream tea. They were treated to a quiz which involved guessing the object, as well as anagrams and a quiz on memorable dates. Music was provided by Saunders who brought along their fairground organ.



DEADLINE for October's edition of Co-Ordinator

25 September 2026

5th Letchworth Scout Summer Camp Barton Turf, Norfolk Broads. July 2026

This summer, 5th Letchworth Scouts enjoyed an unforgettable week at Barton Turf in Norfolk. Led by Helen, Nick, Kayleigh, Ellie and Glyn, with Robin helping during the first part of camp, the week was packed with adventure, new experiences and teamwork.

Arriving at Camp

The adventure began with an early meeting at Tesco before travelling to Norfolk and setting up camp.

Kai and Elliott wrote:

"We all met in Tesco's car park. We put our stuff in the trailer and van and headed toward camp. It took us 2 hours to get to there."

After arriving, everyone worked together to unload equipment, put up tents, build the dining shelter and get camp ready for the week ahead. The first evening's dinner was a success:

"For dinner we had BURGERS!!! (so nice) and hot dogs (alright)."

The washing up proved to be one of the first challenges of camp:

"The washing up was so hard as we couldn't get the grease off the pans."

Canoeing on Barton Broad

Sunday saw the Scouts take to the water for canoeing. After spending the morning building skills, practising techniques and going on a mini-expedition, the group headed out on a longer expedition in the afternoon.

Jake and Oliver wrote:

"It was very windy and it was annoying but we still managed to get back to the dock."

After a long day of paddling, the Scouts returned to camp for a well-earned spaghetti bolognese, described as *"very nice and yummy!"*



Reeds, Knots and Rafts Monday's daily plan by Elwen and Zoe:

Morning - Walk and knot practice

Lunch

Afternoon - RAFT BUILDING

Dinner

Kit list - you!

The morning nature walk took place around the reed beds near camp.

Christopher and Emilia wrote:

"The reeds towered before us, all sense of direction turning to the monster of lost. It was disorientating!"

The afternoon brought one of the most competitive activities of the week: raft building. Teams had just 40 minutes to design and build a raft before racing them on the water.

"Naturally, the girls won (we are so good) the boys fell in like drowned rats since their rafts were utter tosh."

The celebrations were enthusiastic:

"After a rendition of 'We Are the Champions' from the girls, we went back to fending off the helpless boys."



Learning to Sail

Tuesday and Wednesday were spent learning to sail Topper dinghies. The Scouts practiced manoeuvres and handled some challenging conditions on the water.

Ffion wrote:

"We also learned how to rig up a topper (which is the boat type)."

As confidence grew, so did the challenges, with strong winds creating exciting conditions which became even more lively as the day went on:

Jack and Benny wrote:

"The wind went chaotic and a whole bunch of people capsized."

Despite ending up in the water, the experience was thoroughly enjoyed:

"It was fun as coldness dampened my skin on the hottest day."

The sailing sessions gave everyone the chance to develop new skills, push themselves outside their comfort zones and build resilience. We all achieved our RYA Level 1!



RAF Air Defence Radar Museum

After two days on the water, Thursday offered something completely different with a visit to the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum. The Scouts explored radar technology, Cold War history and the systems used to defend UK airspace.

Felix wrote:

"On entry we were given a tour with an explanation of radar technology and how it works and what it is like now."

The museum was a popular choice and provided plenty to see and learn.

"I absolutely loved this visit and would definitely want to visit again. There is so much to see and you can't possibly take it all in within the 5-hour period that we were visiting."



Beach Day

The final full day of camp was spent at the beach, enjoying the sunshine and making the most of a relaxed end to the week.

Jake wrote:

"We arrived and it was quite busy but we found a quiet spot and it was very nice and sunny. We went in the sea which was actually warmer than being in the shade."

The Scouts spent the day playing cricket, digging holes to bury each other in, drawing in the sand and generally enjoying themselves.

The day finished with a yummy meal on the beach - "fish and chips with a fizzy drink!"



A Week to Remember

Zoe wraps up the week perfectly in her own words:

"I really enjoyed doing this camp as it was full of new experiences like sailing and learning about the crucial role the RAF played in WW2. My favourite part was the raft building as it gave a real life use to skills such as knot tying and lashing. It was also very funny watching everyone fall in when their rafts collapsed and I think everyone had lots of fun."

A huge thank you goes to Helen, Nick, Kayleigh, Ellie and Glyn for leading the camp, and to Robin for helping at the start of the week. Their hard work made it possible for our Scouts to enjoy another fantastic summer adventure.

The memories, skills and friendships built during the week will stay with our Scouts for many years to come.





Douglas Kell 1942 - 2026



We were very sorry to hear the sad news that Doug Kell has died and we send our deepest sympathy to Maureen and her family.

Doug has been treasurer of the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre since 2003. He brought his extensive business experience to the role and his wise counsel ensured that our finances were always in a sound position. At the same time his business acumen ensured all projects were carefully assessed and that the Centre was maintained to a high standard.

It was always a pleasure to meet Doug. His friendly personality and wry sense of humour will be missed by all who knew him.



Chief Scout's Commendation of Good Service Award



Jacqui Wakefield

1st Baldock Beavers

Award for Merit



Mark Brewis

Oak Eagle ESU /12th Letchworth Scouts

Awards / Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Leo Chrysandreas	4th Letchworth
Petru Liviu	11th Letchworth
Lilyrose Parker-Brimacombe	4th Letchworth
Ioan Parry	11th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Megan Burridge	4th Letchworth
Jora Kandola	12th Letchworth
Jacob Smith	12th Letchworth
Elliot Warner	12th Letchworth
Elliot Warren	12th Letchworth
Chester White	4th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Zofia Day	4th Letchworth
Daniel Prowle	1st Ashwell
Rudy Repka	1st Ashwell

Year Service Award



Paul Wheeler	Ex 1st Baldock Chair
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David Rafferty	Oak Eagle ESU
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Diary Dates 2026 / 2027

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 - DHQ

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 8** Scout Section Christmas Social
- 10** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ (only if required)

2027

JANUARY

- 15 - 17** Fire and Ice - Tolmers
- 21** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ
- 23** County Explorer Scout Monopoly Challenge

FEBRUARY

- 7** County Scout / Explorer Cooking Competition
- 11** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ
- 21** Founders Day and Thinking Day Tea and Cake

MARCH

- 13** County Cub Bushcraft Activity Day
- 18** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ

APRIL

- 22** District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ
- 30 - 3 May** 90 years of Phasels

MAY

- 20** District A.G.M. - DHQ



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