Scouts
Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell

Co-Ordinator





The Poppy

I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification
Of conflict or of war.
I am not paper ornament
A token,
I am more.
I am a loving memory,
Of a father or son, a mother or daughter,
A permanent reminder.
Of each and everyone,
I'm paper or enamel,
I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To everyone of you.
I am a simple poppy
A reminder to you all,
That courage faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.



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Nightjar 26 - 27 September 2026

This year's Nightjar was the biggest yet with 14 teams of Scouts and Explorers taking part. The event was held from the Clothall Village Hall, with teams walking out into the Hertfordshire Countryside towards Wallington. Armed with maps, compasses, and plenty of enthusiasm. The course took them through woods, fields, and for some a detour to a Biomanufacturing facility

They kicked things off with a quick route planning session, mixing solid navigation skills with a bit of confident guesswork. Even when they drifted off course, they regrouped quickly, laughed it off, and carried on stronger than before.

Overall, the teams showed great spirit, cooperation, and a real love for adventure. They represented their group well and had a fantastic time outdoors.

A big well done to 1st Ashwell Puma for winning independent team and 4th Letchworth who came first in the training team section.



Zeke Hill - 8th Letchworth Group Lead

Results - Nightjar

Completing the Course

Scouts Points

1st Place	Team 1	1st Ashwell	Puma	167
2nd Place	Team 6	5th Letchworth	Famous 5th	160
3rd Place	Team 2	1st Baldock		100
4th Place	Team 4	4th Letchworth	4th Training	85
5th Place	Team 5	5th Letchworth	5th Training	82
6th Place	Team 3	4th Letchworth	4th go 4th	62

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7th Place	Team 10	12th Letchworth	Team 2	105 *
8th Place	Team 7	8th Letchworth	8th Squad	95 *
9th Place	Team 9	12th Letchworth	Team 1	90 *
DNF	Team 8	8th Letchworth	The Crazy 8th	Collected

* Part completion of course

Completing the Course

Explorers

1st Place	Team 12	Team B	170	15 minutes quicker
2nd Place	Team 14	Team D	170	
3rd Place	Team 11	Team A	160	
4th Place	Team 13	Team C	142	

District Team

District Team Lead	- Jacob Tyler
District Events Team Lead	- Claire Greener
Squirrels Events Team Lead	- Roz Wilson
Beaver Events Team Lead	- Hayley Palmer
Cub Events Team Lead	- Russell Wake
Scout Events Team Lead	- Jay Lamb
Events Support Team Lead	- Jackie Hare

Cub Shooting Competiton

Sunday 18th October 2026 was the Annual Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell Shooting Competition.
Now into its 4th year it continues to surpass my expectations. All groups were represented this year, and scores continue to improve and we have some very good young shooters in the District.
Congratulations go to Max Steel of 4th Letchworth for getting a high score of 39/50 and to 7th Letchworth for winning the Team competition. I will arrange for the trophies to be issued out (Hopefully I can finally get Jacob to engrave the shield!)
See below for full results

Russell Wake
District Cub Event Team Lead

Team Score		
Rank	Group	Score
4th	1st Ashwell	50
6th	1st Baldock	31
3rd	2nd Baldock	55
2nd	4th Letchworth	62
7th	5th Letchworth	30
1st	7th Letchworth	72
5th	8th Letchworth	49
9th	11th Letchworth	4
8th	12th Letchworth	7



Individual Score			
Rank	Name	Group	Score
1st	Max	4th Letchworth	39
2nd	Joey	8th Letchworth	36
3rd	Daniyal	4th Letchworth	35
4th	Austin	2nd Baldock	31
5th	Pascoe	5th Letchworth	28
6th	Jacob	7th Letchworth	26
7th	Jasmine	1st Ashwell	23
8th	Joesph	1st Baldock	18
9th	Harry	4th Letchworth	16
10th	Logan	1st Baldock	15
11th	Alex	2nd Baldock	12
12th	Zoe	4th Letchworth	11
13th	Toby	1st Ashwell	7
13th	Cody	12th Letchworth	7
13th	Lottie	8th Letchworth	7
13th	George	7th Letchworth	7
13th	Josh	1st Baldock	7
14th	Jacob	1st Baldock	6
14th	Ella	8th Letchworth	6
15th	Lucy	5th Letchworth	5
16th	Petra	11th Letchworth	4
17th	Rory	1st Baldock	3
18th	George	1st Ashwell	2
18th	Sebby	5th Letchworth	1
18th	Mila	5th Letchworth	1



Operation Ferret

AND SO THE GAME BEGINS.....!

The scavenger hunt that takes your team far and wide over 24 hours. Who has a tape measure from a Christmas cracker left? Who can sing London's Burning backwards? Can you get a team photo from the top of Windmill Hill?

27th & 28th February 2027

Get your team together - Open to all, Teams of 8 – 20 people including 4 scouting members.

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network, Leaders, Parents, Grandparents, Friends, Neighbours & Ferrets!

Team Registration opens in January

Beavers 40th Birthday

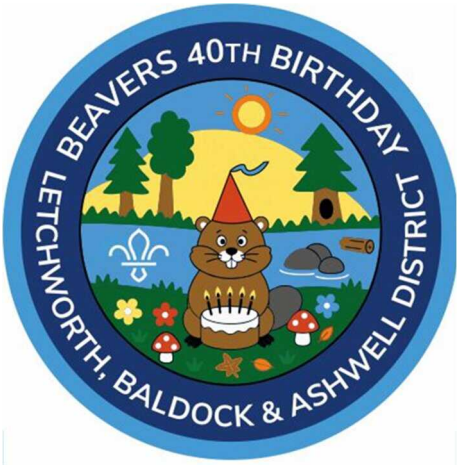
Beavers turned 40 this year, and we decided such a big birthday deserved a very special celebration!
To mark the occasion, we headed to Boyd Field in Henlow, where we had the whole site to ourselves for a fun-filled day of activities. There was something for every Beaver to enjoy. The Beavers tested their aim at archery, reached new heights on the climbing wall and explored the exciting cave bus. They also raced around on pedal karts, played giant games and got creative during a craft session, where each Beaver made their very own beaver to take home.
As if that was not enough, we hired a giant bouncy castle, a big slide and an assault course to bring even more excitement to the day.
It was a lovely sunny day so we enjoyed a BBQ style lunch, which everyone enjoyed before going back for more activities.
We ended the day with a campfire including lots of singing with actions! And, of course, cake which was beautifully made for us and tasted amazing!
It was a brilliant way to celebrate 40 years of Beavers. The day was packed with smiles, challenges, creativity and plenty of laughter, and it gave everyone wonderful memories of a very special birthday. Even the Leaders turned into big kids!
Happy 40th birthday, Beavers!
Big Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event making it possible, Leaders, Young Leaders, Parents and, of course, the Beavers.



Hayley Palmer
Beaver Event Team Lead



As part of the celebration the Beavers across the District were asked to design a badge for the event which every Beaver in the District would receive. We had loads of entries which made it very difficult to choose. A few District Leaders had to take a vote and the badge winner was Dylan from 8th Letchworth. He was presented with the first badge and a certificate.



I can't do all the talking in this article, here are lots of comments from the Beavers across the District.

The day was 100 out of 10!!! Asher 4th Letchworth

"Max 4th Letchworth has not stopped talking about it!" Parent

I had a great time and enjoyed all the activities. **Lucy 4th Letchworth**

I really liked the climbing wall - I've never done that before. I enjoyed the archery too. I liked making a Beaver and lunch! I really liked the pedal carts. It was epic!
Rory Everington 1st Ashwell

I loved the climbing and the campfire and would love to go every weekend.
The bouncy castles and the sunshine was nearly my favourite but the climbing was best
Sophie 8th Letchworth

My favourite activity was the cave bus because I liked that it had lots of wooden tunnels to crawl through which was fun. The whole day made me feel happy but tired.
Harley 8th Letchworth

Loved the hotdogs and archery the most! **Sidney 8th Letchworth**

I liked the cave bus the best because it was dark, narrow and scary. The whole day was good fun and made me proud to be a Beaver. **Anya 8th Letchworth**

It was a very good day and my favourite activity was probably the Cave Bus, even though it was kind of scary it was fun. I felt happy and excited to be there.
Oscar 8th Letchworth

I liked the obstacle course because it was fun. The whole day was really good and you got to try different things.
Scarlett 8th Letchworth

My favourite activity was climbing because I love climbing and I try my best. The day made me happy because it was a day full of fun. Getting close to the top of the climbing wall was funny because I was really close to pressing the button to complete it but I accidentally put my foot in the wrong place, and I slipped off when I was reaching out for the button.
Ellery 8th Letchworth

The day made me really happy because I got to try lots of fun activities. My favourites were archery and the inflatable obstacle course. **Gabe 8th Letchworth**

The day was great and sunny. My favourite thing was the rock climbing it was really high. This was my first time trying it, I loved it. The whole day made me feel proud to be a Beaver, the camp fire was great as it warmed me up with all of the wood and songs.
Millie 8th Letchworth

My favourite activities were the cave bus and archery. I loved Cave bus because it had lots of fun tunnels and enjoyed archery because it was really fun and good . This day made me feel proud and happy. **Mark 8th Letchworth**

The best day of her life ever!! Her favourite activity was the big slide and she found it so funny when she got to push the young leaders down the slide. (This may have been Benjamin from 1st Baldock!!) **Bonnie 8th Letchworth**

Below are all from **12th Letchworth**:

"Cavebus was so fun you could go in as many times as you liked" **Max**

"Climbing wall because I got to the top on all three" **Olivia**

"I liked the climbing because I liked climbing. And I liked learning from the experts!" **Amelia**

"I liked the bouncy castle because they were really squishy" **Lucy**

"Karting was fun, I liked playing with my friends. We played this taxi game where we drove each other around up and down the hill" **Leo**

"I liked the obstacle course because I raced a few people and there was a big slide at the end"

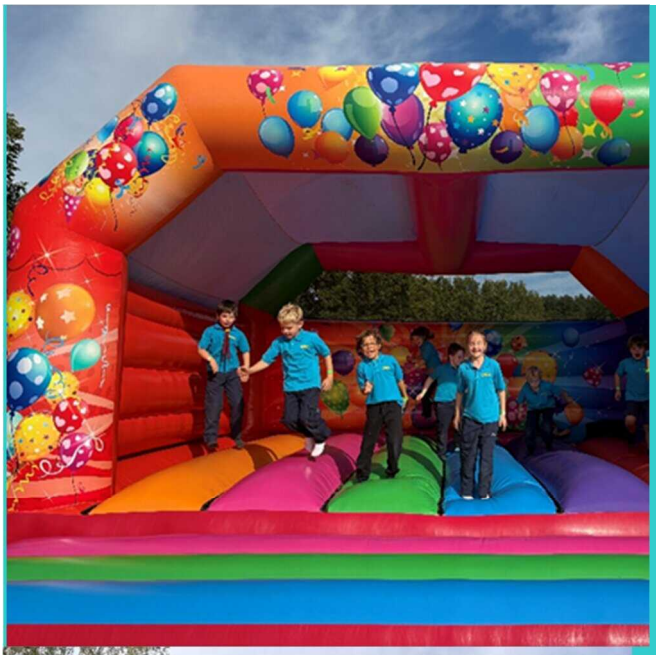
Lunch was nice, the hot dog was nice **George**

"Lunch was my favourite because I'm always hungry"

I liked the go karting because I got to play bank robbers with other Beavers **Seb**

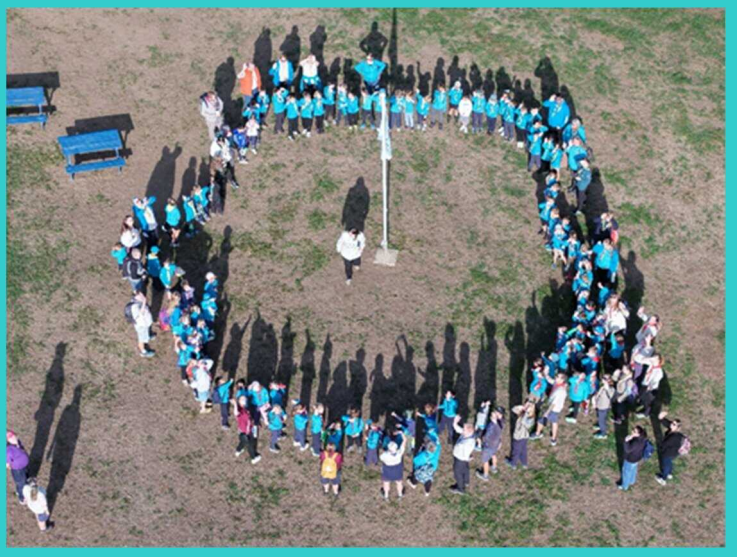
The campfire was great, when they added lots of wood - **Jessie**

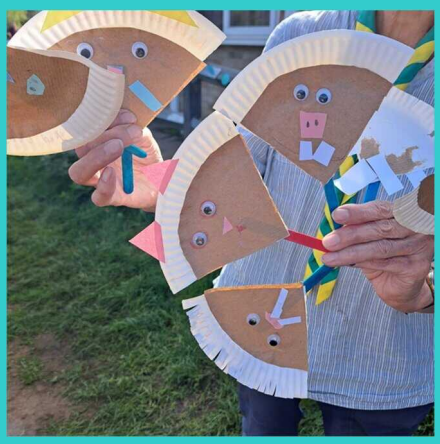














Cubs District Day Out 2026 – Lego Land Windsor

On Sunday 11th October 132 Cubs from across the District met at Tesco in Baldock where they boarded 2 Coaches to go to LEGOLAND Windsor, which we had chosen to visit this year as part of the Cubs 110th Birthday Celebrations.

The Cubs and the Leaders all had a great time and got to go on rides like the Dragon Rollercoaster, Destiny's Bounty Pirate Ship, Ballon School, Aero Nomad and Lego Ninjago.

Unfortunately we had to cut our day short as there was an issue with the water supply at the park which meant they had to close.

Thanks to all the Leaders and helpers for coming along and making sure the Cubs had a great day.

Massive thanks to Ros Wing for arranging it all and making sure everyone got where they needed to be.

It looks like we will be returning to LEGOLAND in 2027

Russell Wake
Cub Event Team Lead.













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4th Letchworth HMS Belfast 2026

Kip on a ship by Jayden

We saw the river Thames and Tower Bridge. Tower Bridge was really cool as in the night it lit up and looked amazing. While we walked around London at night, we saw the Shard do a small light show and saw the Tower of London from afar. When we got back to the ship from our port hole we saw a rave happening in the walkie-talkie building. We had a sleeping bag war in the mess decks (sleeping quarters) it was hilarious.

In the morning we woke up and talked. It was dark inside but incredibly light outside . Once we all woke up we had a massive pillow fight which we named "The Scouts' Civil War". The Cubs joined in and it was so much fun. Then we toured around the ship and learned so many things and stories, like this one story where a man tried to get to a turret on the ship but got hit by a massive wave and would have been thrown into the freezing water of Antarctica but his hand was frozen to the door handle!

Once we were leaving we saw one last glimpse of the Shard and went home.

Kip on a ship by Alfie

The adventures - Kip on a ship had many fun adventures, including walking round the city at night to find important monuments like the Shard, the London Eye, the Walkie Talkie and many others.
The most impressive building had to be the Shard or the Walkie Talkie because the walkie talkie would shine with the most amazing colours.



The ship - The sleeping quarters were on the third and most important deck because it had the dental, emergency care, food and finally medicine it also had liquor and the canteen. We had to share a level of sleeping quarters with Cubs which comes to my next conclusion. The 100% best bit was the pillow fight that was epic or touring **HMS BELFAST** there were lots of fun interactive things.









County News

Hertfordshire Scouts Chair Retirement



Rather than hear the news from a third party I wanted to notify you directly that, having served as County Chair for over 20 years, my intention is to step down from that

Throughout my tenure it has been an immense privilege and pleasure to work alongside so many wonderful volunteers and employees all of whom have been focused on delivering safe and adventurous Scouting to the young people and communities of Hertfordshire. I want to place on record my sincere thanks for the time you have given so freely and for the positive impact you have had on the lives of our young members.

Mike Shurety
County Chair HCSC



Let's celebrate 120 Years of Scouts. Next year we celebrate 120 years of Scouts! That's 120 years since the first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. Pick up your official 120 Years of Scouts uniform badge on Scout Store

This brand-new badge celebrates the 120th anniversary of The Scouting Movement, founded in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell. This celebratory woven badge in the colours purple, yellow, white and green references the 26th World Scout Jamboree and The 44th World Scout Conference, both milestone Scouting events happening in this historic year. **1907 - 2027**



Belated Anniversary to 12th Letchworth Scout Group. Registered on 20 October 1981 .

Extract from November 1981 No. 267 Co-Ordinator

October is a very special month in 1981 for all of us, especially the old members of the 4th Grenadiers, for it sees the formation of the 12th Letchworth who will meeting at the Lordship Farm School. Peter Burgess will be Group Scout Leader and Lorraine Riley Cub Scout Leader. On your behalf I wish them good Scouting in the future, and to thank everybody concerned with the 12th for accepting the challenge of a new group.

Peter Norton - District Commissioner



Awards / Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Leo Vallely	1st Ashwell
Madeleine Gagiu	1st Ashwell



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Jasper Bentley 4th Letchworth

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23 November 2026

Diary Dates 2026 / 2027

NOVEMBER

8	**Remembrance Parade**
10	**Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting**
12	**District Cub Quiz**
13 - 15	**County Green Beret - Phasels Wood**
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	**District Pool Party - Scouts / Explorer Scouts**
30	**County Explorer Scout Monopoly Challenge**

FEBRUARY

7	**County Scout / Explorer Cooking Competition**
11	**District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ**
21	**Founder's Day and Thinking Day Tea and Cake**
27 - 28	**District Operation Ferret (All sections and families)**

MARCH

6	**National Monopoly Run Live**
12	**Explorer Scout / Scout Network Kandersteg Training**
13	**County Cub Bushcraft Activity Day**
18	**District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ**
20	**District Beaver Challenge**

APRIL

16 - 18	**County Hillwalking Training Weekend**
16 - 18	**District Cub Sixers and Seconders Weekend**
22	**District Trustees' Meeting - DHQ**
25	**St George's Day Parade**
30 - 3 May	**90 years of Phasels Wood**

MAY

7	**County Target Sport Championship**
16	**District Greenway Walk**
20	**District A.G.M. - DHQ**

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