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### Community SOS project transforms District HQ gardens.

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Staff from North Hertfordshire Homes have come together to cut back bushes, build steps and create a raised patio to provide an outdoor area for Scout Groups and other youth groups at the District HQ.

Gavin Cansfield, Chief Executive at North Hertfordshire Homes said "Giving back to the community is part of our social purpose, and colleagues volunteered for this project because of the great work the Scout Movement does for others".

Bikerdikes Garden Centre, Oakray Limited, RJB Building and T & S White Decorating donated plants and funds towards the scheme.

The Scouts are very appreciative of the work undertaken by the volunteers and all sections of Scouting will now be able to benefit from the outside space created by the project.



Here are the Scout Association top tips for staying safe around bonfire night.

It will soon be bonfire night, the loudest, sparkliest night of the year! If you're taking your young people to an organised display, or having a bonfire and some sparklers at your meeting place this year, take a look at the following tips to keep everyone nice and safe.

#### Fireworks:

- Only adults should ever deal with fireworks
- Ensure fireworks are not pointing towards anyone
- Never pick up a firework or relight one that has not gone off
- Ensure everyone stands at a safe distance

#### Sparklers:

- Wear gloves and hold sparklers at arm's length
- Don't wave sparklers at anyone or run while holding them
- Be careful if you're wearing a long scarf or big coat - the sparks could set it alight
- Put sparklers in a bucket of water when you're finished as they can stay very hot

#### Bonfires:

- If someone gets burnt, cool the area with running water for at least 10mins, then cover with clean, non-fluffy material like cling film
- If clothing catches fire, remember: stop, drop, roll
- Never use an accelerant, like paraffin or petrol, on a fire
- Make sure that the fire is completely out before you leave the site



## 4th Letchworth Beaver Scout End of Term River Cruise

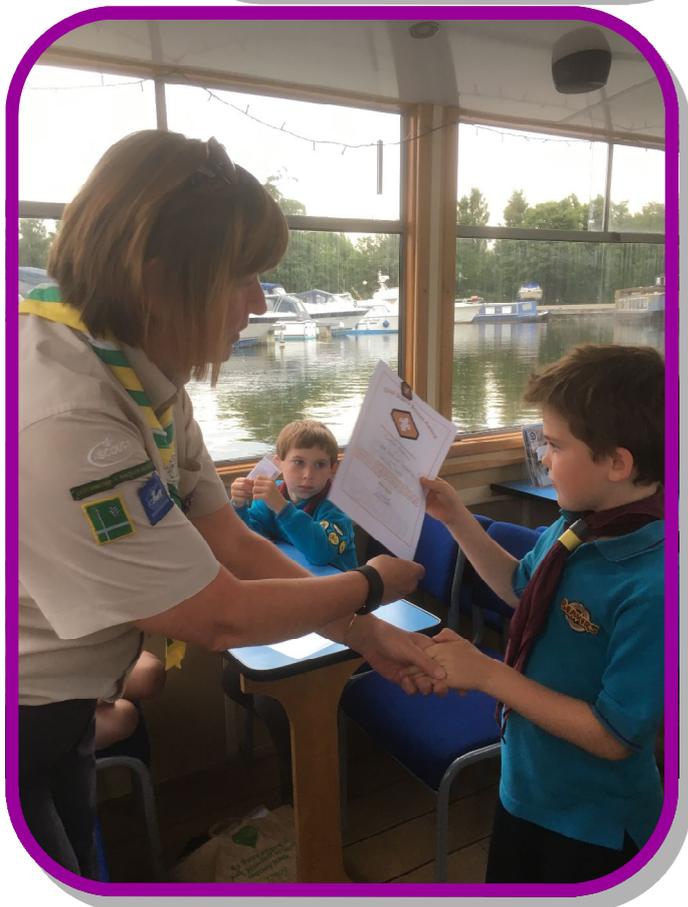
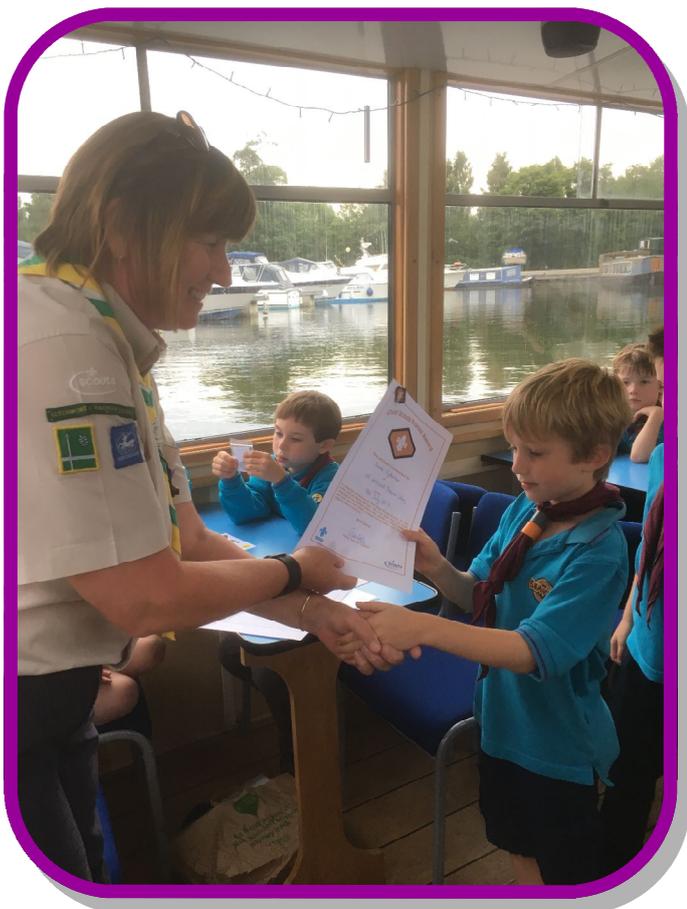
How to end an eventful term of 4th Letchworth Beaver Scouting in style?

Book a family trip on a river cruiser up the Ouse from Bedford Marina, of course.

47 parents, Beavers and siblings (plus Ocelot, Darzee and Dragonfly) embarked for a leisurely one hour tour of the waterways, with commentary on the landmarks and local fauna. Having completed out the tick lists, we checked out the new riverside leisure complex before returning back to the Marina.

As part of the trip, all the children and Scouting siblings earned their Time on the Water badges, but two children, James and Nathan, were rewarded for their hard work by receiving their Chief Scout's Bronze Award from ADC (Beavers) Dragonfly.

What a great end to a fantastic term!



**4th Letchworth Scout Group  
Family Camp  
14–16 July  
PACCAR Scout Camp, Chalfont Heights**



My dad and I went to 4th Letchworth Scout Group family camp.

We did lots of fun activities, including crate stacking, quick drop, wall climbing and go carting.

My favourite activity was the quick drop. I landed on my feet.

We had a camp fire.

Thank you all the Leaders

Megan Stoten— 4th Letchworth



The Scout Association have announced that European Space Agency Astronaut, Major Tim Peake as of 1 October has become a Ambassador for Scouting. Best known for spending 186 days in the International Space Station and running a marathon in space, he is also a former Cub Scout and an advocate of the power of Scouting to help young people develop skills for life.

This announcement comes ahead of World Space Week (4 - 10 October), and the Scout Association will also be launching new resources for Leaders to use with their section from the UK Space Agency.

It was a trip with the Cub Scouts that got the young Tim first interested in space and he went on to have an extensive career as a test pilot.

He Said "I remember being a Cub Scout and going on those early night hikes and the first sleepovers outdoors. How exciting is that for young boys and girls.?"

"Staring at the stars, the big questions came up, 'Wow, look at that universe, look at the milky way, what's out there?'"

The father-of-two credits Scouting with equipping him for his high-flying career.

"It's down to your character and personality" he said.

## 5th Letchworth Beaver Scout Camp Sleepover Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

5th Letchworth Beavers had a camp sleep over at Wymondley Wood.

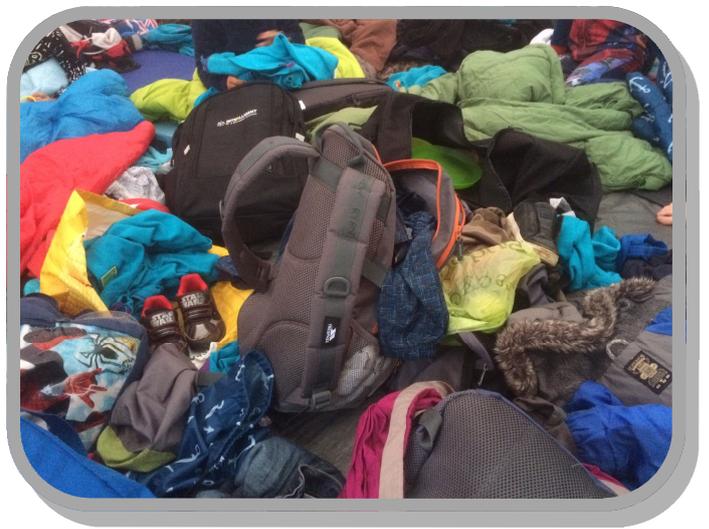
This was the first sleep over for some of the Beavers as they joined just before we broke for summer.

The weather held and we were able to colour flags from around the world and use them as bunting between the tents.

We ate burgers and hot dogs for tea ,sang songs from different countries around the camp fire and played wide games in the dark.

The Beavers also showed good signs of the early floordrobe.

In the morning we had pancakes for breakfast and played more games before we went home.





# Congratulations

To Barry Dickinson, 7th Letchworth CSL and Sonia Collen who got married on Saturday 16 September.

**Here's to a Lifetime of Happiness!  
Let the Happily Ever After begin.**

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Members of the Active Support Unit had an enjoyable trip to Standalone Farm. Eleven of them had a pleasant walk round looking at the sheep, horses and the cute new born piglets . They just made it to the tea room before the rain came again, where they had a drink, cake and a good catch up.

The General Meeting Annually will take place on 14 October at the Free Church 14:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs.

The next social event will be the Christmas Dinner booked for 9 December at the Broadway.

## 1st Baldock Cubs (Templars) are having a Christmas Fair

Event: Christmas Fair  
Venue: 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock  
When: Sunday 14 October 2017  
Time: 14:00 hrs - 17.00 hrs



Lots of Christmas items cards, wrapping paper, baubles, decorations etc - at very cheap prices with proceeds going to the Cub Pack.

There will also be a cake and tea stall run by Diana Cornell with the proceeds going towards her fundraising for the Africa County Expedition in August 2018

# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Silver Award

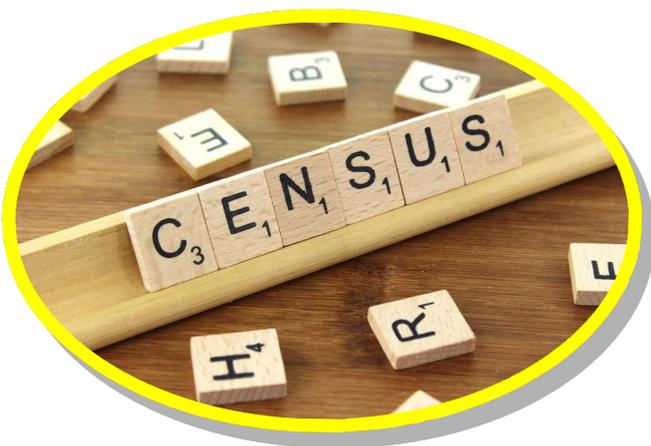


Ben Gosnell	8th Letchworth
Libby Gumbrill	8th Letchworth
Benji Jones	1st Baldock (Templars)
Harrison Pill	8th Letchworth
Matilda Rasmusse	8th Letchworth
Inigo Tapping	1st Baldock (Templars)
Olivia Woods	8th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Joshua Hazzard	8th Letchworth
Georgia Martin	8th Letchworth



The census of all adult and youth members will be taken in January 2018 and the fees payable will be calculated on the number of young people in each Scout District /County/ Area/Region.

The UK Headquarters membership fee in 2018 for all members under the age of 18 will be £27.00.

Once we know the County and District fee they will be published in Co-Ordinator.

# Diary Dates 2017 / 2018



**District Cub Day Out  
Drayton Manor**

## October

- 1 District Cub Day Out
- 1 County Sailing Regatta - Scouts
- 8 County Cub Cyclocross - Well End
- 13 - 15 County Peak Assault
- 14 ASU General Meeting Annually
- 14 1st Baldock (Templars) Christmas Fair
- 20 - 22 JOTA / JOTI
- 24 & 26 Scout & Guide Shop closed for Half Term
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## November

- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 17 - 19 County Green Beret Challenge - Scouts
- 25 County Monopoly Challenge - Scout Network
- 26 8th Letchworth Christmas Fair
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## December

- 9 ASU Christmas Dinner
- 12 Scout & Guide Shop Closed
- 12 County Explorers Christmas Bash
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 19 County Network Christmas Dinner

## January 2018

- 9 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 9 County Network Quiz
- 29 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## February

- 4 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 8 District Executive Meeting
- 25 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



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