Scouts

Harrow

This newsletter will be issued monthly. Please provide any content (pictures, stories, events) to Gillan.Barnard@harrowscouts.org.uk by 20th

Celebrating our first Harrow District Camp with a wonderful badge designed by Thomas from 3rd Kenton Scouts!
It was a fab weekend with x activities enjoyed by 450 YP in the sunshine – well done to everyone involved in getting us there, especially Organiser-in-Chief, Reshma Patel.

We have several stories and pictures of camps this month – after all it is the summer! Its been fantastic to see so many groups going camping, mostly for the first time in 3 years and of course there are more camps to come over the rest of the summer and into early autumn.
Summer holiday is also a time to revamp your premises – or at least make a thorough assessment, so don't forget to use the premises checklist issued to all GSLs and Chairs during June. And if you need to apply for a grant after doing your assessment, we have an article in here on what is eligible and how to do it.

The other exciting update to give you is that **Councillor Janet Mote, the current Mayor of Harrow has agreed to become our District President** – this will go on beyond her year in office and is a great way of publicising Scouts locally. If you would like her to attend one of your events, please go via Ian McLuckie , who is coordinating our engagement.

Finally please make a note of the dates for our exciting autumn events for Leaders and Young People – lots more details to come, but its great to get them into the diary well ahead.

Introducing 3rd Kenton Group

So what is unique about 3rd Kenton in Harrow District? Well the main thing is that we are actually based in Brent….just over the border of the Kenton Road. Leaders and Exec voted to join Harrow when Stanmore District split up last year – looking like a good decision so far!

We meet on a Friday evening at Mount Stewart Junior School where we have use of a large hall, playground and dining hall….lots of space, but unfortunately no cooking facilities. We are fortunate to have a hugely supportive parent community from where the majority of our Leaders are drawn and we have large numbers in each section. We love to join in District events as well as our own camps and trips, and District team members Stuart Hogge and Gillan Barnard are both based at 3rd Kenton, with Stuart the GSL.

It's our 90th Anniversary this year – we were started as a church-affiliated group by the minister at the time of St John's URC on Woodcock Hill, but moved our base in 2013 because the church closed down. We are currently planning an exciting celebration event for the autumn for current and previous members.

We will no doubt see you soon at a District event!

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS

TRAINING: For all your training needs, check out the GLMW Calendar for 2022 **Training-calendar**
SCOUT COOKING COMPETITION: Saturday 17th September at Paccar – why not sign-up now so you can practice over the summer? Contact Reshma Patel
DAC DROP-IN: Tuesday 20th September 7.00pm at the District Activities Centre HA0 4UG – informal sessions to network, ask questions, share ideas or problems
COUNTY DIWALI EVENT: Saturday 8th October (Leaders) – Details TBC
DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA: Sunday 9th October (Beavers & Cubs) and Saturday 12th November (Scouts and Explorers)
REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE: Sunday 13th November - large parades at Harrow and Pinner – and many Groups/Units supporting their own local church or memorial event. Full details to come

DISTRICT CAMP 1st – 3rd JULY – TOLMERS SCOUT CAMPSITE

Leaders with Awards presented…

Duncan Wakeling – Silver Acorn

Kerrie Newby – Order of Merit

Jackie & Duncan McDowall – Wood Badges

Long service awards were also presented to Tim James (35 years), Brandon Surridge (25 years), Kerrie Newby (15 years), Tracey Teh (15 years), Bhrat Patel (5 years), Reena Patel (5 years)

Images from around the Campsite

Smoke bombs at the Opening Ceremony

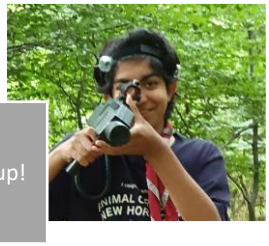
The Mayor of Harrow taking aim !

Waterslides were a huge hit in the sunshine!

Crazy times on the trampolines!

Zorbing fun… boinggg!!!

Pedal Car races…



Hands up!

Laser gun fun in the woods..

A rather wet campfire…

Beavers Gruffalo Hunt!

Pioneering skills on Sunday

The winning Cub team

THE MAYOR'S SCOUT 2022

Inauguration & First Duties

Following a tradition across the Harrow Districts, our first Mayor's Scout post-pandemic has been selected - 1st Hatch End Explorer, Milly Dale Mahon. She will support the Mayor, Councillor Janet Mote, over the next 12 months, and will be succeeded by her Deputy, Deep Patel, from Alpine Explorers.

The 2 of them were officially inaugurated (alongside the Mayor herself) at a service at St Mary's Church Harrow on the Hill, supported by some fellow Explorers and Leaders. Also being inaugurated was the Mayor's Guide Abigail Caplan, herself a member of Phoenix ESU!

One of Milly's first duties as Mayor's Scout was to join the Mayor in lighting the Harrow Beacon for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June. This event was attended by 70 people from 1st Hatch End (only slightly influenced by the offer of free pizza), as well as another 150 or so members of the general public. Scouts, Explorers and Leaders formed a guard of honour as the dignitaries arrived and Milly did a great job lighting the beacon! Look out for her supporting the Mayor in events throughout the year!!

Safety Tip of the Month..... things we have seen 'go wrong' !

Safe Scouting in the Sun From a recent Scouts UK email – keep in the shade, plenty of sunscreen and hats, plenty of water or squash, regular rests from physical activity.

If you are concerned that someone has heat exhaustion or heatstroke, here are some tips from the Red Cross https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/learn-first-aid/heat-exhaustion

If YOU want to see your Group or Unit featured here, please send some photos and a short report in to the Editor: Gillan Barnard

It would be great to hear from some different Groups or Units

AROUND THE DISTRICT (1)

5th Pinner Family Camp

It felt such a long time since we had camped as a Group and with our families. The Leader team were all looking forward to our weekend at Paccar.

After a wet early start on the Friday the rest of the weekend was sunny and warm. An advance party set up the marquee and kitchen area on a very quiet site and at 6pm our first members and their families started to arrive. By the time the last family arrived at 8.30pm, the quiet site had become a busy, excited site!

Saturday dawned early (not a surprise!). By 9am 120 young people, leaders and parents had enjoyed a cooked breakfast and were ready to start their day. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders enjoyed all that Paccar has to offer, only coming back to the site to eat and drink.

Many of our families attending had never camped before and after a nervous start had a great weekend, asking when the next camp will be. A traditional camp fire with roasted marshmallows drew Saturday to an end with lots of very tired and happy campers

We closed our camp with an awards ceremony. Young people were awarded for their camping skills, archery, shooting, wellie throwing, and cake making. A surprise award was presented to Julie Biddle, the Group Scout leader to celebrate her 40 years in Scouting.

Some comments from the Young People afterwards....

"I wish it was Friday and we could do it all again"

"We absolutely loved it!"

And from the Parent Feedback...

"You took advantage of coming back from covid and meticulously planned to a fault and executed a fantastic weekend full of activities that has enabled the young people to take on a fair few challenges."

"Each time you organise something like this it leaves me speechless. We had the best time. We all appreciate your time, dedication and love."

"____ had an amazing time! So much goes into it, but it's really an amazing experience."

Well done 5th Pinner!!

AROUND THE DISTRICT (2)

6th Harrow & Archers ESU Jubilee Camp

A total of 105 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, parents, and Leaders took part in the Group Camp at Thriftwood Campsite in Brentwood, Essex from 2nd-5th June 2022. We enjoyed various activities such as kayaking, rifle shooting, archery and abseiling. We also had a brilliant jubilee campfire on Saturday evening at the main campfire circle, had BBQ and pizzas for dinner, roasted marshmallows, and even watched a movie near the riverside in the evenings over the weekend.

A fantastic weekend enjoyed by all that attended and great to be camping again after nearly 2 years of not being able to go anywhere...

Happy Summer All

Dev
Cub Scout Leader

16th Edgware Group Camp – Skreens Park, Essex

Just a brief mention for 16th Edgware – who also had an amazing Group Camp in the May half-term. You can read more about it in the GLMW News from Mouse (Richard Gross), but I wanted to applaud their (potentially) record breaking **4 nights of Beavers in Tents!!**

BRAVO BEAVERS – and well deserved Damboree 2022 badges

Well done to all the Leaders who have taken their Young People camping this year... isn't it great to be back in tents!!

USEFUL INFORMATION: GRANT POLICY (1)

This policy sets out the criteria and process for Groups seeking financial support from Harrow District.

General criteria

- Only projects designed to meet Scouting needs, or which demonstrably provide significant benefit to Scouting in the local community will be considered.
- We will target our support to those Groups that contribute towards the achievement of our general priorities and objectives and, more specifically, those set out in the **Harrow District Plan**.
- In considering any application we will have regard to existing facilities/projects of a similar nature within the District designed to meet the same needs.
- In deciding upon the appropriate level of support we will have regard to other sources of funding available to your Group, including any reserves.
- We must be satisfied that the Group has the necessary expertise and resources to see the project through to successful completion.
- Grants will not be made in respect of projects on which work has already started, or in lieu of expenditure to which applicants are already committed.
- Groups which have received a grant in the past are advised that this does not guarantee any future commitment by us.

Criteria for Capital Grants

In addition to the above, the following criteria will also be applied to applications for grants of a capital nature, such as the purchase of equipment and building costs:

- The level of grant aid by us will not normally exceed 50% of the approved cost of any capital project. Ad hoc grants for other purposes are at our discretion.
- Members of Harrow District not belonging to the Group should have some use of, or benefit from, the facility.
- Premises in respect of which a grant is given should be secured for a period of not less than 28 years for Scouting purposes. Sites for land and buildings should be secured for not less than 60 years.
- Grants will not be made:
  I. For any project on which work has started, or any project on which the Group has committed itself by purchase, or other agreement, before an offer of grant aid.
  II. For the acquisition of land or any building in excess of the independent valuation price.
  III. For the development of a site which is not held freehold or under long lease.
- We must be satisfied that adequate technical advice has been obtained. Evidence of professional qualifications and membership, liability insurance and references are required.
- As noted above, we will wish to see evidence that the facility will provide significant benefit to Scouting in the local community. Applicants should therefore demonstrate:
  I. Whether the proposal helps to maintain balanced Scouting provision in the area, taking account of population and the nearest local facilities.
  II. Whether maximum use of the facility is proposed.
  III. Whether the provision of the facilities will enable the Group to maintain or increase the interests of Scouting in the community as a result of the grant.

USEFUL INFORMATION: GRANT POLICY (2)

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Application Process

1. Applications should be made in writing to the District Treasurer.
2. The decision to award a grant to a Group or not will be made at a meeting of the District Executive Committee following due consideration and discussion and will be formally notified to the Group in writing.
3. Where an application has been unsuccessful the reasons for this will be clearly stated. The District Executive's decision on whether or not to award a grant is final.
4. Applications must include:
   I. Evidence that the Group operates in accordance with **Policy, Organisation and Rules** and has a properly constituted Executive Committee and robust financial management in place. This includes properly presented and independently examined accounts.
   II. Details of how the project will benefit Scouting in the local community. Evidence of a vision and strategic plan for the Group, with reference to the **Harrow District Plan**, can be used to support this.
   III. An outline project plan, including details of timelines, costs and proposed sources of funding (including applications submitted to other grants and fundraising undertaken).
   IV. Evidence of professional and technical advice received, where appropriate.
   V. If applying for a capital grant, preliminary drawings and at least two written estimates against a standard schedule of works.
   VI. Details of how the success of the project will be measured.
5. Groups may apply for a grant at any time. However, should an application be unsuccessful, the Group may not reapply for the same project within 6 months of the decision being communicated.
6. Any grant approved may be subject to certain conditions which must be satisfied before payment is made. You must indicate acceptance of such conditions in writing when any offer of a grant is made.
7. Grants will be paid in stages. Clear evidence of expenditure incurred and progress against project milestones must be provided before further payments are made. The schedule for these staged payments and the amounts to be paid will be set out in writing when any offer of a grant is made.
8. On completion or cessation of the project your Group must provide a brief report outlining total costs incurred, what has been achieved and to what extent the aims of the project have been met.

Date agreed: March 2022
Next review date: March 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline 7th September for sign-up
Open to Explorers as well as Scouts