

Scouts

Harrow



DISTRICT EVENTS



As a new District and with Covid restrictions now largely removed, we have been busy organising some events. November will see the return of the large Harrow Remembrance Parade as well as several smaller events across the Borough (such as in Pinner). We are also excited for our District Swimming Gala held over the weekend of 20/21 November at Harrow Leisure Centre. Do sign up if you and your section wish to attend (see below)

Another important and exciting activity happening now is the selection of participants for the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. Many members age 12 to 16 have already applied, with the final selection process happening on Saturday 6th November (for Harrow District). The County WSJ team are looking for Leaders to help with the selection activity (7th, 20th or 21st November – we can't be involved with our own District choices!). Please use this link to express your interest

This newsletter will be issued monthly. Please provide any content (pictures, stories, events) to Gillan.Barnard@harrowscouts.org.uk by 18th



Introducing Alan Sims

Hello, my name is Alan Sims and I am the Deputy District Commissioner for Operations.

I have been a Scout in Harrow nearly all my life, having joined cubs, then progressed on through Scouts, Venture Scouts (the forerunner to Explorer Scouts) and then to being a Leader. I'm a leader with the Scout section of the 8th/19th Harrow.

Outside of Scouting I used to work in the corporate world, but I have recently retired. My aim was to do a lot of travelling, but Covid-19 has temporarily put that on hold, so I am using my extra free time to give something back to scouting.

My district role is to be responsible for the Systems and Processes used in Harrow. Two key areas of my role are being responsible for the Adventurous Activities Permits and the Nights Away processes. I'm also currently writing a number of "How Do I..." guides. These will provide a short description of how you do a number of key things you need to do to perform your role in Scouting, this includes: key contacts, links to relevant forms and links to GLMW or national processes. There will be more information about these guides in the next issue of the Newsletter, when I hope to have the first batch of documents completed and loaded on to SharePoint.

Hope to see you soon at a District event

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS

14th November HARROW REMEMBRANCE PARADE starting from St Ann's Road and finishing at Harrow Civic Centre. All members invited to attend – full details have been sent to GSLs or speak to **Gillan Barnard (07720 412519)**. Please provide estimated numbers attending to Gillan too. Groups/Units/individuals are welcome to attend local events instead where those are available

20th and 21st November DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA at Harrow Leisure Centre, Harrow – all Scouts, Explorers, YLs and Leaders on 20th November 6pm to 9pm. Beavers and Cubs on 21st Nov 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Please register your attendance and your numbers with **Reshma Patel** by Wednesday 12th November at the latest. We will also need help to run the events, so please advise if you can do this.

UPCOMING TRAINING: Check out the GLMW Calendar for lots of training events coming up in November and December, both face to face and online. [Training-calendar](#)

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Scalextric Evenings in Northwood: 8/19th Harrow and 13th Roxeth

A popular activity for winter evenings is to go Scalextric Racing at Pitstop Promotions in Northwood Hills.

When 8th/19th Harrow Scouts went along they were divided into teams of 3, with 6 teams competing each evening.



The races last for 10.5 minutes each, with each member of the team racing for 3.5 minutes.



While they're not racing, scouts have to stand at the corners of the track to put back on any cars that come off



The winner of the race is the team that do the most laps in the 10.5 minutes. There are 6 races, so each team gets to race on each lane of the track.



The winner of the event is the team that have completed the most laps over the 6 races.

The first week the winners were Dan, Simonas and Archie who did a total of 240 laps. The second week the winners were Dilan, Dylan and Sam who did a total of 224 laps.

13th Roxeth also enjoyed some racing evenings



If this is something your Scouts would enjoy then do contact

brian@pitstoppromotions.co.uk or take a look at <https://www.pitstoppromotions.co.uk/>

1st Harrow Cub Pack

Update by Ameena Naqvi

1st Harrow Cub Pack enjoyed an afternoon filled with apples and chips on Sunday 10th October! We hiked up to Lady Gilbert's orchard where there was lots to see, including apple pressing to make juice and a bug hunt lead by Harrow Nature Heroes. There were badger and fox skulls we were allowed to touch and experts to answer all our questions.



We quickly spent our pocket money at the stalls in the Rose Garden before hiking on via Harrow Weald Common and Bentley Priory to Stanmore. We spotted cows, deer and the leaders said there were rabbits too but they kept running away and hiding. Maybe we were a bit too chatty?

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](#)



Exhausted we all tucked into freshly fried chips and marvelled at the massive pickled onion.

Our plan is to cook some apple dishes at our next meeting.



3rd Kenton Beavers as Nature Detectives

20 very excited Beavers met at the usual meeting place, formed into Lodges and walked down to the local park with Leaders and Young Leaders. We were set a challenge to find the longest stick (3.75m), the biggest leaf (80cm) and the smallest leaf (0.5m) ... we even had tape measures to measure them! Then we made some homes for hedgehogs and nests for mice and birds...



USEFUL INFORMATION SECTION

ADULT INFORMATION FORMS

A new adult recruit to Scouting is always good news and, as they progress through the recruitment process, DBS Disclosure, references and Appointments Panel, we are sure that you would want that completed as quickly as possible. However, we are experiencing delays because the Adult Information Forms that are sent to Peter Harrison providing details of the new recruit are sometimes incomplete or, in the case of referee details for references, do not comply with Scout Association rules.

To help us and you, the following is a short checklist to use before sending the Adult Information Form to Peter (Peter.Harrison@Harrowscouts.org.uk).

- All parts of the form must be completed
- The recruit's personal details must include an email address and, if possible, a mobile phone number.
- The form must be signed either by hand or electronically.
- The referee details must comply with the guidance, which states: *Please add details of two people to act as referees who are known to you and who can be contacted by email. The referees should preferably have knowledge of your work or contact with young people, and should be able to comment on your character and relationships with others. At least one referee should have known you for at least five years and one of the referees must **not** be from Scouting. Referees must not be relatives. Examples of referees include your employer, college tutor, etc.*

The more accurate and complete the forms are when received the quicker we can get your new recruits through the appointments procedure.

One final point - when planning Group events, if you have leaders going on the event whose **DBS Disclosures** are within 90 days of expiring or you have new adults who need a Disclosure for the first time please allow at least one month to be sure that the approvals will come through in time. Yes, approvals can come through within a few days but sometimes they take much longer so please get applications in early.

David Archer District Appointments Chair

Peter Harrison District Appointments Secretary



District Camp 2022

Tolmers Campsite, Cuffley,
Herts

1st to 3rd July 2022

All sections, groups and units
invited.

**GSLs/ESLs PLEASE SEND
IN YOUR NUMBERS SO WE
CAN PLAN THE CAMP**

Mail to [Reshma Patel](mailto:Reshma.Patel@harrowscouts.org.uk)