



NEW DISTRICT BADGES



New District badges for all our members have recently been distributed to GSLs and ESLs... please ask for yours and replace the old District badge on uniforms. They are also available for all our Young People and other uniformed supporters. Please speak to your DDC if you have not seen them yet...

We were very disappointed to have to cancel the District All Members Day at short notice – but supply issues had made this untenable. And it will be re-arranged for early next year, when we hope to have an even better event to offer to you!

Elsewhere in the newsletter we have an update on hiring minibuses, pictures of recent camps and trips and recognition for some Leaders in the District.

If you have news, pictures or an announcement to share please let me know (Gillan Barnard, Editor)



Update from Ashley Martin

Hi my name is Ashley, some of you may know me from Stanmore District and for those of you that haven't met me before, I am the Deputy District Commissioner for Development. My role is to push forward the development of our ever-growing movement to help both young people and adults alike achieve adventure and skills for life. In my role I spend lots of time talking to community groups, the local authority and other youth organisations to open new lines of opportunity for everyone.

Development is really important in Scouting. As we all grow together, we have to innovate and change to achieve everything we possibly can. Our development team is growing to help meet the needs of our current members but also to get out and find the prospective members who don't know who we are yet.

Key events to support development are our All-Members Days. We had to cancel 3rd October, but will be arranging an alternative very soon. The proposed agenda covers tailored workshops to support section leaders to build their teams, and for all to develop awesome youth-shaped programmes for their Young People. If you have other ideas for topics to cover, please let me know.

I look forward to visiting as many Groups and Units in the District as I can and meeting you - when we have fuel! My day job as a plumbing & heating engineer means driving my van is essential and the recent shortages have been a big problem! Here's hoping things will improve this week ☺.

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS

9th and 14th October – WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE BRIEFINGS. Find out all about the 2023 WSJ in S. Korea and the Haarlem Jamborette. At the DAC – details [Paul Turner](#)

14th November HARROW REMEMBRANCE PARADE starting from St Ann's Road and finishing at Harrow Civic Centre. All members invited to attend – full details to come. Groups/Units/individuals are welcome to attend local events instead where those are available (e.g. Pinner, Harrow Weald).

17th October and 7th November – FACE TO FACE FIRST AID TRAINING (10A and 10B) in Harrow (4th Harrow HQ and the DAC) Contact [Stuart Hogge](#) for more details and to register

CHANGE OF DATE:

20th and 21st November DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA at Harrow Leisure Centre, Harrow – all Beavers & Cubs invited on 20th Nov and Scouts, Explorers, YLs on 21st Nov. Details from [Reshma Patel](#)

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Raptor Explorers on Camp Service



Walter Davies Campsite is being renovated



Moving large pioneering poles



Creating the assault course



Its exhausting!!

4th Headstone Activity Weekend



Awesome Leaders!

Justin Blacklaws – Harrow Hero



Justin has been nominated for this award for encouraging and supporting young people at the 1st Harrow Weald Scout Group to become well rounded adults.

#HarrowsHeroes__

Comments:

Nicola Gloady What a well deserved award. Justin does so much with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. It's great he has been recognised.

Susan Bell 1st Harrow Weald have been a fantastic group for many years and it is great to see Justin ensuring that it continues.

Summer Scouts Volunteers

Andrew Wright
Gillan Barnard
Om Mehta
Ann-Marie Hollder
Tony Ransley
Hema Thakur

Dev Patel (YL)
Deep Patel (YL)
Steven Varghese (YL)
Riana Thakur (YL)

Summer Scouts were highlighted at the County AGM as a great achievement in Harrow and Hayes– a practical implementation of the County Development Plan.

Richard Williams said he was “particularly grateful to all of the volunteers for our first ever Summer Scouts, a new venture that can push Scouting into places we have never been before“ He offered a huge thank you to every one of the volunteers who will also receive a Commissioner's Commendation.

RAYNERS LANE ESU

Update by Rob Watts

Over the summer the Unit's activities and meetings were focussed on expedition preparation and in late July two teams completed their bronze DoE /Platinum CSA expedition and, a week later, two further teams completed a Silver DoE/ Diamond CSA practice.! Well done to everyone



A group of Explorers spent a day clearing an overgrown garden area at Alexandra special school which was very much appreciated by the headteacher and we may well do more there.



We are now looking forward to an almost 'normal' programme for the rest of the year and some international opportunities such as the District ski trips and a return to Luxembourg next summer.



The Unit summer camp at the end of August, was to Great Tower Scout campsite in the Lake District. The 18 Explorers were in expedition tents or using hammocks in the trees whilst we also had use of a hut as a base. A great time was had exploring the massive campsite, kayaking and canoeing, with part of the group walking a section of the Cumbria Way while others ascended Conistoun Old Man. An Awards ceremony for CSA and DoE Awards earned took place at the top with DC Tyler.



We had to return early from camp to Harrow, invoking our risk assessment following some positive rapid flow tests. Symptoms were mild and fortunately all have recovered.

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](#)

USEFUL INFORMATION SECTION

Harrow District Minibus

Harrow District now have two Ford transit 17-seater Trend minibuses. Both buses are available for Harrow Scout groups and Explorer Units to use. You can have the bus from as little as a half day to 14 days or more. In accordance with Scout Association rules, a second adult must travel in the minibus alongside the driver when taking out groups of Young People.

A driver must have a D1 licence and be 21 years or over to drive the bus. If you have a D1 licence but no experience of driving such a large vehicle, an accompanied practice drive is recommended.

There is a suggested donation for the use of either bus which helps towards the running costs of the vehicles. For the loan request form (to check availability), donation list, full conditions and loan agreement form please see the documents here: [Minibus Documents](#)

For any more information please contact Graham Franks, District Quarter Master at QM@harrowscouts.org.uk

New Explorer Unit Opens

We are delighted to announce that a new ESU has recently started up based at 6th Harrow Scout HQ, Walton Road. The Unit will be called Archer ESU and the Leaders are Andy Tierney and Helen Wharton. It is open to any Scouts in the District age 14+

For more details contact Helen on helen.wharton@hotmail.co.uk



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](#)