

Welcome

Welcome to this month's Harrow District newsletter! I'm Tyler, your Lead Volunteer, and I'm genuinely excited to share what we've been up to.



First and foremost, a huge thank you to all our volunteers. Your commitment is the engine that keeps our district running, and we're incredibly grateful. And to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter, your stories and updates are fantastic!

We've got some brilliant events coming up, and I'm really looking forward to seeing you all there. We're building towards some truly memorable experiences, and the energy in the district is fantastic. There's a real sense of momentum, and I'm confident we're going to achieve some great things together.

Looking ahead, I am announced towards the end of last year, I'll be handing over the reins in October at our AGM. Therefore, we'll be starting the recruitment process for my replacement during the summer term, led by a diverse and well represented selection panel. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to lead our fantastic district into the future, and I encourage anyone interested to consider it. Reach out directly if you would like a chat about it.

This newsletter is just a glimpse of the exciting future ahead. Let's keep that enthusiasm going and make the most of every opportunity. See you at the next event!

Tyler

District Lead Volunteer, Harrow

Leadership Training Weekend

In January older Scouts from **4th Harrow** and **2nd/9th Ruislip** joined for a weekend of leadership training. The course was delivered by Pawel L and Rokas M. The Scouts learned about communication, the stages of team development, understanding a vision and goal setting, servant leadership and the teaching EDGE. This was achieved in a fun environment with most of the learning by doing and through the use of games. Along the way the Scouts took part in problem solving exercises, team building and increased their skills such as cooking using Dutch ovens.



Andrew Wright, 4th Harrow





Annual Cooking Competition

16th Edgware have recently had their annual cooking competition. 5 patrols against each other. Each patrol has 2 hours to prepare and cook a 3 course meal (with 2 hot courses), linked to the chosen country that they have been allocated.

Scouts earned their chef badge as well as enjoying a tasty meal.

Our winners this year were the Tigers with a delicious Greek meal - meze, Ouzo lemonade, chicken kebab with spicy wedges and honey & nut Baklava.

Stephen Gafson, 16th Edgware



A busy time at 8/19th Harrow!

The Young members of 8/19th have been busy writing reports on their active adventures!

Indoor Camp Fire

At St. Peters Church, we had an indoor campfire! We all sat in a circle with the fire, coloured light bulbs, in the middle. It started, we all had books to sing along with so everyone knew what to sing. All the children enjoyed it, even the adults took part! The Beaver/ Cub leaders were leading it, and my favourite song was "There was a dog. Halfway, our friends acted out a hilarious skit about an invisible bench, followed by some delicious snacks! It was all going well and before we knew it, it was time to go home!

By Pravan Kubava, 8th/19th Harrow

Beaver & Cub camp

At Paccar we got our sleeping bags out and my room was full of my friends. We enjoyed some activities like crate stacking, twin zip lines and looking for fossils in caves. The food was very delicious! We made a wonderful and beautiful home for animals in the woods. At the end of the day, we had a camp fire and ate marshmallows. We had cool glow sticks in the silent disco and we stayed up late! I loved it and can't wait to go again.

By Kajal Kubavat, aged 6, 8th/19th Harrow



Visit from Harrow Natural History Museum and collections week

I found I found our talk on natural history and local nature really interesting. The speaker told us that in the Winter it is good to have a messy overgrown garden, because it would give the animals a nice warm home in the cold weather. He also showed us skulls of carnivores and herbivores, including foxes, snakes, birds and deer all found locally. For collection week I brought in my fossil collection as I also really like fossilised animal bones. During half term I went fossil hunting on the Jurassic coast and found Belemnites, Crinoids to add to my collection. It was really exciting as you never know when you will find something, and you are literally digging up history. .

By Jack Walls, aged 9, 8th/19th Harrow

Visit to Harrow Central Mosque

The mosque was really fun! When we got there, we had to take off our shoes and then we started walking around. There were lots of things to do, there was a library and then we went into the room where everyone prayed, and a man sang a prayer to us all. While we were all going around, we had a checklist of things to find. Back to the room where we started, we played a few games which was fun, and then we went home on the bus. I really had fun at the mosque, and I'd like to go back one day.

By Tsetsgee Clarke, 8th/19th Harrow



Cubs Bunker down in Uxbridge

Cubs went to have an amazing sleepover at a bunker. We had lots of fun and did different activities throughout the day. Some of the activities included: designing our own logo to make our own badge, making aeroplanes using Lego and learning how Britain protected itself during the war. My favourite activity was designing my own badge which had my own logo on it and having a sleep over. We also went into a secret underground Bunker to look around and see what it was like during

the war. The underground bunker was exactly 77 steps underground and back up again.

By Amelia Ijaz, 8th/19th Harrow



Good News

We have a Communications team in place so keep an eye on our website for regular updates and information
www.harrowscouts.org.uk

A reminder to all members that we have a WhatsApp group which contains focus areas for leaders to engage with and announcements that can be given more instantaneously.

This is in attempt to reduce quantities our inboxes.

You can join [here](#) or contact your Lead Volunteer.



A busy time at 9th Roxeth!

Section news from 9th Roxeth

Connor Liberty, 9th Roxeth



Above: Cubs at the bunker

Above: February - Beavers fire station visit

Above: December - Scouts to Lion King

In case you missed it...

Posts from Facebook

Missed an online post... head
to our Facebook page:
facebook.com/groups/harrowscouts

3rd Kenton Scout Group were thrilled to welcome groups from across the District to a Carols and Christingle Service at St Mary-the-Virgin Church, Kenton yesterday. Father Richard did an awesome job keeping everyone entertained whilst reminding us all of the Christmas story and giving out lots of haribo! We had a beautiful rendition of Silent Night by candlelight before the YP could do what they were desperate to do - eat the sweets on their Christingle!

Well done to Leaders and Young Leaders at 3rd Kenton for running the evening.

Posted by Gillan Barnard



11 December 2024

So unfortunately it was the last night of Archers ESU, lots of fun and tears were had. I would like to thank those who have supported Archers over the past few years, Andy Tierney, Kate Barry, Sanjay Devarsh Davda, Katy Warwick Zahide B. Bilalli, Tim Wilkinson, Jitin Dixit, Pegasus leaders & 9th Kenton leaders, it's been a remarkable few years and it's a shame it has now come to the end. I would like to thank all the young people for their support and kindness they have shown over the past few years and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Posted by Helen Wharton



Under!

15 February 2025

An amazing amount of fun can be had with a parachute!
Helen and 9th Pinner Squirrels proving how much fun it really can be!

Posted by Gillan Barnard



On thin ice!

9 February 2025

A great afternoon for the 1st Roxeth scouts at Slough Ice rink.
At only £5 per head... a worthwhile visit

Posted by Paul Turner



14 December 2025

2nd Rayners Lane collecting for R.N.L.I.

posted by Hema Thakur



1 January 2025

...a Great BIG THANK YOU to Pegasus Explorer Scout Units and 9th Kenton Scout Group for all their help and support.

The Scouts helped us to set up the lights here at Field End Farm, helped on days when Mr and Mrs. Claus visited, and they have so far collected an extra £6,000 for GOSH using their tap to donate machines

Reposted by Gillan Barnard

District Events

Jan-Feb 2025

Traditional Games Afternoon

75 Cubs descended on the DAC on Sunday afternoon for our District Traditional Games afternoon - and they really enjoyed themselves! From well-known options like Connect 4 through to new games like bagatelle, they all joined in and did their best!

It was lovely to see them chatting to Cubs from other packs too.

A huge thank you to all the Volunteers who gave up their time for the afternoon and especially to Paul Turner and Lorraine Whitlum who did most of the organising.



St George's Day Parade

Sunday 27th April
11.50am

To renew our promise,
Harrow District invites you
to
St. George's Day Parade
at Pinner High Street
on
Sunday 27 April 2025

Will your group be able to attend?

Please can you contact Reshma by email and confirm if your sections will be attending and how many from each will be attending the St Georges Day Parade where we also be having our Districts Promise Renewal.

In order to logistically manage the event, numbers are needed in advance.

Deadline for this is 14th April 2025 at the latest.

Please let us know if you are not attending too, so that we are not waiting for your numbers. More specific details of the day will be sent to those participating.

Thank you • email: reshma.patel@harrowscouts.org.uk



Awards Evening

For all in Harrow District who received a JP award in 2024 the awards evening is on **Tuesday 7 May** at Greenford Town Hall.

FOR HIRE

HARROW DISTRICT ACTIVITY CENTRE

1A Walton Road, HA1 4UX

Facilities include: Kitchen, Toilets, Storage, Parking, CCTV and Office Space.

For further information

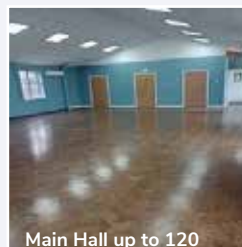
please contact:

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Main Hall up to 120



Monts Room up to 25

Please share with family, friends or people looking to hire premises.

Section Leaders Meetings

Squirrels: Thursday 1st May 7.30pm

Beavers: Wednesday 30th April 7.30pm

Cubs: Wednesday 7th May 7.30pm ****NEW DATE****

Scouts: Wednesday 14th May 7.30pm ****NEW DATE****

Well done!



We love to celebrate the achievements of our members.

Well done to everyone who has received Chief Scout Awards recently !

We will be holding a big celebration event on 26th April - look out for details!



YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

DofE Dates

Date	Activity	
02-Mar	DofE Gold Route Planning	Harrow DAC
22-23 Mar	DofE Bronze/ Platinum Practice	Paccar
16-20 Apr	DofE Gold/ King Scout Practice	tbc
2-5 May	DofE Silver/ Diamond Practice	Surrey Hills
7-8 June	DofE Bronze Assessment	Tring, Hertfordshire
11-15 July	DofE Gold & Silver Assessment	tbc

Leaders Events

Paddlesports Development weekend

GLMW is running a paddlesports development weekend for adult leaders. The event will be at Bury Lake in Rickmansworth and run over the weekend of 10th / 11th May 2025. The course will include the British Canoeing Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Skills award.

The weekend is very participative, and candidates will spend most of their time either

on, or in the water, paddling in a variety of craft (kayak, canoe and stand up paddleboard) and practicing rescue techniques. Please come prepared to get wet and have loads of fun!

The course is not intended for complete beginners and whilst participants don't need a formal qualification, they should be confident being on the water in



a kayak or canoe, paddling at, or above, the level of the British Canoeing Discover Award.

If you are not sure about your current skill level, please get in touch for an informal chat.

Details and booking information can be found at:
glmwscouts.org.uk/events/paddlesports-development-weekend

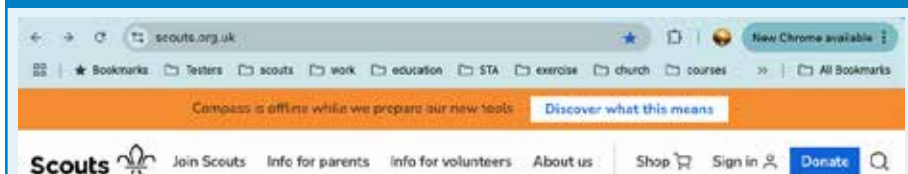
Don't forget!



Any new young people you have volunteering in your sections, must be shared with Harrow Scouts: Young Leaders via OSM so that they can be invited to complete their Module A before starting their volunteering in your sections/groups.

Please reach out to Richard Gross if you have any questions.

The New Digital System



The new digital systems is now live to all. Head to scouts.org.uk and click 'Sign in'. You will then need to set up a new password.

For assistance have a look at the Digital Tools guides: scouts.org.uk/volunteers/volunteer-experience/digital-tool-guides or email the support team: support@harrowscouts.org.uk

PLEASE LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT. Until you log in and sign your declaration, your role on the system is PROVISIONAL. Eventually the system will cancel your role! Please action before that happens.

STUCK? EMAIL THE SUPPORT TEAM

support@harrowscouts.org.uk

News to share?

comms@harrowscouts.org.uk

Our next edition is on the 1 June 2025

Email your news by 18 May 2025

Send by email

A reminder to those who hold an appointment in Scouts that the advice is that you use either a group 365 account (available for free) or an @HarrowScouts email for all Scout business. Please contact Tyler@harrowscouts.org.uk to set this up at your earliest opportunity. Support is available to transfer data across and get set up.



Learn new skills

New Leaders Skills Weekend 2025

An exciting opportunity to learn / practice some practical Scouting skills such as fire lighting, camping, map reading, knife work, pioneering.

Date : 22nd – 23rd March 2025

Location : Paccar Scout Camp

Price: £15 (includes food)

Places are limited:

glmwscouts.org.uk/events/new-leaders-skills-weekend-2025

Harrow Scout Activity Club

Events for 2025

We organise Safe, Exciting, Inclusive Events for Harrow Scouts and Explorers

We have an action-packed programme planned for next year, from Caving to Scuba Diving and pretty much everything in between! These events will be open to all Scouts and Explorers in Harrow District via an application/selection process and we intend to offer the opportunities as widely as possible



4 Day Caving + Gorge Walking, Rock Climbing, Archery Camp – Peak District – 13th April 2025
No. of Leaders places: 4
Adventure Level: ★★★★★



A 4-day adventure camp, staying in farmhouse bunked accommodation at Gradbach Scout Camp in the beautiful Peak District. All adventurous activities led by qualified instructors.

Tall Ship: Open Sea Residential onboard a Yacht – 20th May 2025
No. of Leaders places: 2
Adventure Level: ★★★★★



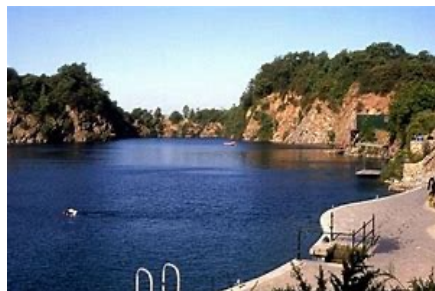
A 4-day sea adventure, staying and working onboard a tall ship yacht.



PADI Scuba Diving & Power Boating Camp – Stoney Cove
28th July – 1st August
No. of Leaders places: 2
Adventure Level: ★★★★★



A 5-day water adventure, staying indoors at a local Scout Campsite, with the days spent learning to scuba dive and the evenings learning how to drive a power boat.
2 Leader places



One Day adrenaline-fuelled events.
These include a BBQ lunch and an afternoon of games as well as the water activity and transport to and from Harrow. Leader places available

Wake Boarding – Thorpe Lakes
Dates: 20th April, 31st May & 28th June



White Water Rafting – Northampton
Dates tbc



Booking your place:
[Leaders Sign up](#)

To run these events and camps, though, we do need adult volunteer support – and you can have a lot of fun joining in with the activities too.

If you like the sound of an event or have the skills to be able to help with delivery then please sign up at using the LEADERS SIGN UP LINK above.

We would love to create a team of volunteers ready to assist with planning and attending the camps, events and activities – so please speak to Ian Parkinson if you are interested.
ian.parkinson@harrowscouts.org.uk or 07757 25764

Dates for your diary

Time to plan dates in your diary for 2025.

Keep an eye on the website for any changes and new information.



Spring Term

Section	Event/Activity	When	Where	Cost	Other
Beavers	Quiz Night with chips	22 March	DAC	£2.50	Quiz questions from 13th Roxeth
Beavers	Sleepover	22-23 Mar	DAC	£7.50	Theme: A journey through the nations of the British Isles
Scouts	Incident Hike	29 March 2-5pm	Roxbourne Park	£5 per team	Each group participating to bring an incident

Summer Term

Section	Event/Activity	When	Where	Cost	Other
Scouts	Expedition Challenge	26-27th Apr	Paccar Camp Site	£20	Teams will need to supply their own equipment and meals
All	County Awards Celebration	26 April	Paccar Scout Campsite	TBC	Activities and presentations for all who have received Top Awards in 2024 (Adults and YP)
All	St Georges Day Parade & renewal of promise	27 Apr	Pinner High St	Free	
Beavers	Fun Day	10th May	Brigade Hall	Free	Each Colony to host a game/base
Cubs	Wide Games	18th May	Pinner Village Gardens	None	
Cubs	Water Sports Half-Day (3 activities)	8th June	Bury Lake, Rickmansworth	£25	Aimed at smaller Groups who cannot do a Group Activity Day
Scouts	Water Sports Day (5 activities + lunch)	Sunday 15th June	Bury Lake, Rickmansworth	£40	Aimed at smaller Groups who cannot do a Group Activity Day
Scouts	Patrol Camp Competition	5-6th July	Paccar Campsite	TBC	Patrols will need to supply their own equipment and meals
All	District Fun Day – Inflatableland & other activities	TBC (potentially 14th June)	Horsenden Activities Centre	TBC	
Squirrels	Horsenden Farm and Activities Centre	14 June	Horsenden Farm, Perivale	TBC	