

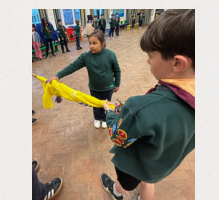
# THE QUEST

19<sup>th</sup> Hendon (3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Hill) Scout Group Newsletter

## Investitures

You will read in further detail in this issue about the continued growth of the group, with a number of investitures happening over the last couple of months. It is a testament to our section leaders that their programmes and activities continue to thrive and attract new members, as well as developing our young people to grow, moving up between sections within the group.

We have more members lined up in over the next few months to move up sections, and are looking forward to seeing them continue to thrive at 19th.



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## Welcome to another issue of "The Quest" – Explore the vibrant spirit of our Group!

By Bosun

Get ready to dive into another action-packed edition of "The Quest," your essential newsletter from the 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) Scout Group! As we step into May 2026, we're thrilled to bring you a vibrant snapshot of the incredible adventures, learning, and camaraderie that define our Scouting family. This issue is brimming with stories that highlight the dedication of our young people, the tireless efforts of our volunteers, and the strong community spirit that binds us all.

Inside these pages, you'll discover the unbreakable bond between our Scouts and the 3rd Mill Hill Guides, celebrating a shared history of collaboration, memorable events like our joint Activity Day and Summer Camp, and the spirit of healthy competition for coveted awards. You'll also hear about our King's Scouts, who had a memorable day of celebration and achievement at Windsor Castle. We shine a spotlight on the vital role of our Young Leaders, recognising their invaluable contributions, comprehensive training, and their impact on shaping the future of our group, often linked to achievements like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Delve into the fascinating history behind our distinctive Shoulder Knots and Patrol Colours, and get an exciting glimpse of the refreshed Quest Centre after its much-anticipated redecoration. We proudly honour members like Geoff Cook and Robert Brennan, alongside Sally Tomlinson from the 3rd Mill Hill Guides, for receiving prestigious Barnet Civic Awards, and pay tribute to Joan Webster, whose legacy continues to inspire through the newly established Joan Webster Cup.

Catch up with all the latest from our sections in the "Section Roundup," celebrating Squirrels earning their Acorn Awards, Beavers raising Autism awareness, Cubs mastering new skills through badges like 'Local Knowledge' and 'Money Skills,' and the investment of new Scouts reaffirming the core values of our movement. As always, look ahead to our "Upcoming Events," including the Cubs RAF Trip, our annual Dinner & Dance, the unforgettable Summer Camp at Gilwell Park, and our Activity Day and AGM 2026.

"The Quest" is more than just a newsletter; it's a testament to the growth, resilience, and adventurous spirit of our Group. It's a chance to celebrate our successes, honour our traditions, and look forward to the many exciting adventures on our horizon. We hope you enjoy reading these stories as much as we enjoyed creating them. Thank you for being a vital part of the 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) Scout Group – together, we continue to build a brighter future for all!



## “Forging Futures: The Unbreakable Bond of 19th Hendon (3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Hill) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Hill

By Bosun



At the heart of the 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) Scout Group lies a powerful ethos of community, adventure, and unwavering camaraderie. A cornerstone of this vibrant spirit, one that profoundly enriches the experiences of our young people, is our deep-rooted and flourishing relationship with our cherished friends at the 3rd Mill Hill Guides, encompassing their Rainbows, Brownies, and Rangers. This isn't just a casual link; it's a profound bond that has woven through generations, creating a tapestry of shared history and mutual support.

Our extraordinary friendship with the 3rd Mill Hill Guides traces its origins back to the very dawn of our movements. While the 19th Hendon Scout Group proudly emerged in 1947, the 3rd Mill Hill Guide Company had already been registered since February 1922, and their Brownie Pack since 1928. This parallelism beautifully reflects the vision of Lord Baden-Powell, who not only founded Scouting for boys but, with the invaluable contributions of his sister Agnes and wife Olave, championed the parallel creation of Guiding for girls, fostering a parallel movement with shared values from its inception.

Indeed, the roots of our shared bond can be traced to when both our Scout and Guide groups often met at the historic Hartley Hall at St Michael's and All Angels Mill Hill. This communal spirit deepened further still when the 19th Hendon Scout Group secured its first dedicated home in Hartley Avenue – a site now occupied by the local ambulance station! – and the 3rd Mill Hill Guides, without hesitation, frequently utilised our facilities. This mutual support cemented a partnership that laid the very groundwork for the shared vision we uphold today. It's also vital to acknowledge that these deep connections weren't isolated; the 21st Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) also historically maintained very strong links with the 1st Mill Hill Guides. Clearly, the enduring bonds of Scouting and Guiding run profoundly deep within both the 19th and 21st groups, weaving a rich fabric of collaboration across our entire community.

Yet, like many volunteer-led organisations, the journey hasn't been without its trials. The 1960s and 70s brought challenges of fluctuating membership and the constant quest for dedicated adult volunteers. During this period, the vibrant, close interactions between our groups naturally softened. However, we are absolutely thrilled to declare that since the mid-2010s, this treasured relationship has not merely been rekindled, but has blossomed into a truly powerful, dynamic, and indispensable partnership once more. The ongoing popularity of our movements is evident, with both groups often operating at full complement with a waiting list, requiring a continuous need for dedicated adult Scouters and Guiders to ensure every young person has the opportunity to join.



Today, the fruits of this renewed bond are evident in nearly all our major events and camps, which proudly stand as joint Scout and Guide endeavours. These collaborative experiences are not just enriching; they are transformative, fostering an unparalleled sense of camaraderie, respect, and shared adventure between all sections. Last year alone, our joint Activity Day brought together over 110 enthusiastic children for a day packed with thrilling activities and boundless learning. And our Summer Camp 2025, a resounding success, saw 60 children from both the Scout and Guide sections forge unforgettable memories, promising even greater adventures for the years to come.

These vibrant joint events also ignite a healthy and spirited competition, most notably for two highly coveted annual trophies:

- **Best Camper Award:** This prestigious award celebrates the individual who embodies the ultimate spirit of camping – demonstrating exceptional skills, inspiring leadership, seamless teamwork, and unwavering resilience throughout the rigours and joys of camp life. It's about showing true initiative, selflessness, and embracing the very essence of outdoor adventure.
- **Best Patrol Award:** This esteemed trophy is presented to the patrol that collectively achieves excellence across every facet of camp life. From impeccable campsite organisation and exemplary teamwork to the successful completion of challenges and the unwavering upholding of Scouting and Guiding values, it recognises outstanding collective effort and harmonious collaboration.

These awards do more than just foster healthy competition; they powerfully underscore the shared values of self-reliance, indomitable spirit, teamwork, and community that are the bedrock of both our remarkable organisations. We firmly believe that by working hand-in-hand with the 3rd Mill Hill Guides, we are not just providing activities, but crafting richer, more diverse, and profoundly more rewarding experiences that will shape our young members into exceptional individuals.

As Group Scout Leader of 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill), I can express nothing less than immense pride and happiness in witnessing the robust links we share with 3rd Mill Hill, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers. Their dedicated leadership team frequently graces our socials, and the invaluable presence of the 3rd Mill Hill at any event magnificently strengthens the enduring bonds of duty, service, and friendship that are so absolutely vital to the flourishing of our movements.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and we eagerly anticipate countless more joint adventures that build character, foster friendships, and create lifelong memories!



# Leading the Way: The Vital Role of Young Leaders at 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) Scouts

By Bosun



Every successful Scout group thrives on dedication, energy, and a shared passion for empowering young people. Here at 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill), some of our most invaluable contributors are our Young Leaders, and arguably, they are the very future of our group. These enthusiastic members of our Endeavour Explorer Scout Unit are the unsung heroes who quietly make a profound impact across every single section of our group, ensuring its continued vitality for years to come. From the very youngest Squirrels taking their first adventurous steps in Scouting, through the energetic Beavers and inquisitive Cubs, right up to our determined Scouts honing their skills, our Young Leaders are there. They are integral to the smooth running of our weekly meetings, helping to plan and deliver exciting activities, guide younger members through challenges, demonstrate practical skills, and provide an inspiring, relatable peer presence. They truly bridge the gap between adult leaders and the younger sections, offering a fresh perspective and a helping hand wherever it's needed, laying the groundwork for a strong and sustainable future.

What's more, their commitment to the group often goes hand-in-hand with their own personal development. As active members of our Endeavour Explorer Scout Unit, many of our Young Leaders are concurrently working towards their prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Their dedicated service to our younger sections provides an excellent opportunity to fulfil the 'Volunteering' section of their DofE, showcasing their selfless commitment and the valuable life skills they are gaining – from teamwork and communication to problem-solving and patience. These are the skills that will serve them, and our group, well into the future.

Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of the Young Leader programme is its role as the definitive first rung on the ladder to adult leadership. This isn't just about showing up; our Young Leaders follow a structured and comprehensive training scheme designed to equip them with essential skills and knowledge. The Young Leader scheme is a nationally recognised programme within Scouting, comprising a series of modules and practical missions. These modules cover a wide range of crucial topics, including:

- Tools for the Job: Essential administrative and organisational skills.
- Safety and Safeguarding: Ensuring the well-being and protection of all young people.
- Programme Planning: Learning to design engaging and age-appropriate activities.
- Child Development: Understanding the needs and behaviours of different age groups.
- Leadership and Teamwork: Developing their own leadership style and working effectively with others.
- Special Needs: Gaining awareness and strategies to support young people with additional needs.
- First Aid: Basic life-saving skills crucial for any youth environment.

Beyond the theoretical training, our Young Leaders put their learning into practice by undertaking four 'missions' within their assigned sections. These missions involve actively leading games, planning short activities, or helping to deliver parts of a programme, all under the guidance of experienced adult leaders. This hands-on approach provides an unparalleled opportunity to gain practical Scout experience, understand the mechanics of a busy and successful Scout group, and discover a genuine passion for mentoring and inspiring the next generation. This carefully cultivated experience is what shapes them into the leaders of tomorrow.

Upon successful completion of all their training modules and their four missions, our Young Leaders are awarded the highly coveted Young Leader buckle. This distinctive award is a proud recognition of their hard work, commitment, and the significant positive impact they've made on our younger members and the group as a whole. It's a symbol of their dedication and readiness to take on further leadership responsibilities, a visible mark of their journey towards shaping the group's future.

Indeed, many of our current, highly valued adult leaders first cut their teeth as Young Leaders. We can proudly say that names like Koala, Chip, Shere Khan, Echo, Baloo, Bagheera, Panda, Surgeon, Sparky, and even myself, all started our leadership journeys as young leaders (although mine, very many years ago). This continuity of experience, dedication, and enthusiasm, forged through the Young Leader programme, is a cornerstone of our group's enduring success and vibrant community spirit. It's how we ensure the legacy of Scouting thrives in Hendon.

The Young Leaders of 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) are more than just helpers; they are architects of our future, mentors in the making, and the embodiment of the enduring Scouting spirit. Their energy, commitment, and willingness to step up make a profound difference to every section and every young person they interact with. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and look forward to seeing their continued growth, both within Scouting and beyond, knowing that they hold the key to our group's ongoing success. They are, without a doubt, a key part of our leadership team, a testament to the power of youth engagement, and the very foundation upon which the future of 19th Hendon (3rd Mill Hill) Scouts will be built.



# Shoulder Knots and Patrol Colours

By Merlin



You may have noticed that Scouts, Explorers and Leaders at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hendon are now sporting cloth strips of various colours pinned to the left shoulders of their shirts. These were introduced late last year and are quite possibly unique to our Group in this day and age, but what do they mean? Well, they are actually called shoulder knots and they're a link with Scouting's distant past.

For the Leaders, they show who does what – the colours are white for the Group Lead Volunteer (Bosun), green for the Section Team Leads and red for the Section Team Members (formerly known as Assistant Leaders). These correspond to the colours of the plumes that Leaders used to wear on their hats, back in those long-ago days when the wide-brimmed campaign hat (colloquially known as the 'B-P hat') was a standard part of the uniform, although after the Second World War a lot of Leaders preferred to wear berets and so used shoulder knots instead.

For the Scouts and Explorers, the shoulder knots are in their patrol colours, and their use as such goes right back to when Scouting started.

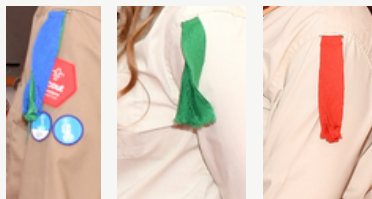
When Robert Baden-Powell ran his experimental camp on Brownsea Island in the summer of 1907, he divided the 20 (or maybe 21) boys who went on that camp into four patrols – Bulls, Curlews, Ravens and Wolves. Along with a khaki scarf, each boy was given a shoulder knot, the colour of which indicated his patrol.

When the first Scout troops were formed the following year, they followed B-P's example and named their patrols after animals (which has been the case in Scouts ever since). Each troop quickly adopted different-coloured scarves to tell each other apart, and shoulder knots were used to tell who was in which patrol. Patrol colours quickly became standardised across the country, and most patrols had their own flags which showed a silhouette of the animal they were named after.

Scouts wore shoulder knots to indicate their patrols until the 1960s, when Scouting in the UK was modernised as a result of the Advance Party Report. Along with new uniforms, Scouts (who stopped being called 'Boy Scouts' in this country at that time) now had patrol badges. Initially these were small and just showed the patrol colours, but by the 1980s they'd become bigger and had an animal silhouette (based on the ones from the old patrol flags) in front of the colours. The current patrol badges were introduced following the uniform and programme changes of the early 2000s. As it's not always easy to tell at a quick glance who's in what patrol on a troop night (plus, Scouts sometimes get moved to different patrols), we've taken an idea from our history and reintroduced the shoulder knots!

Our patrols and their colours are as follows:

- Scout patrols
- Buffaloes: white and red
- Bulldogs: brown and light blue
- Cobras: black and orange
- Lions: red and yellow
- Panthers: yellow
- Explorer patrols
- Falcons: orange and red
- Kestrels: green and blue



In both Scouts and Explorers, the Senior Patrol Leaders wear black shoulder knots (good job we don't have a Raven patrol!..)

Did you know that in the late twentieth century, there was an award that a whole patrol could earn? The Patrol Activity Award was given to each member of a patrol which completed a series of activities as a team, among them finding out about the animal after which they were named, doing a Patrol Good Turn and going on a short camp that they had to organise themselves. The award itself took the form of a special metal woggle that depicted the Gilwell Park axe-and-log logo – although the Scout Association had to issue it as a badge as well, because Sea Scouts don't use woggles. It was discontinued in the early 2000s, quite possibly due to low take-up (I knew of one Scout Leader in the mid-1990s who just gave the woggle to members of the Patrol Leaders' Council, and another who gave the badge to Scouts who had undergone knife and axe safety training). The modern-day equivalent is the Teamwork Challenge which counts towards the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

# A Fresh Look for The Quest Centre!

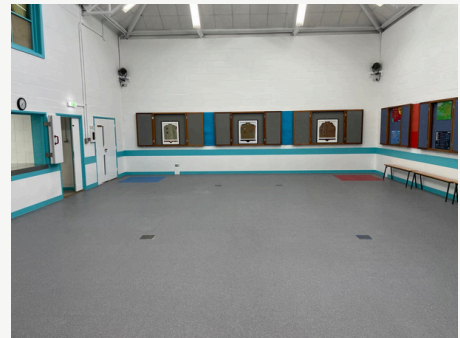
By Bosun

The Easter holidays brought a wave of excitement and transformation to The Quest Centre! We are thrilled to announce that our beloved community hub has undergone a much-needed redecoration, and the results are truly fabulous.

For some time, it was clear that The Quest Centre was long overdue for a refresh. The vibrant activities and countless happy memories created within its walls had taken their toll, leaving certain areas looking a little tired. We listened to your feedback and seized the opportunity during the Easter break to give the centre the facelift it deserved.

Our dedicated team, along with some incredible volunteers, worked tirelessly to revitalise every corner. Fresh coats of paint in modern, inviting colours now adorn the walls, creating a brighter and more welcoming atmosphere. New furnishings have been carefully selected to enhance comfort and functionality, ensuring that The Quest Centre remains a versatile space for all our programmes and events.

We believe this transformation will significantly enrich the experience for everyone who walks through our doors. Whether you're attending a workshop, joining a club, or simply popping in for a chat, you'll now be greeted by a space that feels fresh, contemporary, and ready for many more years of community spirit. We can't wait for you to see it and share in our excitement!



## A Royal Day Out: King's Scout Award Windsor Day of Celebration and Achievement

By Shere Khan

On Sunday 26th April, our 2025 King's Scouts attended Windsor Castle for the annual Day of Celebration and Achievement.

Each year, Scouts and their invited guests are invited to enjoy this prestigious and special event.

The group had the pleasure of recognising four King's Scouts this year, who've achieved the highest youth award in Scouting. These are our first recipients of the award since Thomas Outen in 2020, and join only two other winners since 2000; Matthew Cook and Steven Wright. History was also made, as the group officially recognised our first ever female recipients of the award; Hannah Fletcher and Sophie Brennan.

In the morning, we attended Victoria Barracks. This is where we met the rest of the winners from our district, and heard speeches from the UK Chief Volunteer and UK Youth Lead. We also had the opportunity to learn the marching and commands that would be vital for the parade in the afternoon. Before lunch, we had got to practice the parade, to ensure a smooth process and so we would look sharp for the real thing.

After a brief break for lunch, the 400 recipients met at the Pug Yard to begin the parade. We marched to the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle, a private area, which is a privilege for us to use, and the King's Scouts are the only uniformed organisation who are allowed to use the grounds.

We were then inspected by a number of representatives of the Scouts, including Major Tim Peake, and the Chief Scout Dwayne Fields. It was an incredible opportunity to be able to speak to such impressive people, and an opportunity not many others will be able to experience.

The Parade then marched through the Castle and down to St George's Chapel, to take part in the National Scout Service.

To conclude the day, the Parade moves out of the Castle and marched back to Mews Road. We were then dismissed, after a long but enjoyable day.



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

By Shere Khan

Following the success of last summer, with five leaders from 19<sup>th</sup> Hendon (3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Hill) undertaking their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to achieve their award, we have been working with the next group of seven young people to complete the final award of the scheme.

Four Explorers and two leaders from 19<sup>th</sup> Hendon, and a Ranger from 3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Hill Guides took part in their practice expedition in March. They had to devise their route, carry their kit in rucksacks and cook their meals, over the course of the three day hike.

This group have been working on their DofE awards together for a number of years, so it is a testament to their dedication and hard work that they have reached this stage.

They will complete the final stages of their award later this summer, where they will need to undertake a residential, spending a week working on a project, and then complete their final expedition, being away in unfamiliar terrain for a 4 day hike. The plans are already underway and we are looking forward to finalising their Gold award by the end of the Summer.

Our six Scouts are also working on their King's Scout Award, with only some additional extra work required to gain this prestigious award. After they have earned this, they will be the next group of 19<sup>th</sup> Hendon Scouts to make the trip to Windsor next April.



# Section Roundup

By Team Leads

## SQUIRRELS



A tremendous well done to Nicholas on securing his Acorn Award! This truly is the pinnacle achievement for a Squirrel Scout, and we're absolutely thrilled to have him as our third recipient. He has dedicated himself wholeheartedly, successfully completing every Challenge Award, enthusiastically participating in countless activities, and diligently mastering a host of new skills. We are incredibly proud of his outstanding efforts and extend our very best wishes as he embarks on his journey to Beavers. We eagerly anticipate many more of our Squirrels achieving this remarkable accolade!

## BEAVERS

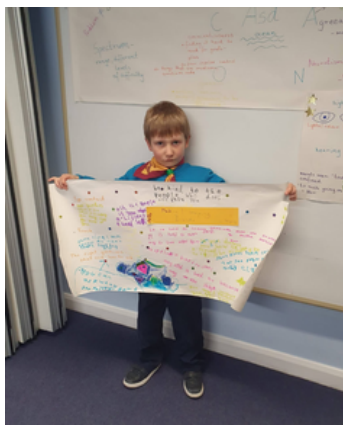
Our Beaver Scouts recently organised a fantastic session where children collaborated to create engaging posters about Autism. The initiative aimed to educate and raise awareness about the challenges individuals with autism often face, encouraging a more understanding and inclusive community.

During the session, the children focused on key areas that can be particularly difficult for those on the autism spectrum. These included:

- Sensory overload: Helping others understand how overwhelming certain sights, sounds, smells, or textures can be.
- Making and keeping friends: Addressing the social communication differences that can impact friendships.
- Emotional dysregulation: Exploring how individuals with autism might experience and express emotions differently.

The creative energy was evident in the colourful and thoughtful posters produced. The event was a powerful way to foster empathy and provide practical insights into supporting autistic individuals.

This wonderful effort by the children highlights the importance of open discussion and education around autism, ensuring that hidden disabilities are better understood and supported within our community. It's a brilliant example of how local initiatives can make a significant difference.



## CUBS

The Cubs have had an incredibly productive second term. We returned in January and kicked off with the Local Knowledge badge, learning all about our local area and the history of Mill Hill, including finding out some famous faces who have ties to the area.

We then moved on to the Photographers badge, where the Cubs learned about different photography techniques and styles, before recreating famous photographs. The whole pack took this on activity with enthusiasm, and delivered some impressive recreations.

February saw us take on the Money Skills badge, which was a new badge for us to run. Teaching young people about money, and such an imperative life skill of how to save smartly is incredibly important and something the cubs will remember going forward. By the end of the three weeks, all cubs could confidently identify and explain different types of savings, and why there are such splits.

In April, we completed the Scientist badge, where the pack took on a number of experiments. They successfully made ice-cream, exploding monsters and the classic coke and mentos trick.

We also handed out loads of badges to the pack. The Cubs explained and demonstrated skills and activities they do outside of scouting, for which they can earn badges for. We were treated to dances, musical performances and sporting achievements to name a few. Their sleeves are now looking much fuller, and there are many more badges to come before the Summer.



## SCOUTS

It is with immense pride and heartfelt enthusiasm that we announce a vibrant expansion within our cherished Scout troop! Since our last correspondence, we've had the distinct honour of investing a significant number of bright-eyed and eager children into the heart of our movement. This is far more than a mere formality; it represents a truly pivotal and indelible moment in each young member's unfolding scouting odyssey, and we are simply beaming with pride to witness our troop flourishing with such fresh energy and promise.

For those perhaps less familiar with the profound traditions of Scouting, and indeed, as a poignant reminder to our esteemed seasoned members, the Scout Promise stands as the sacred, unwavering bedrock upon which our entire ethos is built. It transcends the simple utterance of words; it embodies a profound, life-altering commitment that meticulously shapes burgeoning character, instills timeless values, and cultivates an unbreakable sense of belonging and profound responsibility within our global family.

The solemn promise a child makes upon becoming a Scout is, for many, their very first declaration of personal values – a deeply considered vow taken with earnest intention. In countless profound and often unforeseen ways, this initial pledge forms the foundational bedrock of their developing moral compass and sense of self. It is particularly pertinent to recall that in days gone by, the Scout Troop was unequivocally the senior section of any group; indeed, a 'Scout Group' was not truly considered a Group unless it proudly incorporated a Troop. The Troop itself was the original, pioneering section, with every subsequent section being an addition around this vital core. This historical truth underscores why it is within the Troop that this foundational, and arguably the most important, promise is made.

As they courageously progress through each exhilarating stage of their Scouting adventure, blossoming into a dynamic Explorer, and subsequently embracing the responsibilities of a respected adult member, they do not merely utter a new set of vows. Instead, they consciously, purposefully, and with growing wisdom, reaffirm that original, deeply personal, and profoundly guiding commitment. It stands as an enduring and powerful reminder that the core values meticulously learned and passionately embraced in those formative early days – the unwavering resolve to do their absolute best, to courageously fulfil their duty to God and to the King, to extend selfless and compassionate help to other people, and to steadfastly live by the noble principles enshrined within the Scout Law – are not fleeting tenets, but rather indelible truths that will illuminate and inform their entire life's remarkable journey.

To all our newly invested Scouts, we extend our warmest, most resounding congratulations! We eagerly anticipate watching you grow, learn, and embark upon countless exciting adventures, forging unforgettable memories as you diligently live out the profound spirit of your promise each and every day. A sincere and enthusiastic welcome to our ever-growing family!



## “Members Honoured with Barnet Civic Awards”

By Bosun

We are thrilled to report that on the 28th of April, two esteemed members of our 19th Hendon Scout Group Leadership and Trustee team attended the prestigious Borough of Barnet Civic Award ceremony. Both received the highly coveted Barnet Borough Scroll of Recognition, a testament to their outstanding contributions to our community.

Group Treasurer Geoff Cook was honoured for his exceptional services to the community, particularly to the 19th Hendon Scout Group. Geoff has served with distinction as our Treasurer for more than two decades, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment.

Joining him in receiving this esteemed award was Robert (Provo) Brennan, one of our dedicated Scout Leaders. Robert was recognised for his invaluable services to the 19th Hendon Scout Group, having served as a Scout Leader for over two decades. His long-standing commitment has significantly shaped the experiences of countless young people in our group.

The Civic Awards, distributed annually by the Borough of Barnet, acknowledge outstanding contributions and community service within the borough. These awards are a true reflection of the exemplary efforts made by individuals to better our local area.

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to our friends from the 3rd Mill Hill Guides. Their Guide Leader, Sally (Rabbit) Tomlinson, was also awarded a Civic Award on the same evening for her remarkable services to Girlguiding in the Borough of Barnet.

It's important to remember that these awards, while individually well-deserved, represent just the tip of the iceberg of the fantastic work contributed by all our leaders, adult volunteers, and young leaders within our scout group. Our group thrives solely on the tireless dedication, selflessness, and valuable efforts of every single volunteer. Each member of our team is an invaluable asset, whose commitment supports the children in our group and, by extension, the wider community, through the provision of solid, quality, and outstanding scouting experiences.

All three of these awards are highly prestigious within the Borough of Barnet and serve as shining examples of the excellent work that our leaders and adults within 19th Hendon do, and show that they are recognised in our communities.



## A Cherished Legacy: Honoring Joan “Rusty” Webster with the Joan Webster Cup

By Bosun



It is with both profound sadness and immense gratitude that we remember Joan “Rusty” Webster, who we lost last year. Joan was not merely a leader in the Beaver Scouts; she was a cornerstone of the 19th Hendon Scout Group, a guiding star whose unwavering dedication illuminated the path for generations of young people. Her boundless kindness, extraordinary patience, and deep-seated commitment to the Scouting movement were a testament to the very best of human spirit, leaving an indelible mark on our entire scouting family.

Rusty poured her heart and soul into fostering an environment where every young Beaver felt valued, encouraged, and inspired. She didn't just teach skills; she instilled confidence, nurtured friendships, and crafted precious memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. Her profound influence shaped characters, ignited passions, and played an absolutely vital role in the lives of countless Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Leaders, each of whom carries a piece of her remarkable legacy forward.

To ensure her inspiring spirit continues to shine brightly within the 19th Hendon, and as a lasting tribute to her extraordinary contributions, we are incredibly proud to announce a significant honour. Our esteemed Best Beaver Trophy, an award recognising exceptional dedication and achievement, will henceforth be known as The Joan Webster Cup. This renaming is more than just a gesture; it is a permanent embodiment of her enduring influence, a beacon that will continue to motivate and inspire future generations to uphold the values she so passionately championed. We are thrilled to confirm that the inaugural presentation of The Joan Webster Cup will take place at our next Activity Day on 20th June. Joan “Rusty” Webster will always be remembered, not just for what she did, but for the beautiful way she enriched all our lives.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RAF Takeover: 16<sup>th</sup> May

A trip to RAF Museum is on the cards for 2026! As part of their Air Activities Badge, the cubs will be visiting RAF Hendon. We will spend the day exploring the museum learning all about the history of aircrafts and making planes. It is the perfect way to immerse yourself in the world of the aircraft, and the best way to earn the badge.

## SAVE THE DATE! Let's Get Fancy!

Calling all Scout Group Adult Members, Parents & Supporters!  
Mark your calendars **NOW** for our annual, unforgettable **Dinner & Dance!**

When: 17th October What to Expect: A dazzling night of celebration, connection, and pure fun! Dress Code: Time to shine! Think Black Tie & Evening Dresses. Feasting: Indulge in a scrumptious 3-course meal! It's your chance to celebrate our incredible community, catch up with friends, and support the Group in spectacular style. You won't want to miss this!

More details (and booking info!) coming your way soon. For now, just

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## THE SCOUTING HIGHLIGHT OF 2026! Summer Camp at Gilwell Park!

This is IT! Join Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers for an unforgettable week of adventure at Gilwell Park from 1st to 8th August 2026. Think campfires, outdoor activities, new mates, and memories that'll last a lifetime! PLACES ARE LIMITED AND FILLING UP FAST! BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW to avoid disappointment. This is the event you won't want to miss!

## COME TOGETHER! Activity Day and AGM 2026

The chance to celebrate the success and achievements of the group over the past year. The whole of 19<sup>th</sup> Hendon family come together for a day of games, challenges and celebration, before our handing our spectacular trophies to some of our standout members.

The only chance we get to bring all of our members together in the same place at the same time, it is a true highlight of the year. Games, challenges, section competitions. It's the best opportunity for everyone to celebrate with each other.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Mill Hill Rugby Club. Save the Date and we look forward to celebrating with you!