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3RD HARPENDEN SCOUT GROUP AUTUMN '25 NEWSLETTER

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A Plea for Volunteers

Everyone involved with 3rds is a volunteer, and we could really do with some additional help at the moment. Top of the list is someone to help manage the regular maintenance of the hut - e.g. the bi-annual fire system service & yearly boiler check.

We are also in need of a new Trustee. This involves four evenings a year, coming to our Trustee meetings (often held in the pub) and helping improve how 3rds is run. To find out more please contact Joe Abberley: chairman.3rdharpenden@gmail.com

Merry Christmas

A huge thankyou to all the leaders for another great year.

From everyone at 3rd Harpenden Scouts...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SCOUTS

Another action-packed term for us at Scouts! Preparing for and then competing in the recent Hertfordshire Scouts Green Beret Challenge competition. One of our amazing teams came seventh overall out of over 140 teams from across the county and beyond, and they came an awesome second overall in the Orienteering! Our other two teams did really well, too, and everyone's stamina, commitment to great team-working and good humour shone through.

Our young leader Noa has run some fabulous Creative evenings for us recently, with the Scouts making some great woolly Christmas gnomes, wire animals and paracord candy canes, and they have all enjoyed helping collect money with Santa's Sleigh for Harpenden Round Table.

Our summer camp to Herringfleet in Suffolk back in August was a big hit, with some great pioneering, axes and saws activities on-site, as well as off-site adventures such as an outdoor lido, climbing and even a day at Pleasurewood Hills! And we have welcomed two wonderful new leaders, Roger and Ted, and two new scout members to our troop this term. Finally, all three sections from 3rds enjoyed some time on the water at Luton Hoo with 1st Luton Sea Scouts this term, learning to sail, kayak and build rafts!

cubs

Cubs started the busy Autumn Term with a fabulous camp at Lees Wood. Most of the Cubs joined us for a fun weekend of gadget making, den building, fishing and roaming around enjoying the great outdoors. We've booked next year's camp already!
Back at the hut, we've done backwoods cooking, cycle maintenance, pioneering, DIY and a night hike. The horses added a certain excitement to the walk...

The Cubs are always ready to throw themselves into whatever activity is on offer and resilience, determination and the ability to have fun are frequently on display. We're lucky to have been joined by a new pack volunteer - Lily - as well as being supported by young leaders, who are working on their D of E awards.

BEAVERS

Beavers started this Autumn Term with a joint sleepover at the hut, with the Cubs, it was very hot, but lots of fun was had. For our regular meetings we have been working on our Navigator Badge, drawing our own maps, using compasses and going on a Hike.

Our Emergency Aid Level 1, how to make 999 calls, what we can do to help in an emergency and how we can look after each other. We have, also, completed one of the most popular badges; Air Activities Level 1.

Beavers made paper airplanes and saw how far they fly, designed our ultimate aircraft with some very fun and interesting functions and facilities. We ended the term the Health and Fitness badge and Christmas fun, including the annual Beavers District Carol Service.

Important Messages

Uniform - please make sure your young person is wearing the correct uniform Cub/Beaver polo top/ jumper and scarf each week along with plain coloured shorts/leggings/trousers and appropriate footwear. For Scouts—scout trousers a**nd belt, scout shirt and scarf!**

Drop-off times - please can all parents adhere to drop off and pick up times. Beavers Monday 6-7pm, Cubs Wednesday 6:45-8pm, Scouts Monday 7:30-9pm. Beavers and Cubs must be walked up the lane to the Hut by an adult, and not dropped at the bottom of the lane. Beavers and Cubs should arrive a couple of minutes before the session start time, and please confirm with the Leaders that you are able to depart, as they may need to work out child and adult ratios. We know the children (and their parents) are eager for the session to start, but it is a safeguarding issue if this is not followed.