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## DCs Merger Update News - 19th August 2011

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Folks,

Another week has passed, more progress is being made and only 43 days until the Districts merge. This is definitely a merger of equals – we have four strong Districts becoming one – and becoming the largest is the Country. At the May review we reported total membership of just under 4,000 members – which is way ahead of the Countries currently largest District – Croydon who reported 2750 in January. This is going to provide us with many opportunities and many challenges.

Since my last update the Deputy DCs, District Chairman and I have met again to review progress and to move ahead with plans for the District launch event being scheduled for the first week of October. This event (encompassing the required EGM) is open to all Explorers, Networkers, Leaders, Supporters, Parents, Friends and Commissioners across the borough. We hope that we will have a (brief!!) introduction from the County Commissioner and presentations from the three DDCs and the District Chairman as well as static displays of much that is and will be going on in our new District. One thing I promise – no lengthy death by PowerPoint events!

On progress to date – the District Chairman and I have met separately with the Appointments committee chairmen and District Treasurers from the four heritage Districts to plan out the migration process for the financial assets and liabilities and the administrative and appointments processes. Further meetings are planned with Scout Shop Managers and other Executive members from across the borough. There is a tremendous amount to do in these spaces and we already want to thank the existing Executive Committee members from the four Districts for the help that they are giving us.

We have submitted a badge design to the County Commissioner and expect his approval within the next few days. After that we will be getting new badges ordered ready for the launch of the new District. We're also looking at a District scarf and some clothing designs. Much more to come I am sure – and so much to look forward to.

The DDCs and I are planning a couple of opportunities to get together with the existing District Teams and supporters. Hopefully we will get the opportunity meet with you all soon as we want to hear your ideas for the development of our new District. Also – it'd be nice to stop and have a beer and a chat with you! Too many meetings can sap the enthusiasm if we're not careful.

There is still so much to do and so little time to do it – we still welcome offers of support and help from anyone who is interested. Even if you're not sure but think you might fancy helping out – please give me a call or drop me a mail.

We've circulated updates to the District Directory to all District Secretaries and Appointments Secretaries. We will be distributing all communications by e-mail as we move forward, so if you know of anyone for whom we don't have an e-mail address, please pass these on to us so that no one misses out.

And finally, good luck to Melanie Newman and Dominic Lillywhite from 3<sup>rd</sup> West Wickham who are getting married on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church in West Wickham. Have a great day and enjoy the best party of your lives – the reception venue looked great!!

Giles, Colin, Gary, James and Steve

**Giles Barnett**

District Commissioner – BromleyScouts

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