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## [Scouts] DCs Merger Update News - 19th July 2011

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To: All leaders, new Bromley District; DC's – Orpington, Chislehurst, Bromley and Beckenham

CC: County Commissioner, DC – Bexley, Change Manager

## DCs Merger Update News – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

With 60 days left to go the launch of our new District the new Bromley District Chairman, Deputy DCs and I met for the first time the other night to plan the tasks that we need to complete to effect the merger of our four heritage Districts on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

A lot of discussion took place around a District badge, District scarf, organisation, funding and the merger of the Districts. With such a short time to go we have a lot to achieve in a relatively short time.

Design options were discussed for the new District badge and a number of ideas were worked through. Requests have since gone off to get mock ups done of a couple of these designs – we look forward to seeing what comes back from the badge manufacturers.

Similarly, we discussed options for a District scarf. Again no decisions were made but some interesting ideas were floated and discussed. We will be reviewing these ideas after most of the team have been away for a couple of weeks.

With respect to the process – we expect to move all members from their heritage Districts to the new District on 1<sup>st</sup> October. After this we must hold an EGM to elect and empower the new District Executive committee and District trustees. We intend to make this both a formal event and also a celebration of our new entity and are currently searching for a suitable venue that is both large enough and accessible for everyone to attend. We will publish more details of this event as soon as possible, along with the process for nominating District Executive members.

We will be focussing on making sure that we have some of the core Executive and Support components in place in time for 1<sup>st</sup> October – but don't expect to have everything sorted out by then.

We discussed a number of organisational models but still have to agree what the structure of the team will look like and what roles we feel will be required. We did manage to start the discussion around how the teams would work together and develop but again there is still quite a lot of work to be done here before we are done.

We have started to receive offers of help from all across the District – from members in Orpington offering to join the District Exec, to offers of help with Special Needs, from the Archers of Beckenham offering to teach Archery to all comers to existing District Team members and Commissioners. Please – if anyone is interested and hasn't made contact, please do so – in confidence to me directly – I'd love to hear from you.

Whilst there is not too much to be able to announce, it is good to see progress finally being made in the District and I am pleased to see so much effort being put in by the team – but there is still a long way to go.

The team and I plan to meet again in a week or so to continue these discussions and to agree an outline organisation model for the new District.

I will continue to update you all as progress is made and time permits.

In the meantime, as ever – any questions or concerns – I am always happy to speak to you or trade e-mail – and all – have a great summer.

Yours in Scouting

Giles

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