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**SCOUTFEST, New Bexley YC,  
Holland Expedition 2018  
and lots more...**

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# Welcome to your Autumn edition of i.SHARE

Hello and Welcome to your bumper packed Autumn edition of i.SHARE – Greater London South East Scouts' own newsletter.

This newsletter is put together to let you all know what's happening across the County. What you have all been up to and what you can expect to see happening in future months. It's a fantastic way for you to shout loud and proud about all that is great with your Scouting. In your Sections, in your Groups and in your Districts. Any member, youth or adult, in GLSE can submit an article for a future edition, just e-mail Phyl at [newsletter@glse Scouts.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@glse Scouts.org.uk) that's all there is to it.

So, that seemed to be a very long, hot summer didn't it? What did you all get up to? I hope that you managed to spend some of it away from home, either under canvas or in a building, on your summer camp. Me? Well, my highlights were camping at our annual MESH event at Frylands Woods where Explorer Scouts from Bexley and Bromley spent an activity packed weekend themed on Comic-Con. I even donned my super-hero costume at the regular Saturday night fancy dress competition (and no, I didn't win). What was great about that camp was that I was able to spend some quality time with the Explorer Scouts whilst they were visiting my base. We chatted about what they liked about Scouting and what they didn't like. What did they love doing as Explorer Scouts and what would they change? What did they like about MESH and what themes would they like to see in the future? These weren't formal conversations in any way, shape or form. Just people chatting around a fire whilst waiting for their cakes in oranges to bake, but they were insightful as to what our Explorer Scouts are thinking about their Scouting.

Back in May, Stuart and I popped along to visit Bromley Scouts' Moonwalk event at Broadstone Warren. No-one knew we were going but it was great to turn up, grab a cuppa at the main base and wander around looking at the bases and chatting to the young people and adult volunteers who were there. Everyone had a great time and the event was a real success.

The first weekend of September was Gilwell Reunion. For those who don't know about it, it's an all adult weekend starting on the 1st Friday in September. It's open to anyone over the age of 18 and no - you don't need to have achieved your Wood Badge in order to go along. It's a fab weekend full of socialising with old and new friends, catching up on



everything that's happening in Scouting, a chance to brush up on some skills and there are even workshops that you can go along to should you wish to know more about the Charities Commission, Safeguarding, GDPR and much more! Catering is available and there are bars onsite (including a real ale bar) should you fancy a pint or two. With films, discos, bands, karaoke and a Saturday night campfire there is a full evening programme. If you've never thought about it before, I urge you to come along next year.

By the time of Reunion next September, the 24th World Scout Jamboree will be a distant memory. For those of you who are going along either as members of IST or of our GLSE Contingent, Unit 25 Bobcats, you will have had a fantastic experience. Reunion next year will also be a great opportunity for you to catch up with other friends that you made whilst you were enjoying WSJ.

I was also fortunate enough to be selected to be a part of the London Region's IST and I will be spending my time at the Summit working as Commercial Marketing Lead for the UK Food House. I'm really excited about that. The IST is going to be working with and supporting our Contingent in the coming months.

It's a great opportunity for us to get to know the young people and for them to get to know us too. Another friendly face to say 'hi' to in the US. We've already supported them on their last camp and also at a fundraising day that they had in Grove Park back in August.

So, as the nights start drawing in and the weather changing, my thoughts turn to how to grow the County. You know what? It's really not rocket science. It's all about preparing young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We all have a role to play in growing Scouting in our catchment areas. At the County AGM in September I asked how this could happen. What could you do differently to be able to grow your section? How could you make it happen? I don't have the answers but should you have a great idea, then please talk to your line manager and let them know.

Lastly, have you registered your interest for our GLSE Christmas Ball on 8th December? If not, then please do so [here](#). Tickets are being reserved and I'd hate for you to miss out on such a fabulous night.

Until next we meet, thank you for everything that you are doing for the young people of GLSE. You really are amazing and making such wonderful differences to the lives of so many young people.



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# A note from our County Youth Commissioner

The summer months in GLSE have yet again been filled with fun and adventure.

Back in May I was fortunate to join Network members from across the London Counties as part of The Queen's Garden Party Support Team. It was a great day and all who attended would agree that it was an honour to represent not only GLSE but Scouting as a whole at such a prestigious event.

The summer term was also fully packed with activity days and weekend camps for all sections. Beavers in Bromley took part in an International Badge Day while the Cubs in Bexley held a World Fun Day. The Bexley Scout Super Patrol competition returned and MESH saw over 100 Explorers taking part in a Superhero themed weekend camp, to name but a few!

With so much going on, it was inevitable that I would miss a few events, but it is clear to see how much fun our Young People have had! So thank you to all that helped make these events possible!

**Steph Hutchinson**





# Introducing the New Bexley Youth Commissioner



Hi, my name is Amina and I am honoured to have been selected as Bexley's new Youth Commissioner. I have been part of Scouting for 10 years now - first as a Scout, then Explorer and now as a Networker, Assistant Cub-Scout Leader and District Youth Commissioner.

As DYC, my main aim is to encourage more young people to complete their challenge badges and, for the older sections, Duke of Edinburgh and Queen's Scout Award. These awards help develop our young people and give them 'Skills for life'; some awards could even help them with their future careers!

Another aim is to create a Youth Forum for the district. This will give young people the chance to voice their opinions of what Scouting means to them and what they think we should do as a district to make it even better.

I intend to visit multiple groups once the summer holidays are over to personally introduce myself to the young people and leaders. In the meantime, please feel free to message me with any queries you may have, otherwise I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

**Amina Hebouche**



#YouShape

**If you are between 14-18 and want your voice heard please Join the Bexley Scouts Youth Forum**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BSYForum>



# Queen's Garden Party

The garden party was a fantastic experience- one I learnt that dates back to WW2 when the king thanked the Scouts for all they did during the war by inviting them to help at royal events.

I was thrilled to be able to support such an important event - one I don't think I will ever forget. I have met people who have influenced society from so many different back grounds!

I spent the day in the best of company with scouts from all over London -we all clicked instantly, it felt like we all knew each other even though many of us had just met!

My personal highlight was seeing the Queen's corgis- there were 3 and they were beautiful! I wish I had the title "royal dog walker"!

**Chloe Kenney,**  
**Bromley Network and 5th Petts Wood.**

## YOU London



I have been contacted by the editor of the YOU London.

YOU London News celebrates organizations collaborating or working together. He is after any short stories and good photos of any collaborative activity of Scouting working in partnership with other local organizations.

Checkout the website. <http://www.youlondon.org.uk>.

Let me know if you have any stories.  
[newsletter@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@glscouts.org.uk)







# Skills for Life: Our plan to prepare better futures

Charlotte, a Scout from the 23rd Bromley was invited on 23rd May to meet local MPs at the Palace of Westminster to launch of the Scout Movement's next strategic plan - **Skills for Life: Our plan to prepare better futures**. This new strategy, providing skills for life for everyone involved in Scouting, will be following a number of key initiatives:

Review and refresh the programme for 14–25 year olds ensuring that programmes are youth-led, relevant and accessible to young people from all backgrounds, with a focus on employability and life skills.

Explore an early years' provision: researching, piloting and evaluating different models to extend Scouting to under 6 year olds.

Inclusivity: continue to ensure that Scouting better reflects the demographics of UK society, with an aim to grow in another 500 areas of deprivation and under-representation; on top of the 834 groups established in similar areas in the last 4 years.

Charlotte aged 14, said "I was given the opportunity to meet other Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who were there from all over the UK. We chatted among ourselves about our experiences in Scouting, how much we enjoy it and what skills we have learned. We were split into 4 activity groups to demonstrate the different skills that Scouting helps young people develop. My group ran the pioneering base, where we demonstrated skills

such as knot tying, communication and team work. The other bases showed how to make your own lava lamp, a stress ball and a tippy tap. There were several young people running each base, so we took it in turns to demonstrate the pioneering skills and talk to a variety of MPs and Earls."

Dwayne Fields, Polar explorer and Scout Ambassador, spoke about his childhood in Jamaica, where he was always outdoors and how he then came to England and didn't fit in as he had a different accent and didn't like the food. One of his friends took him to Cubs, which he really enjoyed and afterwards he decided to join.

"It was a great day that I really enjoyed, as I learnt lots about other people's Scouting experiences. I feel very privileged to have attended this event and to have met Dwayne Fields and a variety of MPs."

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information on local Scout group in Bromley or Bexley please contact our office on 08444 142 769 or email [office@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:office@glscouts.org.uk) or visit [www.glscouts.org.uk](http://www.glscouts.org.uk).





# Daredevil Scout Leaders jump into action at SCOUTFEST

The weekend of 7th and 8th July saw 110 Scout Leaders and Volunteers from across Bromley and Bexley come together to experience everyday adventure. At Downe Scout Activity Centre – near Biggin Hill – the volunteers completed challenges including abseiling, High Ropes, zip wire, archery, backwoods cooking and high all aboard – where up to 4 people climb to the top of one post and stand on the same platform.

The event was hosted by a group of Scout Leaders from Bromley and Bexley aimed at introducing new Scout volunteers to all the fantastic opportunities and life skills that Scouting has to offer.

Following a call out for more adult volunteers in 2017, 38 have signed up in the last 12 months. These new adults have supported the growth of 58 new youth members in GLSE with a total of 1,659 adults and 5,238 young people enjoying adventure and learning valuable skills for life in Bromley and Bexley.

With the nature of volunteering in the UK changing and more adults offering their time flexibly, more people are needed to run Scouting than ever before. This

includes youth workers, as well as charity trustees and skills instructors.

Scouting across the UK has recorded its 13th consecutive year of growth with 10,699 new youth members and 9,371 adult volunteers joining in 2018, growing the Movement to 638,827 members in the UK. This is the longest period of sustained growth the Movement has experienced since 1930.

The event was also supported by other organisations and businesses including Joe's Bows, Bromley Mytime, Bromley Scuba Diving, Chateau Du Baffy, D & L Knotting, Golden Hinde, JEKA, Making Medics, Metro Bank, Search and Rescue Dog Display, SAC and Timu Rafiki.



If you are interested in volunteering visit us now at [www.glsescouts.org.uk](http://www.glsescouts.org.uk) or email us at [office@glscouts.org.uk](mailto:office@glscouts.org.uk) and we will find an opportunity to suit you.







Alex Tweeddale, new leader with the 1st Welling said ***"I joined Scouting after forming life long friendships and gaining the chance to make a difference; I can say, as of today, almost all of my friends are people I have met through Scouting and are genuinely the most amazing people I know. Scouting has given me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills and become responsible for not only myself but other people as well."***

Rachael Wootton, from the 8th Bexleyheath Scout Group said ***"I take pride in myself that I am one of those inspirational people who are part of the Scouting movement, enabling me to create fun and exciting challenges for others and myself to enjoy. Challenges which you might not come across in normal day to day life, watching young people complete these challenges and becoming more confident and independent, seeing the sense of achievement they feel, the smiles it brings and the new friendships made - you can't beat the feeling of accomplishment that you played a part and made a difference."***



Janet Norris, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader from the 1st Farnborough Scout Group said  
***"Being a Scout leader can be a challenge and sometimes overwhelming but extremely rewarding and lots of fun. You receive a huge sense of achievement when things go well or when a child or parent says 'thank you'. It is hard at times but it's always worth it"***



# Baloo takes to the sky to raise over £500 for her group and local hospital



On Saturday 23rd June, Awena Peyto - a Bexley Cub Scout Leader from the 1st Baldwyn's Park Scout Group took to the skies on a wing walk to help raise funds for her Scout group and the Out-Patients department at Darent Valley Hospital.

Awena commented "I am quite new to being a Cub Scout leader having decided to get involved as I have 10 year old twins who have been attending Beavers and Cubs at Baldwyn's Park since they were old enough to join. They have learnt so many important life skills and I really wanted to be a part of this as everyone involved seemed to have lots of fun helping our youngsters each week". She continued "I have always wanted to have a go at a wing walking and my dream became a reality at Christmas when my husband and twins surprised me with a voucher to do it. I made the decision to raise money to buy equipment for both Baldwyn's Park Scouts and the Out-Patients department at Darent Valley Hospital where I work. We are very fortunate at our Scout hall as we have a climbing wall and we are aiming to spend the money raised to buy new crash mats."





# Swordfish Beavers raise £150 for Diabetic Research



On July 5th, the 1st Biggin Hill Swordfish Beavers presented a cheque to Trevor Chanter from the Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation (JDRF) Charity and Lee Hawley.

They made crafts like beaded bracelets, mini pocket games, bunnies, sweet treats and then held a mini market for their parents and friends to come and buy their products.

We nominated the charity because one of our leaders has looked after two children with diabetes, so we decided to donate the money to JDRF Charity.

**Christine Wade**  
1st Biggin Hill, Beaver Leader





# Holland Expedition 2018



What an expedition!

We set out on Sunday 27th May – full of anticipation and excitement! Well, as it proved there was plenty to be excited about, both with weather and activities. It all went very well until soon after the now almost traditional visit to the Belgian chocolate factory, the heavens well and truly opened, causing the coach to only progress at a snail's pace. Fortunately, the carefully planned arrival was changed and we enjoyed dinner just across the Dutch border. We pitched camp in record time, ready to face what delights Holland had to offer.

Monday was the busiest day of the week – with the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, cycling in the Hoge Veluwe nature reserve and bowling followed by a meal you had to cook yourself at the table. Great fun and it was a great hit with all. For the third time, behaviour of the scouts and explorers at the War Cemetery in Oosterbeek was truly exemplary. The weather tried to make up for the previous day with 32°C being recorded – a scorcher!

Tuesday started with sailing, canoeing and wind surfing and the larger number of qualified leaders in

our ranks helped to boost both safety and confidence. We finished with a BBQ at Lelystad Air Scouts – with another downpour making life for our hosts and our truly wonderful catering team extremely difficult. The mass dancing made up for all that and we were reluctant to return to the campsite.



On Wednesday our great driver Derek had a well earned day off, so we hiked to a nearby outdoor Klimbos (Go Ape in the woods). Activities on site finished off the day and many parents and leaders ended up with home made wrist bands.







**TO THE PEOPLE OF GELDERLAND**

50 years ago British & Polish Airborne soldiers fought here against overwhelming odds to open the way into Germany and bring the war to an early end. Instead we brought death and destruction for which you have never blamed us.

This stone marks our admiration for your great courage remembering especially the women who tended our wounded. In the long winter that followed your families risked death by hiding Allied soldiers and airmen while members of the Resistance helped many to safety.

You took us then into your homes as fugitives and friends  
we took you forever into our hearts  
This strong bond will continue  
long after we are all gone

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On Thursday came the main event: Efteling is a great amusement park - a lot more versatile (and better value) than the likes of Thorpe Park. All the rides had added interest and the word 'boring' did not get a look in. The day ended with a camp fire with the friends of 1st Erith from nearby Almere.

Friday saw yet another first - a day in and near Amsterdam. We started with Zaanse Schans just north of the city - a true tourist trap but an excellent place to get those essentials for home - that is, if you are visiting Holland! Murray's friends kindly arranged a tour of the

Amsterdam canals in their boat and we finished off in the main shopping area of Amsterdam, well and truly guided and watched by the leaders. We ended up with just enough time to get ready for the return on Saturday.

The facebook group photos say it all - a great time was had by everyone. A special mention should go to our various teams, including catering Penny, Steven and Sue, 1st Erith for organising Friday with a little help from their Dutch friends, Jeff for kindly taking all tents and excess luggage in his trailer and Rolf, Dermot and Andrew for their expert help on Tuesday.

Thomas Metcalfe, said "I liked Holland because it was a wide variety of activities to do also I liked visiting Amsterdam because of all of the weird and wonderful shops."

George Metcalfe, said "I enjoyed Holland especially as i was tackling it from a new perspective in my new adult role which i enjoyed , including the responsibility and being able to teach, for instance with the para cord bracelets that I taught to many of the scouts. I also enjoyed the climbing especially as that was challenging and allowed me to step out of my comfort zone. Most of the activities I had never done before Holland including windsurfing which i would like to try again."

Brennan Clarke, said "I very much enjoyed the Holland trip, although some of it was quite a challenge I did all the Klimbos high ropes that I tried and I also did windsurfing and stood up and sailed it."

**Hendrik van Welsenenes**



# 8th West Wickham Scouts inspiring us all to become plastic free



Scouts from the 8th West Wickham Group were camping at Caddihoe Scout Campsite in the Ashclyst Forest, and headed to the seaside for a day visit where the 27 Scouts spent 45 minutes picking up all the litter that was lying on a small section of Sidmouth beach, ranging from bottles to polystyrene.

The Scouts met up with Sidmouth Plastic Warriors, a Sidmouth based organisation that also works with other Sidmouth and organisations. The Chair of the Sidmouth Plastic Warriors, Denise Bickley, talked with the Scouts first, she explained how she was encouraged

to do something positive about plastic pollution after seeing the amount of rubbish in the sea when on holiday abroad. She set up the Sidmouth Plastic Warriors to take direct action in her home town and to encourage others to do the same.

Erin Harrington, 13, from the 8th West Wickham Scout, said "We were doing the beach clean so that we could help the environment and inspire other towns and cities to become plastic free and environmentally friendly. I was surprised how much plastic pollution we found and this must change. People should not leave rubbish on the beach as it can be a danger to animals and their habitats, and it also drives tourists away."



Scout leader Stuart Haydon, from 8th West Wickham, said "We always try to do some sort of service project when we camp and this year, as we were taking advantage of what Sidmouth has to offer, we felt it was only right that our service project should be Sidmouth related. The Scouts collected plastic bottles, plastic bottle tops, energy drink cans, plastic bags and sweet wrappers. I have never seen such enthusiasm from the scouts to make a positive impact on our environment. I am very proud of each one of them, and had to actually stop them working so they had time for a swim!"







Greater London South East lead a London wide patrol on the 2018 Roverway expedition to the Netherlands. The patrol was made up from 4 regions in London (Greater London North, South, South East and West)

We got the opportunity to travel all around the country alongside scouts of all various nationalities (there were over 50 countries from around the world attending the event!) we all learnt so much about different cultures and the organisers actively encouraged us to share our views with each other, meaning we all left having learnt something new about each other whether that be a new song, a new meal idea or just that other countries suffer with hot weather too !!



The theme for the event was “opposites attract” focusing mainly on the relationship the Netherlands has with the land and sea. We slept under the stars on the beach at The Hague and under sea level at Zeewolde, took a swim in the canals in the city of Deventer and went gondaling down the canals in Geithorn. We all travelled as a path made up of various different nationalities as this time together allowed us to grow close together.

The trip was an adventure of a lifetime and was amazing for developing both leadership and teamwork skills - the fun I had and friends I made will stay with me for life.

**Chloe Kenney,**  
Bromley Network and 5th Petts Wood.



# 23rd Bromley make a difference to community in Kenya



33 members of the 23rd Bromley Scout Group have returned from an International Scout expedition where they spent 7 days in Kissi, Kenya running a series of projects for local former street boys.

The Scouts took with them 33 bags filled with 23kg of donations of school shoes, clothing, towels, footballs, stationery and hand tools which the group organised to be donated locally. In total that's more than 700kg of donations.



The Scouts from Bromley worked with a charity called Harambee for Kenya. The charity takes in young boys who are homeless off the street and gives them a better life including a safe place to stay, access to education and friendships. Whilst at the safe house in Kissi the scouts took part in project work including art classes, organising a traditional British sports day for the Kenyan boys and helping with some general maintenance around the safe house.

Matthew Higginbottom, 15, from the 23rd Bromley Scout Explorers said: "I have learnt so much with so many new experiences which will stay with me for the rest of my life. I also found the boys at the safe house very inspirational as they had no family or possessions but they were always cheerful. Over the week at the safe house, we were very busy with building a barbecue, entrance steps and painting the walls in the house, this was all part of the project work for the safe house. The expedition to Kenya was an amazing and life changing experience for me."

Alan Alexander, one of the expedition leaders, said: "Scouting has given me opportunities that I can't get anywhere else. It is great to be able to give scouts the opportunity to travel to another continent, experience a different culture and also give something to those who are less fortunate. The scouts have put a lot of work into preparing for the expedition over the last 18 months, including lots of fundraising and it's great to see all the hard work finally paying off. This expedition has made a huge impact on not only the local children but also on our Scouts."





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# G L S E Christmas Ball

8th December 2018

6.30pm for 7pm start

Birchwood Park Golf & Country Club,  
Wilmington, DA2 7HJ

£55 per person

★ 3 course Sit Down Dinner ★

★ Cheese and Port stand ★ Live music by Coot ★

★ Casino Tables ★ Spectacular Raffle ★

★ Photo Booth ★

Limited tickets—register [here](#)

Tables of 10      Black Tie / Posh Frock

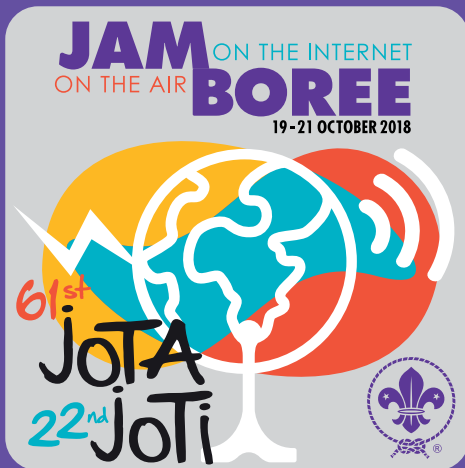
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# Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) 2018



JOTA-JOTI is the largest Scouting event in the world with over 1 million scouts participating across 150+ countries. The event allows scouts and guides across the world connect with each other using the airwaves and the internet.

The event has been held on the third weekend of October since 1957. This year it will take place on 19th, 20th and 21st October 2018. For more details you can visit: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

The purpose of JOTA-JOTI is to enable and encourage all members of the Scout Movement around the world to communicate with one another by means of amateur radio and the internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.

This event is a fantastic way for young people from all sections to have an international Scouting experience without leaving the UK. The below quote from a leader in GLSE who took part in JOTA-JOTI last year, really highlights how valuable these experiences can be for our young people:

“One of our own scouts was blown away by the fact that she spoke to a Syrian scout, she thought the whole of their country was being bombed as that is the impression she gets from the media.”

Groups and sections can get involved in JOTA-JOTI from their own meeting place, join up with another group locally, or attend an organised event at a Scout Adventures centre (<https://jotajoti.scouts.org.uk/>).

If you are organising a JOTA-JOTI event for your section or group, then please let me know as I would love to come along and visit.

**David Goodwin**  
Assistant County Commissioner (International)





BROMLEY SCOUTS



YOUTH EVENTS  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**DISTRICT CUB CAMP  
BLACKLAND FARM  
14TH - 16TH JUNE 2019**





# Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme



Unfortunately we have found it necessary as a County to withdraw from the Jack Petchey Achievement Scheme for the forthcoming year - apologies to those who have already submitted nominations.

Hopefully this will only be a temporary situation; there will be consultation with both Districts. Any feedback about the scheme to date would be useful to help with the consultation and decision process.

The decision was not taken lightly as between the two Districts the Jack Petchey Foundation has awarded over £175,000 to young people and leaders during the eight years we have been involved in the scheme. A lot of activities have taken place, equipment purchased and improvements to meeting places that would not have happened but for the scheme.

Recognition of the achievements of our young people and leaders is very important. The Jack Petchey

Achievement Award Scheme is just one way of doing just that.

We will be able to return to the scheme if that is what you, the leaders, want. You need to help the District Coordinator by submitting nominations and all other relevant information requested in good time.

Volunteers to take on the role of District Coordinator or assistant would be welcome.

Please speak to your District Commissioner or myself.

**Bill Gunn**  
Deputy County Commissioner

## Submitting media stories

If you have any local media stories you feel we need to cover then please contact myself or click the link below. I look forward to hearing from you.

**CLICK to submit**

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Media Development Manager  
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If you have any questions on the new branding and we have set up a facebook group



**G.L.S.E. media**





# Bexley District Camp

Over the first weekend in October, 1000 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders descended on Belchamps Campsite in Hawkwell, Essex to enjoy a fun packed activity weekend. With all meals and activities provided by the campsite this was a ready-made experience for both leaders and young people.



The weather was perfect - blue skies, gentle breeze and comfortable temperature - an added bonus.

Saturday the young people were spoilt for choice - zip wire, climbing tower, high ropes, quad biking, lazer tag, archery, rifle shooting, zorbing and numerous inflatables. Some very tired beavers and cubs made their way to the evening campfire but soon found the energy to give a very rousing performance of 'Baby Shark' ably lead by District Commissioner Lee 'Mole' Curtis. At the campfire Amina Hebouche was invested as Bexley's new District Youth Commissioner.

Sunday morning Di Sprowles led a thought provoking Scouts' Own before the next session of activities began. Half the camp competed in a huge It's a Knockout whilst a mini Olympics and bush craft sessions were organised for the remainder.

The catering staff - members of Harlow SAS - did an excellent job providing breakfasts, a very substantial lunch, evening meals and supper - queues for hot dogs and hot chocolate for 1000 hungry campers were a sight to behold.

Thanks to Michael Barrett - Operations Manager at Belchamps for being so patient and understanding - nothing was too much trouble for him and his very able team.

5th Bexleyheath Beavers, Christian said 'It was really good and fun' Nancy said 'The camp was excellent and fun and i really enjoyed the bouncy castles the most'

Stephen Cummins, Leader from the 1st Thamesmead said "1st Thamesmead had an amazing time at District Camp! Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and delivery of the whole weeked also the the leaders that happily made us feel part off one big family"











Scouts

# Bromley District Youth Team

## Who are we?

The District Youth Team is in place to ensure that the opinions of Young People are heard and help shape how we as a District run things. We are open to any member of the Scouting Association under the age of 25, at time of application, who wants to voice their opinion in Scouting and gain valuable Skills for Life, in the form of reasoning, debating, taking on leadership, organising and making changes in the way we view and do Scouting.

## What we do

The Youth Team supports the District aspiration to be part of a Movement led by young people. Providing a voice for around **4,000** young people within Bromley at an influential level, including at the District Executive Committees. Taking responsibility for special projects or activities as requested by the District Commissioner, such as Local Voice, and SCOUTFEST. We provide active support for, and involvement in, the media and public relations work in Bromley. Help develop and mentor your Young Leaders and championing them and their ideas within your group.

## Bromley District Youth Forums

Our District Youth Forums will now also be open to **Scouts aged 12+** as well as Explorers. This will allow PLs & APLs to begin to share their opinions and develop a voice as they progress through their Scouting career. We will be meeting once every half a term, and changing our Meeting days and times, to allow for weekly commitments of participants.

To help the forum to continue to develop we are seeking **2** additional representatives aged between 12–18 years old) from each group in Bromley to attend. The Forum provides a voice for all young people within Bromley at an influential level, including at the District Executive Committee.

Our Next Forum will be **6–8.30pm on Monday 26th November 2018** held at **Bromley District Scout HQ**. Call **07 85 85 85 900** or Email **[DYC@BromleyScouts.org](mailto:DYC@BromleyScouts.org)** to join.

## 17–30 in Scouting?

We work alongside the District Young Leader team, the DESC and the Explorer Leaders to encourage Young People to join a Network within the district or to continue in Scouting should they go to university by helping them contact a local Network or SSAGO. Help develop the 18-30 year olds in the District and encourage them to take on responsibility within the District whether it be helping out the Youth Event Team, taking on a leadership role or taking part in a Executive or Subcommittee meetings.