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6th Eastcote Newsletter

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Roy's Group Update

Group Scout Leader Roy Lanning covers: rising membership, leadership changes across all sections, and a new Squirrel Dray launching for ages 4–6.

Monday Beavers

Ben Wright reviews the joys of making scarecrows, camping at the hut and pond dipping.

Tuesday Beavers

Leader Chloe Mustoe looks back on the pumpkin patch sleepover, Bonfire Night, insect homes, and indoor curling for the Winter Olympics.

Monday Cubs

New Akela Shem Parry's section in pictures: swimming gala medals, the Airhop sleepover, high ropes, go-karts, and outdoor adventures.

Wednesday Cubs

Leader Sarah covers the Scientist Badge, Sports Enthusiast Badge discussions, and Shrove Tuesday pancake-making.

Friday Scouts

Scout Leader Jon Goss reports on Chilly Goat winter camp, Scalextric, Scout Hut Arcade, and a chaotic pancake session.

The Trustee Diaries

Treasurer Janet Fisher breaks down the group's finances and calls for fundraising help and Gift Aid sign-ups.

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Roy's Group Update

Achievements | Leadership | Section Updates

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Summary

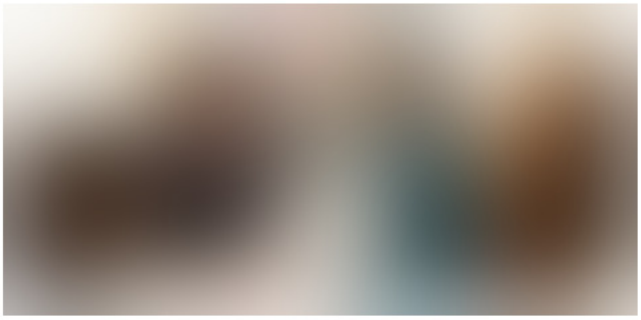
The 6th Group has seen strong growth this year, with rising membership and refreshed leadership across all sections.

Beavers

Attendance is at a six-month high. Chloe has become a full leader after turning 18. Young leaders Eleanor and Talulah have returned post-Duke of Edinburgh. Recent activities included badge work and a pumpkin patch sleepover.

Monday Cubs

Shem Parry joins as Akela and Hannah Matthews as assistant leader. Eva is a new young leader. Nicola steps back from weekly meetings but continues organising weekend events like sleepovers and swimming galas.



Wednesday Cubs

Sean Sommerville returns as assistant leader alongside Sarah and Robert. The section ran a community project building bird boxes for the Brain Tumour Society and creative badge sessions. Sadie rejoined after completing Duke of Edinburgh training externally.

Scout Troop

Maciej and Iain joined following Joe Allen's move. A new young leaders' patrol now helps run Friday night activities. Scouts attended the district's Chilli Goat winter camp and partnered with Northwood Poindexter Explorers.

Squirrels

A new Squirrel Drey for ages 4–6 is launching soon with county support. Parents will participate initially, with a six-week plan to build a sustainable leadership team.

Acknowledgements

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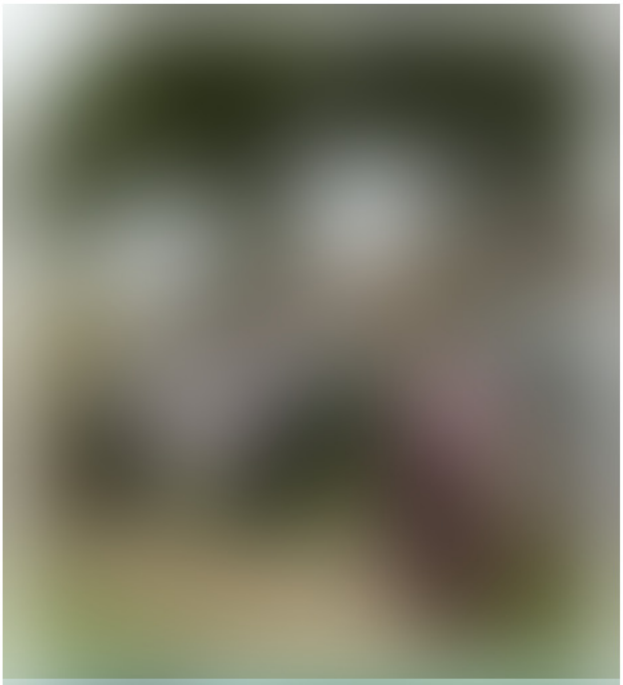
Beavers Monday

Scarecrows | Hut Camp | Pond Dipping

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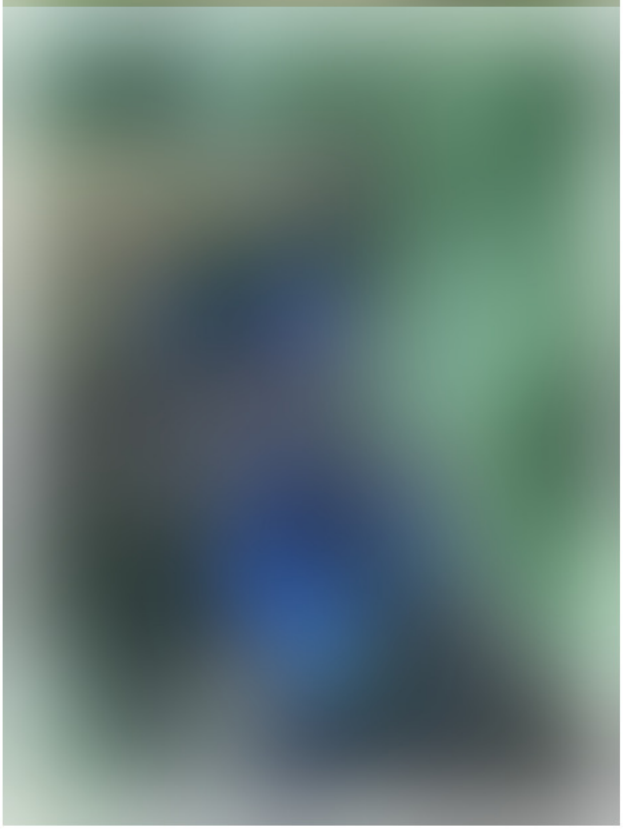
Making Scarecrows

The beavers loved bringing these friendly, if wonky, scarecrows to life. They all sport 6th Eastcote scarves and a unique personality!



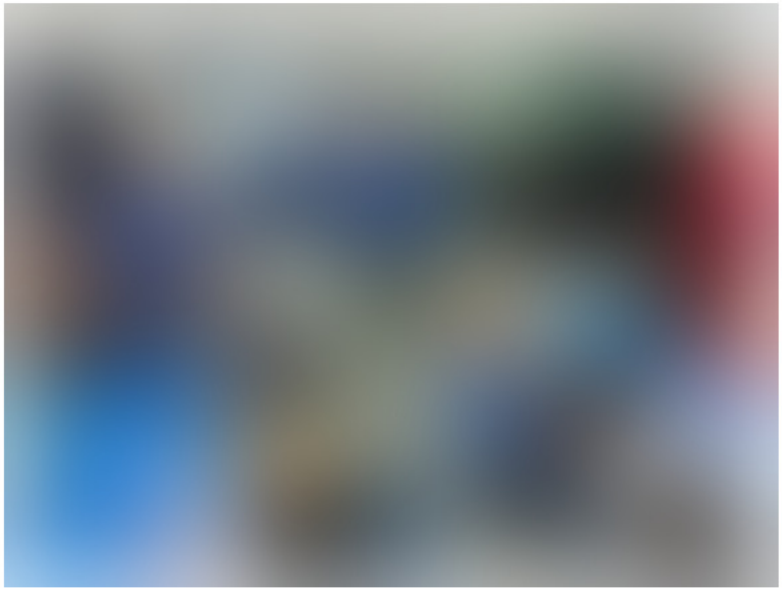
Hut Camp

Spending the night away from home was a lovely experience for our beavers. You can see them tucking into their breakfast with their bedsheets nicely folded in the background. I wonder if they are so neat at home!



Pond Dipping

Buckets, nets, wellies and slimy creatures. What more could you want from an activity?



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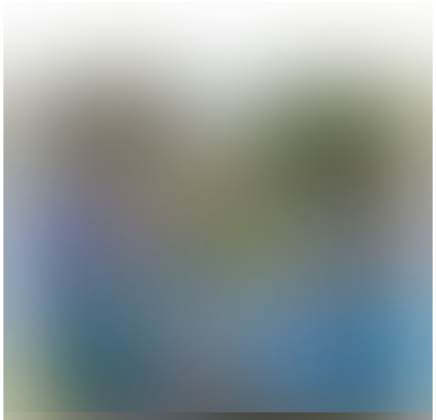
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Beavers Tuesday

Sleepovers | Insect Homes | Winter Olympics

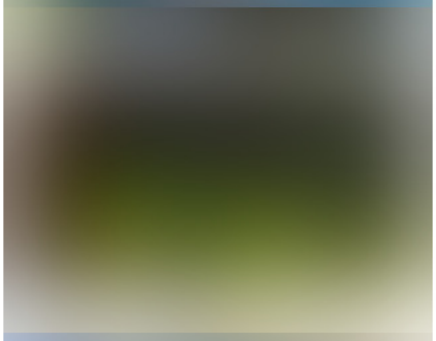
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Sleepovers

The Beavers had a fantastic time at our autumn pumpkin patch sleepover, with a packed programme of activities and a movie night to round off the evening.

We're already looking forward to the upcoming mythical dragon sleepover, where they'll be taking part in activities inspired by St George and the Dragon.



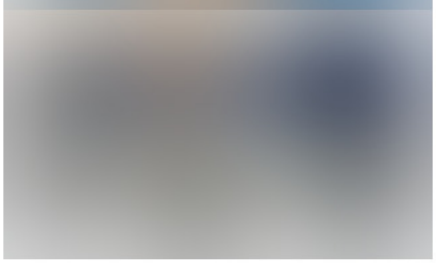
Bonfire Night

To mark Bonfire Night, the Beavers took part in firework-themed activities and got to try sparklers — a highlight that went down brilliantly with everyone.



Insect Homes

This term the Beavers built insect homes using natural materials they collected outside. The activity was a great way to put their problem-solving skills to work, as they figured out how to make their homes suitable for different insects.



Winter Olympics

Alongside learning about the range of Winter Olympic sports, the Beavers even had a go at curling in the hut — which proved to be a thoroughly popular choice.

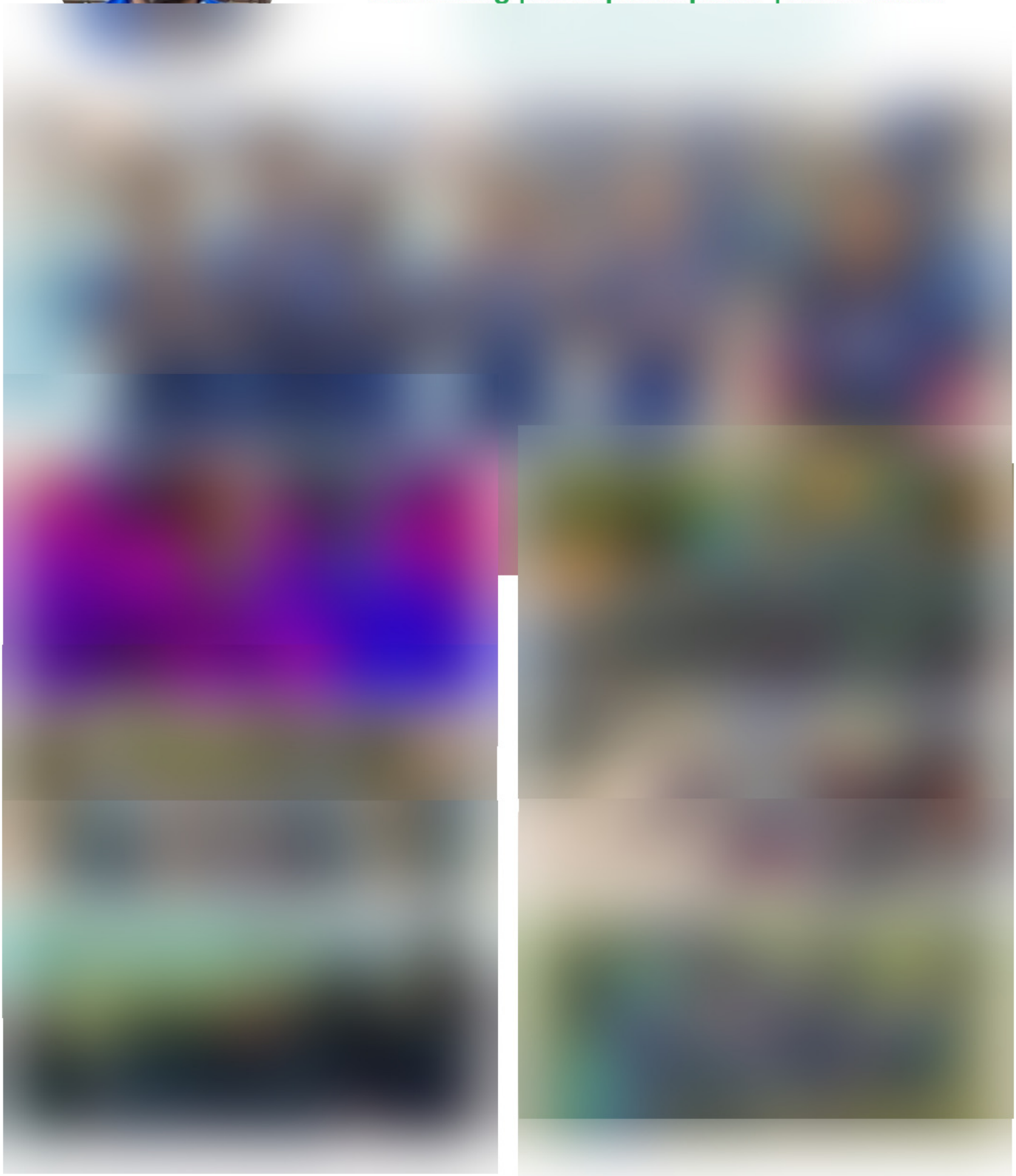
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Swimming | Airhop Sleepover | Adventures



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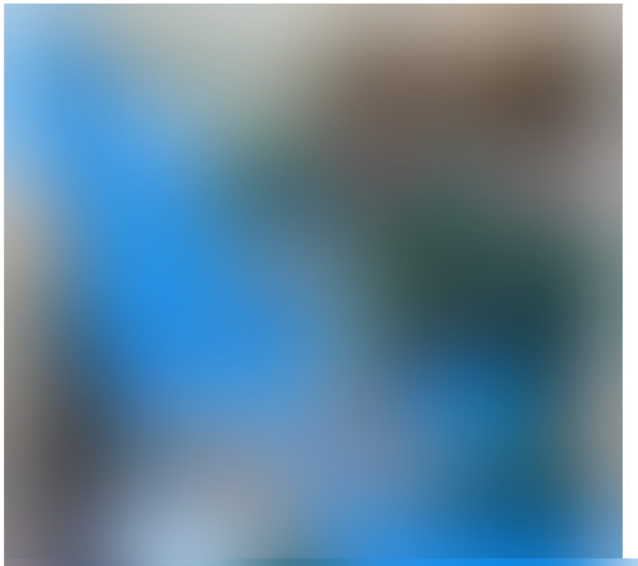
cubs Wednesday

Electric Circuits | Curling | Rocket Balloons

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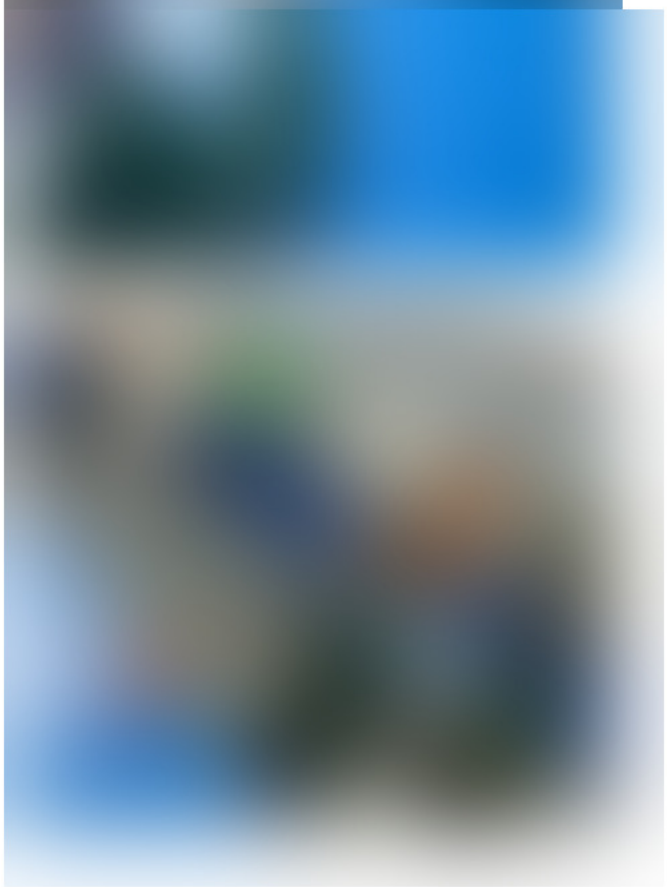
Science Badge

We kicked off the term working towards our Scientist Badge, with hands-on experiments investigating chemical reactions, density, electrical circuits, and even rocket balloons! The Cubs have also been growing crystals — these are still developing and we're eagerly watching their progress.



Sports Enthusiast Badge

Next cubs shared stories about their favourite sports, with interests ranging from rugby to motorsport. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and variety among our group.



Shrove Tuesday

We also learned about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday, with the Cubs having a brilliant time making their own pancakes and discovering the fun and meaning behind the celebration.

And More To Come!

We're looking forward to more exciting activities as the term continues — upcoming highlights include St David's Day, Mother's Day, Ramadan, and Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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Scouts Friday

Chilly Goat | Scalextrics | Arcade | Pancakes

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Chilly Goat Challenge

The Scouts started their year off braving sub-zero temperatures at the annual Chilly Goat Challenge Camp. They representing the group brilliantly earning a 2nd place finish overall!

Scalextric Racing

At first, speed was the only thing on the minds of our Scouts as they launched their cars down the miniature track. They very quickly learnt that at least a little bit of braking was required to stop their cars flying (quite literally) off the track.

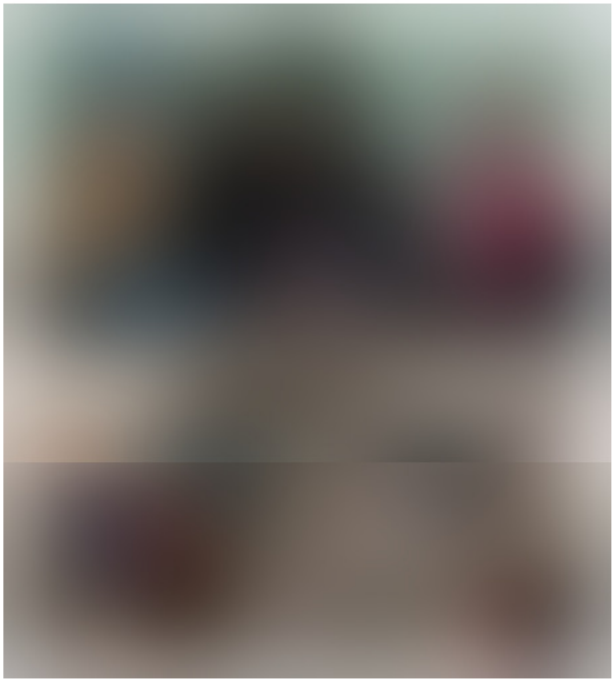
The Great Debates

The scouts proved a little bit too intellectual for our usual 'big' questions. Conversation quickly turned away from whether Jaffa Cakes were really biscuits to scientific discussions about space.

Scout Hut Arcade

Raffle tickets, prizes and a huge variety of of activities. What more could you want?

Amongst other things, the scouts made para-cord bracelets, learnt how to work trangias and fought valiantly at chess against our resident 'Grand Master'.



Pancake Master Chef

Flour, nutella, marmite, ketchup and food colouring. These were some of the ingredients the Scouts had at their disposal. What could go wrong? Let's just some of the leader's tastebuds will never recover.

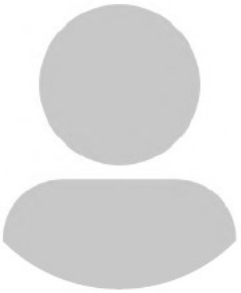
Coming Up...

A D&D adventure led by Young Leaders; Eleanor, Rosa and Leyla.

Entrepreneurial pursuits as our Scouts tackle "The Apprentice" style challenges.

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The Trustee Diaries

Finance | Fundraising | How You Can Help

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One of my roles is Group Treasurer, so I thought I'd focus on finance in this newsletter.

Funding 6th Eastcote

Many of your children are new to Scouting. You've seen our headquarters and grounds, and your child has their scarf, woggle, and badges. **But have you thought about how all this is funded?** That's where I come in.

We ask for subscriptions of £45 per term. That's £135 per child annually. From this, we pay a national levy to The Scout Association.

Last year this levy cost us £54.75 per child. With 81 children, that came to £4,434.75.

Once capitation is covered, we have £80.25 per child to fund everything else: utilities (gas, electric, water), insurance—for the building and for activities—annual rent, maintenance of the grounds and headquarters, badges earned, and the activities we run. It all has to come from here.

That's why we constantly need to fundraise—and why **we need your help.**

Help Us Fundraise

Each June, the Trustees run a stall at the Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic to promote the group. We serve delicious muffins, scones with cream and strawberries and create unique crafts for you to enjoy.

But it's not just about buying our treats and crafts. You can help us by transporting items, setting up our stall, or packing up.

A short shift makes a huge difference!

You've likely seen the improvements to the toilet area at headquarters. Much of this was funded by our Christmas Craft Fair and a generous grant from the Ward Councillors of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Another way you can help is by filling in a Gift Aid form when your child joins—if you're eligible, we reclaim 25p for every £1 in subscriptions from the government!

Contact

If you have fundraising ideas, or are willing to lead or help at any event, **please contact me by email.**

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Behind The Scenes

New Storage Containers

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We've got two new storage containers! That means less time digging for kit and more time for activities at 6th Eastcote. It also gives us room to grow.

We'll still need a hand moving everything so please look out for updates!



