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6th Eastcote Newsletter

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Group Scout Leader Roy Lanning calls on families to do more to support the group and highlights group achievements.

Beavers

Jill Lanning looks back on a farm-themed Beaver Sleepover and a spooktacular Halloween party full of fantastic crafts.

Cubs

Read about the Cub Space Ranger Camp, work on Challenge Awards, firelighting and new Young Leaders!

Scouts

Jon Goss recaps a full programme of camps, district events and meetings. We've really been up to a lot!

Scouting and Beyond

Enjoy photos from our campfire singalong, including dancing with the Watford Pump House Morris Dancers.

The Trustee Diaries

Group President and Trustee Janet Fisher advertises the soon-to-be-vacant position of Treasurer as well as opportunities to help with upcoming events.

Behind The Scenes

Maciej Anielski launches the new 6th Eastcote website, 6th-eastcote.org.uk, and shows off its features.

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Roy's Group Update

Support | Subscriptions | Achievements

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Supporting The Group

We have big plans for 6th Eastcote, which will enable our young people to experience even more exceptional activities and events.

We do this with the help of our tireless volunteers, without whom Scouting would not exist.

In return, we ask families to support the Group and our Trustees by helping out with ongoing maintenance of our headquarters and grounds as well as at fundraising activities.

We also ask that anyone with skills or experience to offer register with one of the Trustees.

Why We Need You

Recent requests for help have not been adequately answered, which means we are struggling to carry out essential work to ensure the hut is suitable for your young people.

We're therefore faced with the choice of either leaving essential work undone, or asking families for donations so that we can pay for the necessary labour costs.

We also appreciate any feedback on how we can make volunteering to help with essential work easier.

Subscriptions

Due to rising costs, we are exploring the possibility of asking parents to pay the annual Scouting capitation fee, which covers insurance, as a separate one-off payment on top of the existing £45 termly cost. This will enable us to put more money into activities such as crafts and cooking.

Our Achievements

Highlights since our last issue include the Scout Summer Camp, the Cub Space Ranger Camp and the Beaver Sleepover. Thanks to all who helped organise!

We have also rebuilt the cloakroom area, replaced the entrance door to our stores, created a Scouters' room and cleared all the rubbish from our grounds.

Beyond improving our headquarters, we have also supported the Hillingdon Brain Tumour Society, with a memorable afternoon for carers, patients, shop volunteers and others connected with the Society.

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Beaver Sleepover

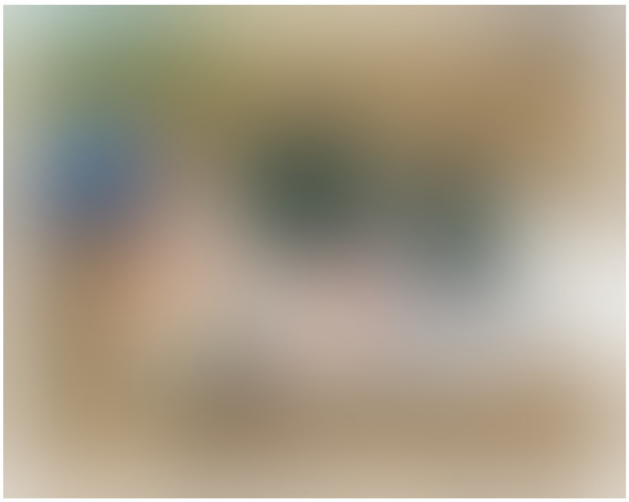
The Beavers had an exciting sleepover packed with fun farm activities, including scarecrow making, tractor painting, pumpkin carving, and creating animal models and animal face masks.

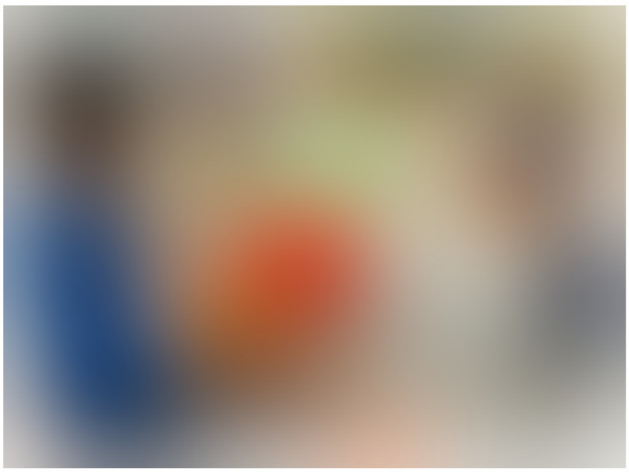
Halloween

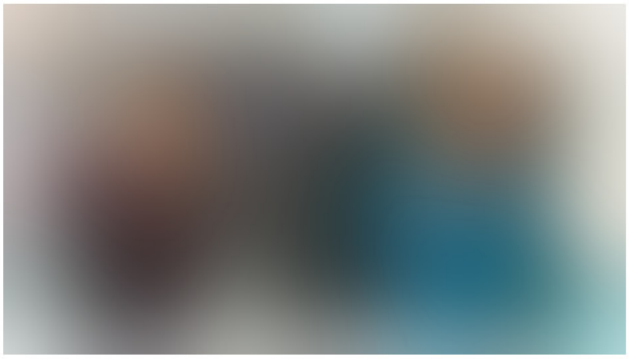
They also enjoyed a spooktacular Halloween party with games, doughnuts, apple bobbing and mummy making.

It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get creative, try new activities and have lots of fun.

Thanks to Tracy for making incredible witches!



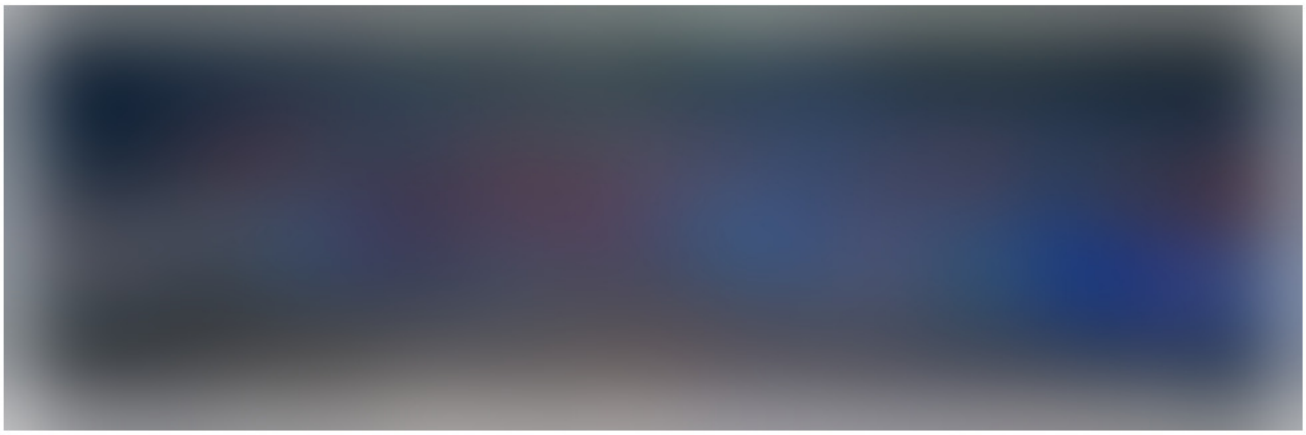


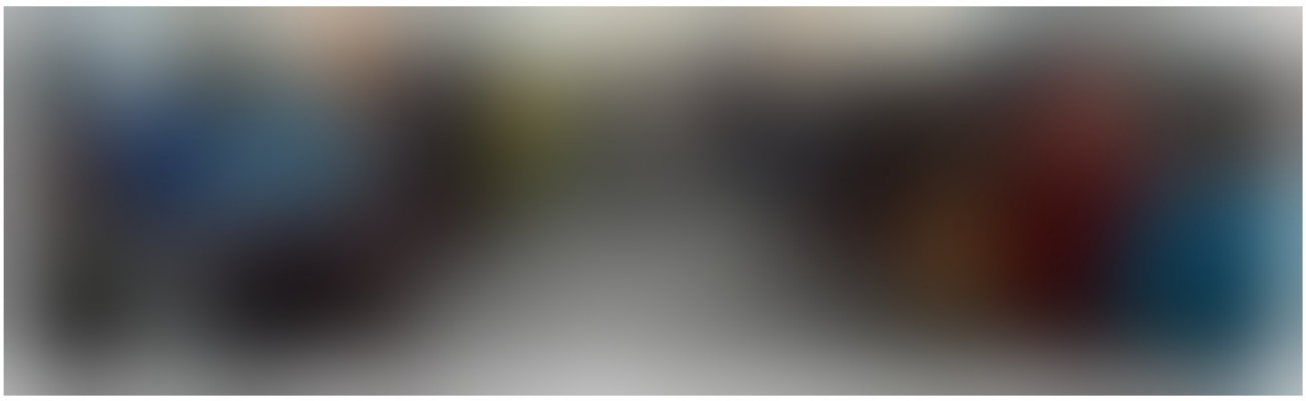


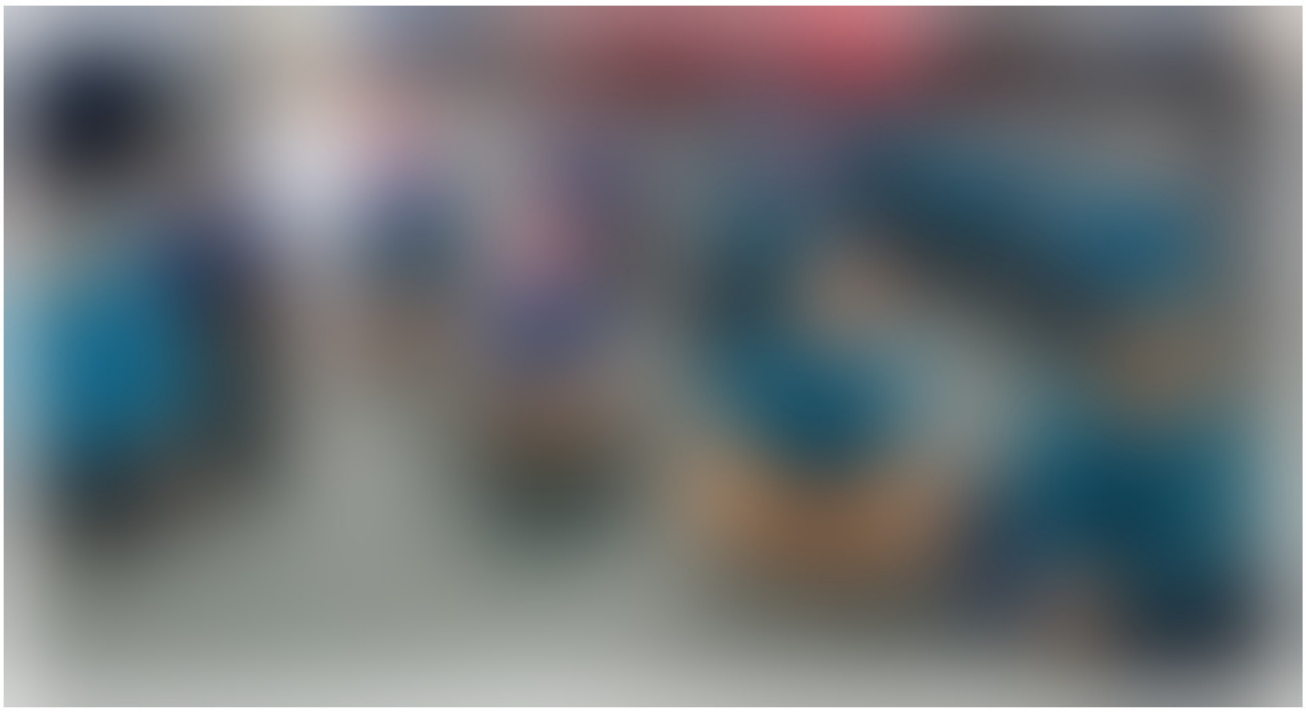


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Space Camp | Challenges | Firelighting

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Team Activities

We kicked off the term with an evening of team-building games, helping the Cubs work together and begin ticking off elements of their Teamwork Challenge Award.

Seven of our Cubs also took part in the District Activity Day, enjoying an action-packed day with a fantastic range of activities.

Space Ranger Camp

This was great preparation for our Space Ranger Camp, where the Cubs spent an exciting weekend taking part in a variety of activities: crate stacking, low ropes, archery and rifle shooting, alongside plenty of space-themed games. It was a brilliant opportunity for the Cubs to challenge themselves and make memories together.

A huge thank you must also go to our parent volunteers who gave up their weekend to help at Space Ranger Camp. Their time and support helped make the camp such a success. We simply couldn't have done it without them, and we really appreciate their continued support!

Challenge Awards

For the Our World Challenge Award, the Cubs took part in a world quiz and learnt the Cub Promise in Catalan, discovering more about Scouting around the world.

They also set themselves a personal challenge to work towards, alongside a leader-set challenge of either learning the phonetic alphabet or mastering eight different knots.

Firelighting

Despite the damp conditions, the Cubs demonstrated perseverance and determination during an evening of firelighting and were rewarded for their efforts with one of their favourite treats — delicious s'mores!

New Young Leaders

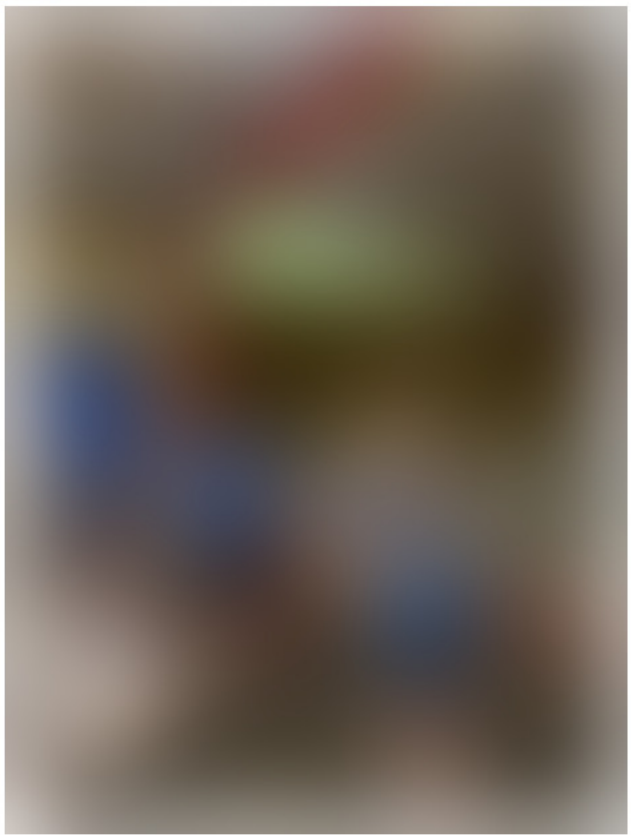
We also welcomed two new Young Leaders, Riley and Sadie, who, alongside Eva, help support the Cubs each week.

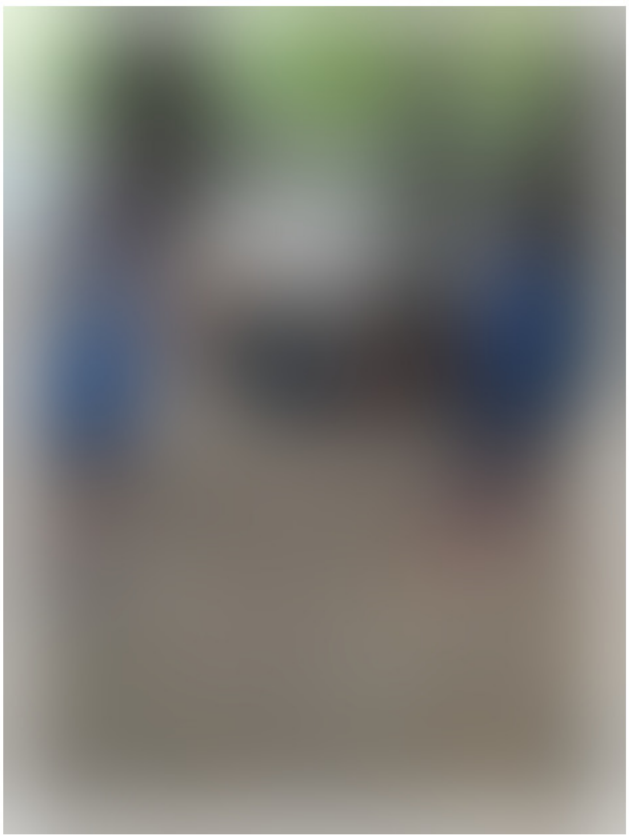
We look forward to seeing what adventures next term brings!

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Summer Camp

Throwback to a successful summer camp where our Scouts survived the sweltering heat, doing activities such as rifle shooting, archery, axe throwing and learning how to cook and take care of their camp duties.

District Events

The district hosted a fantastic water activity day where our young people spent a day on the water, enjoying kayaking, paddleboarding, dragon boating and much more.

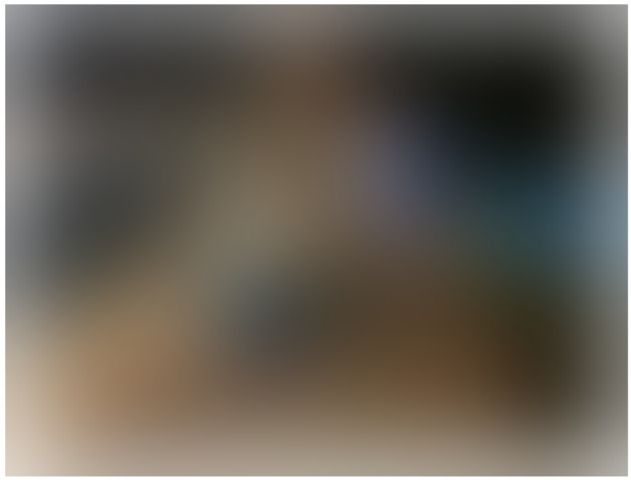
Another successful district event saw our Scouts practise their map-reading skills on a night expedition.

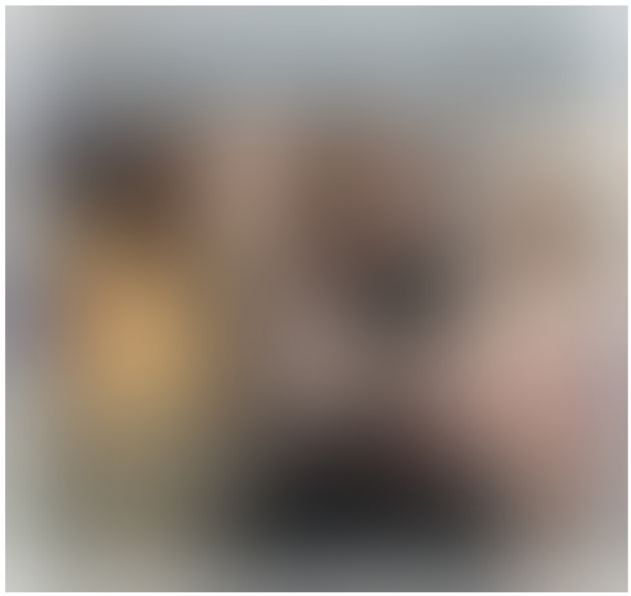
Rifles, Medicine and Pioneering

Our meetings this term have explored skills ranging from shooting rifles and learning how medieval people used medicine to building catapults and bridges from wooden poles and rope.

Halloween Escape

Our Young Leaders, Eleanor, Talulah, Leyla and Eva put together an absolutely fantastic zombie escape room. Many thanks for the dedication and hard work they put into Scouting!

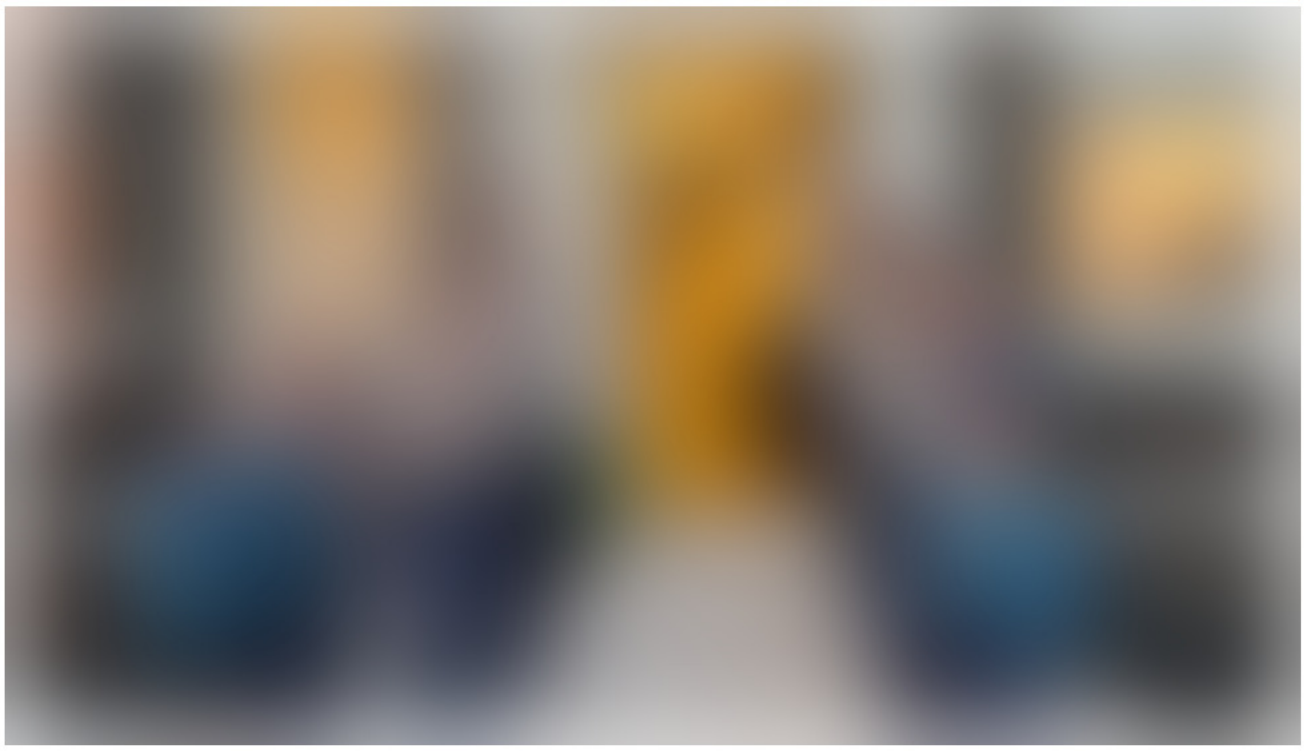




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Scouting and Beyond Campfire Singalong

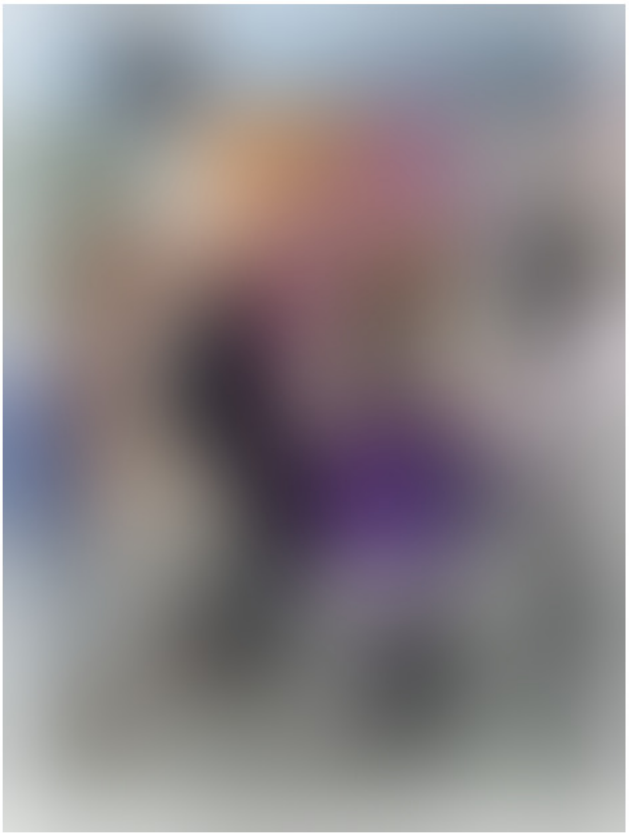
In Support of Hillingdon Brain Tumour Society

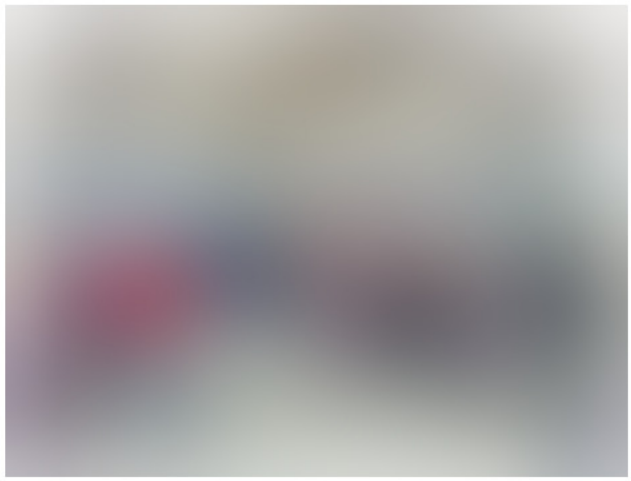
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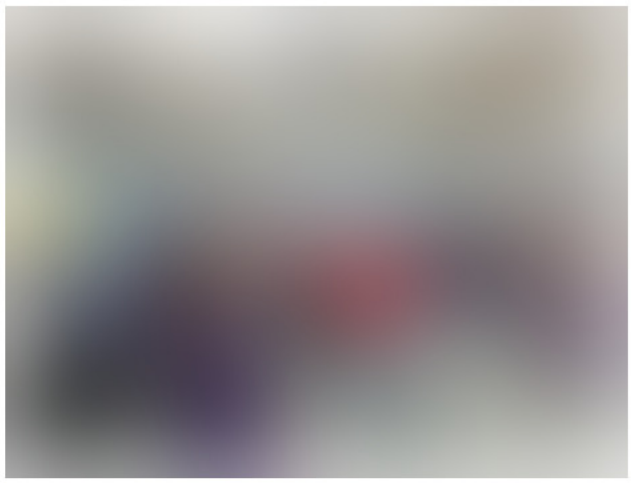
Following the success of our previous campfire singalong in support of the **Hillingdon Brain Tumour Society**, we went one better this time by welcoming the local **Watford Pump House Morris Dancers** to our headquarters.

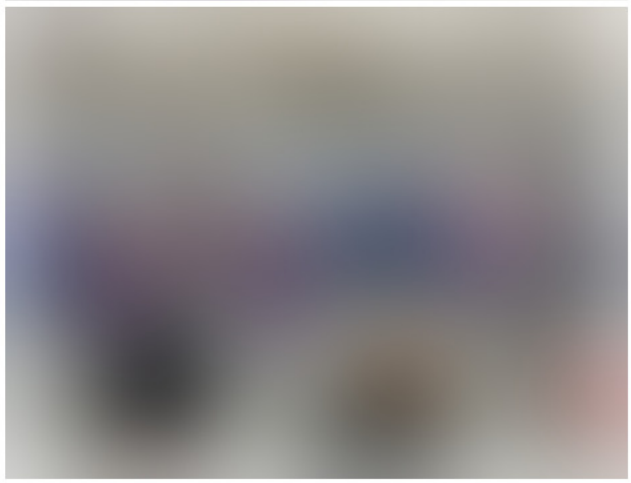
Everyone joined in with the dancing and sang sea shanties with the troupe.

Our Young Leaders joined the dancing while preparing delicious s'mores. When Storm Austen arrived, we moved into the kitchen and served pizzas instead of using the outdoor pizza oven.









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The Trustee Diaries

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Axe Throwing and BBQs

We've purchased some axe-throwing sets for the Beavers. I promise it's not as frightening as it sounds!

They had a great time using them at the sleepover.

We also purchased a new barbecue during the summer thanks to a very generous donation from one of the Beaver parents!

Subs and Finances

A reminder to all parents to **pay subs** for the term. We're halfway through and there are some still outstanding!

Also a reminder to add an **appropriate reference code** or description when **paying for activities** so that we can keep track of our budget.

On a positive note, we came third in the recent **Waitrose charity boxes** and were **awarded £500**. Thanks to everyone who voted for us!

Our Christmas Events

We invite you to our Christmas Fair which will be taking place on Saturday 5th December.

We are **looking for volunteers to help organise and run** the day so please reach out if you can spare the time.

It's great fun and an opportunity to raise money for our group.

We also need volunteers to help out with the **Ruislip Manor Christmas Lights Switch-On**.

If you are **interested in becoming part of a sub-group of helpers** for fundraising events please **get in touch!**

Become Our Treasurer!

As Group President and Trustee I would like to advertise a **vacant position** in our team. After many years of service I will be stepping down from my role as Treasurer. **Please reach out to me if you are interested!**

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Behind The Scenes

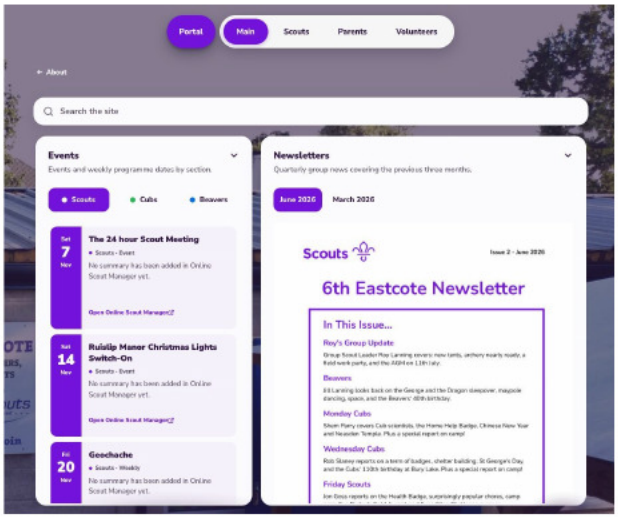
The New 6th Eastcote Website

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Introduction

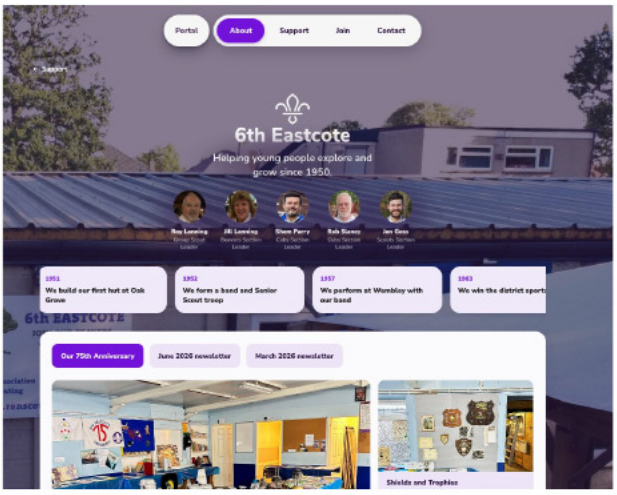
We've been hard at work putting together a sleek, modern website for our group. Visit it at 6th-eastcote.org.uk.

Below is a user guide so you can see everything you can use it for!



About

Use this page to find out a little bit about our history, who runs each section and what we've been up to.

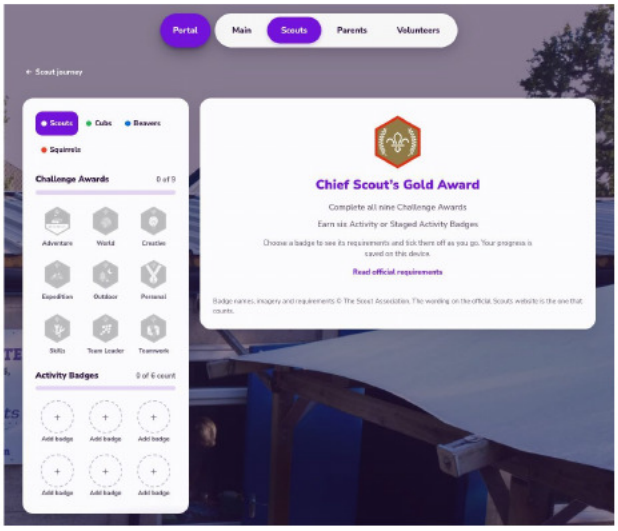


Portal

Most useful for existing parents and Scouts! This is where you can view upcoming events and access tools and guides for anything from preparing your child for camp to meeting badge requirements.

Going for Gold!

We've ported over our Gold Award tracker and expanded it to Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels so all our young people and their parents can aim high.

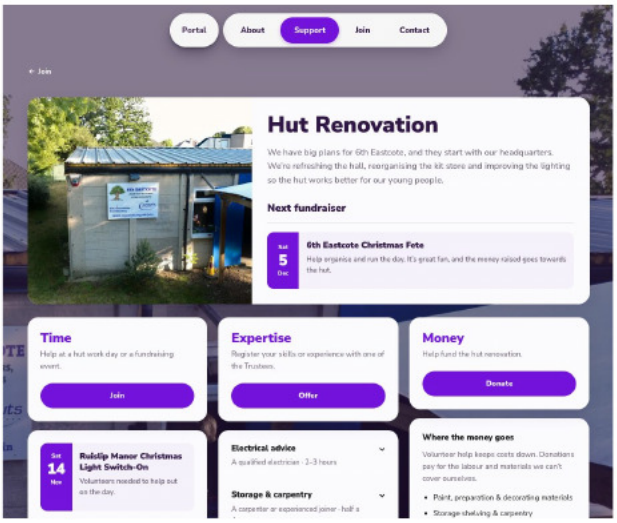


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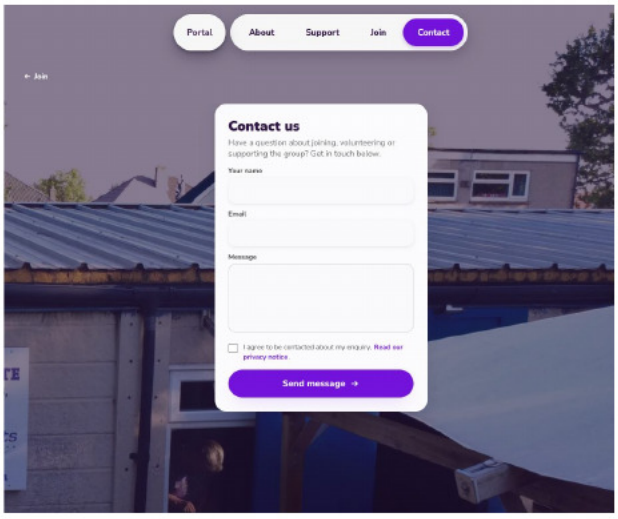
Support

This is where you can see our fundraising goals, events and ways you can help.



Contact

Use this to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions!



Join

Contains information on all of the sections and lets you register interest in each one.

