

# Group Newsletter

## April 2026

Our Summer Term has begun and we're looking forward to getting outdoors and having plenty of fun and adventures! We're delighted to share details of FOUR events already planned for this term and our team are busy behind the scenes working on even more fun and adventures for you all! Before we get into the adventures over the Summer term, here is a reminder of what we got up to in March!

**March**

We started March with a St David's Day themed evening, learning about Wales and making lots of Daffodil crafts



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts completed their Money Skills badge during the second Friday of March

Whilst the older sections were learning to manage their money, the Squirrels were over at the Church taking part in their Circus Themed sleepover. They took part in circus themed games, crafts and activities before settling down to watch a film and listen to a story before bed.



We celebrated British Science Week with lots of experiments. Squirrels, Beavers & Cubs took part in lots of Messy Science and Scouts learned about circuits and made self propelled cars.



Some of our members attended St Michael's Church for the Mothering Sunday Parade Service before we held our first Mother's Day event. Mums were treated to an afternoon tea whilst youngsters were able to make a card & gift for their mum.



We celebrated the Spring Equinox by continuing to work on our Generation Green Community projects.

Beavers and Cubs became Castaways at Spite Winter for their Spring Camp, learning survival skills.

[Check out our Camp video](#)



We ended the term with Brimington's Got Talent & presenting Awards. It was wonderful to welcome everyone and see the Church full of parents supporting our Group. [Check out the video](#) highlights



Finally, we rounded off March by joining hundred of Beavers & Cubs from across the Country for a special Scouting Takeover at the National Space Centre. [Check out what we got up to](#)

# Updates and **REMINDERS!**

## **Subs**

Our Subs are £20 per half term and are paid through OSM. Subs deadlines for the Summer Term are:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Please ensure your child's subs are paid on or before these dates – please do let us know if you are having any difficulties paying your child's subs. More information about Subs or other payments to the Scout Group can be found in our Group information pack

## **Gift Aid**

We work hard to keep our subs as low as possible and charge only what we need to cover rent, insurance and essential running costs. All of our activities on a Friday night are funded by fundraising and Gift Aid.

Gift aid adds an additional £5 to every subs payment at no additional cost to you. We have sent Gift Aid declarations to all members who have not yet signed up or opted out. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider completing this to allow us to claim gift aid on your child's subs. If you wish to opt out of Gift Aid, please do use the link in the email to opt out as this will then mean we stop sending the declarations.

If you previously opted out, but are now in a position where we can claim gift aid, please also let us know and we will send the declaration.

Thanks in advance for supporting us in providing fun and adventurous activities

## **OSM Invites**

We have also sent four event invites out along with this newsletter & the Gift Aid declarations – apologies, we are aware that means many of you are waking up to lots of emails!

Please could you ensure you do respond to all OSM invites, even if your child will not be attending the event, as this stops the automatic reminders and helps us plan the event as we are not waiting for your reply.

## **Starts & ends of Meetings**

The Group now has over 70 members and with changeovers involving up to 48 youngsters at a time, starts & ends of meetings do get very busy. Please can parents support by:

- Ensuring they do not come into the hall earlier than 5 minutes before the section meeting time
- Using the correct side of the waiting area for their child's section
- Remaining with their child until the meeting begins
- Waiting for a volunteer to dismiss their child from the waiting area at the end of meetings so we can ensure all children leave with the correct adult.

# Updates and **REMINDERS!**

## **Summer Uniform**

As we move into the Summer term and (hopefully) warmer weather, we understand that Jumpers and Hoodies may not be ideal. However, we are a uniformed organisation and therefore, we do expect uniform to be worn and have Summer alternatives.

Youngsters may choose to wear any PLAIN t-shirt or polo shirt in their section colours instead of their jumper / hoodies during the warmer months. We also have the option of Group T-shirts or official Scouting uniform T-shirts. Neckers should be worn each week, along with sensible trousers / shorts and shoes.

Vest tops, skirts, hot pants or revealing clothing is not appropriate wear for Scouting activities so should not be worn. Equally, sandals or flip flops are not suitable footwear for outdoor activities.

During the lighter nights, many of our activities will be outdoors so we also recommend a hat, waterproof jacket and suncream as part of youngster's regular Scouting kit.

## **Group T-Shirts**

All members have the option of wearing a Group T-Shirt to meetings and events as part of their uniform. We have a new supplier for these so moving forwards, the cost for Youth T-Shirts will be £4 and Adult T-Shirts are £5.

Scouts, Adults & Yls also have the option of wearing a Group Hoodie, the cost of these is £14.



We will be placing a new T-Shirt & Hoodie order soon – please can you email [brimingtonscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brimingtonscoutgroup@gmail.com) with details of Section & Size to order a T-Shirt. Yls & Adults ordering hoodies should specify the colour.

## **Waiting List / Spaces**

We currently have spaces in the Scout Troop for youngsters aged 10 – 14 to start straight away. Please do let any friends / family who may be interested know as we do need to increase our Scout numbers to keep this section viable.

We recently increased our maximum section sizes in order to try remove the bottle neck between sections and shorten our waiting list. However, we do still have a waiting list to join. The only way to join the Scout Group is through the waiting list so we do advise parents to add their child's name to this as soon as possible.

Parents can add their child's name directly to our waiting list using this link:

<https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/34th-chesterfield-waiting-list/672c1d01-7a71-45e3-9680-73a457c4469c/apply>



# Volunteer Teams Update

## Introducing our Volunteer Teams!

Scout Groups are organised into teams overseen by the Group Lead Volunteer – as there have been a number of changes in our volunteers recently, I have included a summary of whos who and how our Group is structured for your information.

### Lead Volunteers

**Group Lead Volunteer – Rach,**

**Deputy – Vacant, Group Chair – Vacant, Treasurer – Antonia**

### Support Team Leaders

**TL: Group Chair – Vacant**

Treasurer – Antonia

Administrator – Sarah

QuarterMaster – Carl

**Fundraising – Vacant**

**Tuck Shop – Vacant**

**Communication – Vacant**

### Trustees

**TL: Group Chair – Vacant**

GLV – Rach

Treasurer – Antonia

Administrator – Sarah

Section Rep – Hannah H

**Section Rep – Vacant**

Community Rep – Peter

Community Rep – Hannah B

**Church Rep – Vacant**

**Parent Rep – Vacant**

**Parent Rep – Vacant**

### Section Team Leaders

**TL: GLV – Rach**

Squirrels TL – Vicki

Squirrels Deputy – Zoe

Beavers TL – Catherine

Beavers Deputy – Liz

Cubs TL – Hannah

Cubs Deputy – Carl

**Scouts TL – Rach**

YL Rep – Kane

### Quarter Master Team

**TL: Carl**

**Team Member: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

Young Leader: Kane

### Squirrel Team

**TL: Vicki**

Deputy – Zoe

Team Member: Linzi

Team Member: Phil

Team Member: Jason

**Team Member: Vacant**

Young Leader: Jaymie

Young Leader: Abi

**Young Leader: Vacant**

**Young Leader: Vacant**

### Beaver Team

**TL: Catherine**

Deputy – Liz

Team Member: Jason

Team Member: Charley

Team Member: Courtney

**Team Member: Vacant**

Young Leader: Alex

Young Leader: Elizabeth

Young Leader: Kane

Young Leader: Eli

### Fundraising Team

**TL: Vacant**

**Tuck Shop Lead: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

### Communications Team

**TL: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

YL (Mascot FB): Kane

### Cub Team

**TL: Hannah**

Deputy – Carl

**Team Member: Vacant**

**Team Member: Vacant**

Young Leader: John

Young Leader: Jake

Young Leader: Lucas

### Scout Team

**TL: Rach**

Deputy – Carl

Team Member: Hannah

Team Member: Zoe

Team Member: Cathering

Young Leader: Kane

Young Leader: Lucas

### Young Leaders

**TL: Kane**

Jaymie, Abi, Elizabeth, Alex, Eli, Jake, John, Lucas

# Volunteer WITH US



Join our amazing team and help young people learn, grow and have fun every week!

## SECTION TEAMS – working directly with our members on a Friday evening



### Squirrel Team Members (14+)

Our Squirrel Team work with our youngest members, planning & running weekly meetings for youngsters aged 4–6 years.



### Beaver Team Members (14+)

Our Beaver Team work together to plan and run weekly meetings for our Beavers aged 6–8 years.



### Cub Team Members (18+)

Our Cub Team needs more adults to plan and run meetings for our 8 – 10 year old Cubs.

## SUPPORT TEAMS – working behind the scenes to support the Group



### Fundraising Team Leader (18+)

Leading a team to plan and organise fundraising throughout the year.



### Fundraising Team Members (14+)

Working as part of a team to plan and organise fundraising events & activities throughout the year.



### Tuck Shop Manager (18+)

Keeping our tuck shop fully stocked and coordinating a team of YLs to run the tuck shop at various events.



### Communications Team Leader (18+)

Leading a team working on our Social Media, Website, posters and newsletters.



### Trustees (18+)

Supporting the governance of the Scout Group, ensuring the Group is operating safely and is financially secure.



### QM Team Members (14+)

Supporting our QM to ensure the Group has the equipment it needs and equipment is well maintained & stored correctly.



Make a difference. Have fun. Join our team!

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# Summer Term Calendar – April & May



## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Thinking of Others

Squirrels will be thinking about being kind & helpful, Beavers will be learning to be good friends, Cubs will be thinking of others before themselves and Scouts will be thinking of others worldwide



## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – St George's Day

We will be learning about St George, his link to Scouting and making some Dragons. Our new starters will learn all about the Scout Promise whilst our members will be renewing their promise



## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Star Wars Day

We will be celebrating Star Wars Day with fun games and activities based on the Star Wars film series.



## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Brilliant Builders

We will be designing and building using a range of tools and resources.



## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – White Post Farm Sleepover

Squirrels & Beavers are invited to join us at White Post Farm for a sleepover and full day of activities at the farm. Invites for this event have been sent via OSM.



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – World Bee Day

We will be celebrating world bee day and continuing their work on the Generation Green Community Impact projects started in the Spring Term



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Poo Night (Squirrels & Beavers)

As many of our team will be at or dropping children off at Spring Bank Camp, Squirrels and Beavers will meet together from 5.30pm – 6.30pm for a fun messy poo themed night!



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – No Cub or Scout Meeting

As many of our team will be at or dropping children off at Spring Bank Camp, there will be no meeting for Cubs or Scouts on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Camp

Cubs and Scouts will be at Spring Bank Camp at Drum Hill. We do have one place available for this – please speak to Rach ASAP if you are interested



## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term, No Meetings

There will be no Section meetings during half term

# Summer Term Calendar – June & July



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – World Ocean Day

We will be celebrating World Ocean Day with under the sea and water themed activities.



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Bike / Scooter Skills

We will be learning how to keep safe on our bikes / scooters, how to look after our bikes / scooters & of course, having a go at some bike & scooter skills. Please bring your bike / scooter & a helmet along



## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – International Picnic Day

We will be celebrating International Picnic Day with picnics and outdoor cooking skills.



## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Top of the Pops

Dads, Grandads, uncles & male role models are invited to join us for our Father's Day event full of teamwork, fun, games & a bit of healthy competition! Details have been shared via OSM invite.



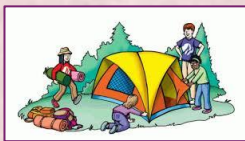
## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Hikes Away

We'll be packing our bags, lacing up our walking boots and setting off on an evening hike.



## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Kayaking

Members aged 6 – 11 are invited to join us for an evening kayaking on Chesterfield Canal – details of this event have been shared via OSM invite.



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Camp Craft

We will be learning and practising some essential camping skills, including setting up camp, cooking at camp and caring for camp kit



## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

All Sections will be planning and organising their own Sports Day event.



## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Celebration & AGM

All members, friends, family and supporters are invited to join us for our end of term celebration & AGM. This event will run at different times to usual section meetings



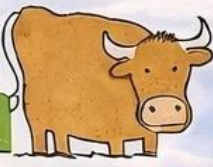
## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Walesby Forest Summer Camp

Our Summer Activity Camp for the whole Group will take place at Walesby Forest – check your OSM invite for details of this event

# 2026 Summer Holiday Programme begins



**Scouts**  
Chesterfield

white  
post  
farm   
family-size fun!



**Squirrel and  
Beaver** 

White Post Farm  
**SLEEPOVER**

Saturday 9th May 5.30pm - Sunday 10th May 5.30pm  
**£35 per Squirrel / Beaver**

**Saturday Evening**

Arrive after the farm has closed to the public and enjoy exclusive access to the play areas

**Sunday**

A full day tour of the farm including feeding and interacting with animals



For more details, contact your Squirrel and Beaver Leaders



# cubs SCOUTS

## SPRING BANK CAMP 2026

22ND-25TH MAY

### 1 Space Left!!!!

**Spring Bank Camp is a large-scale activity camp organised by Derbyshire Scouts at Drum Hill and is attended by thousands of Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts every year.**

The Camp is open to all Cubs, Scouts or Beavers who will be Cub age at the time of the camp. Over the weekend, youngsters have the opportunity to take part in a huge range of activities – whilst we camp as a Group, activities are run as open sessions with youngsters selecting which to take part in for themselves, giving them the opportunity to try lots of different things over the weekend.

Abseiling, Climbing, Archery, Air rifle shooting, Cross bows, Laser clay pigeon shooting, Arts & Crafts Village, Black Hole (Artificial Caving System), Inflatables, Water jousting / knockout, Circus Skills, Crazy Golf, Fencing, Go Karts (Petrol), Inflatable Assault Course, Large Assault Course, Mountain Bike Training + Skills Ride, Small Assault Course, Water Slide, Grass sledging, Trek cart races, Wipe Out "Big Red Balls", Backwards cooking, And more !

**Cubs & Scouts (& older Beavers) have already had OSM invites for this event – please respond ASAP to reserve your place!**

**All deposits are non-refundable**



# TOP of the 'POPS'!

Father's Day Special!

21st June

A fun, skills-based event where children and their dad/grown-ups take part in challenges together!

## Fun Challenges for Dads & Kids!

4 free-flow skill stations + whole group rounds – take it in turns within your family.

Work together, have fun, make memories!

TIN CAN ALLEY

AXE THROWING

ARCHERY



Win the Top of the POPS' trophy!

WINNING TEAM/FAMILY CROWNED!



We'll be providing hotdogs and a drink. If you'd like to bring along a few extra snacks or a picnic to share with family, please feel free – totally optional!



£5

PER DAD/UNCLE/GRANDAD

TO HELP COVER FOOD & RESOURCES

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING DADS' & GROWN-UPS!

Fun, inclusive and all about making memories together. See you there! ❤️

# Kayaking



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

6.30pm – 8.30pm

£6 per Participant

1 hour on the water and 1 hour of land activities



- **Youngsters must be aged 6 to 11 on Wednesday 1st July**
- **Qualified Instructors from East Scarsdale Scouts**
- In accordance with **Scout Policy Organisation and Rules:**  
<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/programme-guidance/information-for-volunteers/general-activity-guidance/paddlesport/kayaking/>
- **Wear shorts / tracksuit bottoms, T-Shirts, a light weight waterproof jacket & trainers / pumps they are happy getting wet. No jeans, wellies or hiking boots and jumpers should be avoided as they get heavy when wet.**
- **Bring a spare set of clothes and a towel.**
- **Non-swimmers can participate. Canal depth is under 1m, must complete non-swimmers section on OSM.**



*Adventure Awaits!*

# WALESBY FOREST SCOUT CAMP!

**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July**

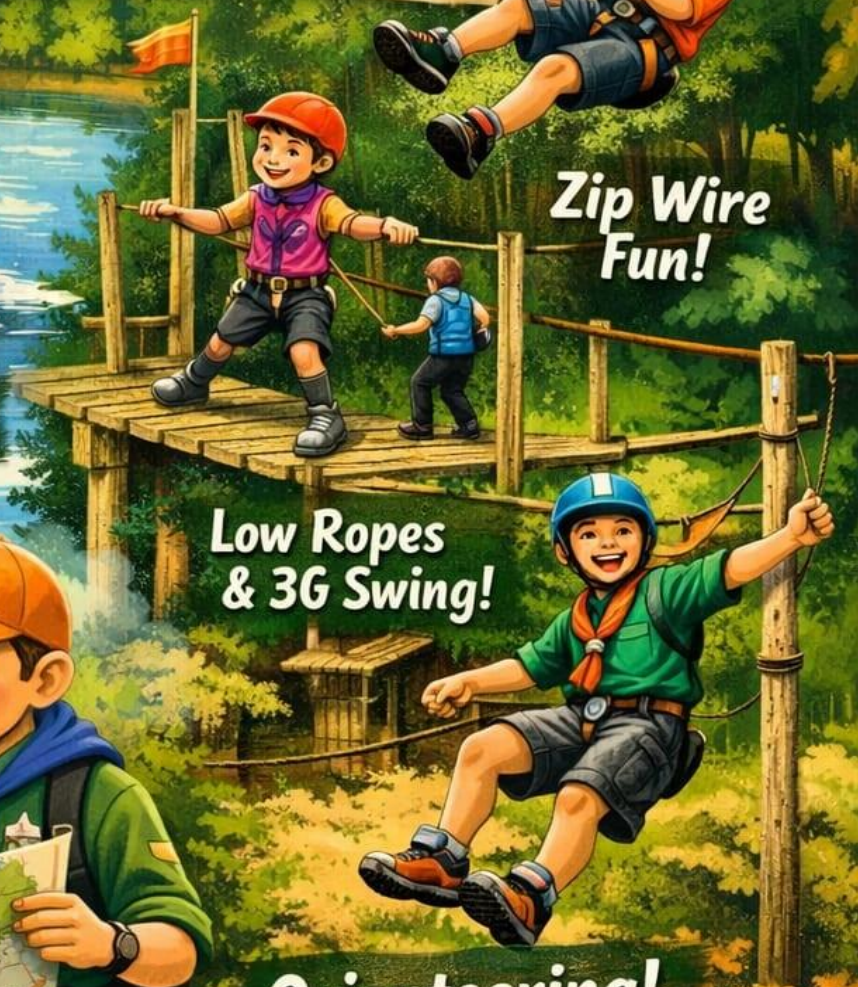
**For Squirrels, Beavers,  
Cubs & Scouts**



**Rafting & Canoeing!**



**Zip Wire  
Fun!**



**Low Ropes  
& 3G Swing!**



**Orienteering!**



**Zip Wire! • Low Ropes! • 3G Swing! • Rafting! • Orienteering!**