



# West Wirral Horn



The Newsletter of West Wirral Scouts

## JULY 2018



West Wirral Awards



Chamboree 2018



New WW Choir for  
Scout/Guide Leaders,  
Explorers and Rangers



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# From the District Commissioner

Firstly, can I apologise about us missing out a couple of issues of the Wirral Horn, it has been a busy time all round for everyone, and time's just ran away with us, but I think we are back on track now.

Since my last report we have had so much going on:

## **District AGM:**

Can I once again say a big thank you to Brian Tucker who stepped down as chair and will be greatly missed. Brian has not completely left us and we will see him at Scout Post and two of our Groups he holds close to his heart. For those that don't know Andrew Cain has accepted the role of Chair and I am looking forward to working alongside Andrew. Andrew will attend as many of the Group AGMs as he can over the coming months so you will get a chance to meet him then. Talking of AGMs, by the time you read this we will have visited 10 groups, only 6 to go and those that have not given us your date can you please do so asap, Ideally by the end of July?

Trophies this year were awarded as follows:

Beavers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Heswall
Cubs	4 <sup>th</sup> Moreton
Scouts	6 <sup>th</sup> Heswall
Explorer Young Leader	Molly Richardson / Alistair
Explorer of the Year	Zac Hayes
Young Adult Leader	Betty Wilson
Presidents' Prize	Overchurch Upton
Lions Community Award	1 <sup>st</sup> Barnston

## **Scavenger Hunt:**

It was nice to see 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby Greasby, St Andrews and 6<sup>th</sup> Heswall at the North West Scavenger Hunt and congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Heswall on achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

## Nights Away:

The nights away notifications are nice and steady ready for everyone going to camp in the summer. Can I ask you all to check Compass on you nights away permits as a few seem to have disappeared, if you have the old plastic wallet one and you're not on the system then drop me a line with a picture, if you received after then could you send an email with who are/and when you were assessed please?

## Wing Ding:

It was nice to see 3<sup>rd</sup> Heswall and 1<sup>st</sup> West Kirby out and about at Wing Wing.

As this is the last Wirral Horn before the summer please enjoy your camps and holidays and I will see you all in September.



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## An Important Note from Liam:

I'm sure you've all heard about the new GDPR Data Protection Law that came out on the 25 May 2018 in relation to storage or sharing of personal information?

Please have a look at the document below and have a read:



The new General  
Data Protect Regula

For those of you who don't receive the Wirral Horn electronically we'll also send you a copy of the above for your records.

# A Thought from Aaron

I wonder if you have ever visited one of the multi-national coffee outlets? I confess I do and quite often too. Let me explain I travel to and from Chester, either to attend meeting or meet colleagues or friends. When occasionally when out shopping and always “pop in” to a particular one of the coffee houses. Another confession I don’t like coffee so I always have a pot of tea and usually a cake!

Most people know the locations of these coffee outlets as they are usually on the high street or in an out of town shopping complex so an ideal location to meet whilst waiting I often catch up with my diary or write down some notes or quite often I need to plan some event so out comes another book to “jot down” the items I need to discuss at the meeting.

Because I often visited on different days and times I got to know most of the staff during this time although different staff work on different days, usually the only constant was the manager. We often exchanged pleasantries whilst I was waiting to be served, paying for my order or awaiting my visitor to arrive. One day the manager mentioned that they often had seen my writing whilst seated in the “shop” so I mentioned that it was an opportunity for me to “catch up” on paperwork. The manager smiled at me and mentioned that all the staff thought either, I was from “head office” or a ‘secret shopper’ because of my constant scribbles! I think they were all delighted to find out I was harmless.

I know what a ‘secret shopper’ would find if they visited your colony, pack or troop I would defiantly image the report would state “good management in place”; “well run”; “staff friendly”;” I suggest that a visit is highly desirable” “certainly a wonderful place to visit”!

"May your God grant you the knowledge, love and understanding to deliver friendship to all."

**AARON**



# Editor's Patch

Hi Everyone

Apologies for us missing the last 2 months Wirral Horn but everyone's been so busy I've not been receiving the usual updates.

Hopefully once everyone's been away on Summer Camps and are back in the swing of things in September things will get back to normal.

I've found a few interesting things for you this month that have come to me via County so I thought I'd share the information.

This will be the last Wirral Horn now before the summer so I wish you all well in your Summer ventures whether it be camps or holidays and look forward to catching up on all your news again in September.

**Please remember that the deadline for Horn submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.**

**NB: This means that for the September Wirral Horn, I will need all your reports, pics, news and any other information by the 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST please.**

**Yours in Scouting**

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Promising  
Sounds



**West Wirral's new 'Promising Sounds' choir are looking to recruit new members who love to sing!**

Our fabulous new 'Promising Sounds' choir has been open for almost two months now and we would love for you to come along and join us at our next rehearsal!

With mixed ability and experience, our choir is open to all Scout & Guide Leaders, Explorers and Rangers who are looking to sing together in harmony and have some well-deserved fun.

Our aim is to positively impact our local Scout and Guide community and once we have a good selection of songs ready for the public ear, we hope to start using our new voice to promote our District in local areas and ultimately help to fundraise for any upcoming camps and events, such as the World Jamboree in 2019!

If you feel this is something for you, check out our Facebook page for more information on our next rehearsal or pop us an email!

**All are welcome!**

**No audition required!**

Hope to see you there!

**Ceri, Nick, Emily, Colin & Lisa**

*'Promising Sounds' Committee*

## Now a little time for our Adults:



**Congratulations and well done upon receiving your recent awards as follows:**

Anthony Arnould  
Peter Ashworth  
Kenneth Coghlan  
Christine Kenyon  
Margaret 'Ann' Ledson  
Brian Magor  
Alison Sterling

Award for Merit  
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Ann Coulson

Bar to the Award for Merit

David Berry  
Robert Jarvis

Chief Scout's Commendation  
Chief Scout's Commendation



We're seeking to support Cheshire Scouts in the running of Chamboree (their popular International Scout Camp); and specifically, their Liverpool Experience event that is part of their exciting programme for the event.

Two of Cheshire's County Scout Active Support Units are organising The Liverpool Experience, bussing a minimum of 500 Scouts, plus Leaders to Liverpool City centre on Monday 30th July, Tuesday 31st July, Thursday 2nd August and Friday 3rd August. On Wednesday 1st August, a minimum of 800 Explorers will also be visiting Liverpool City Centre to take part. The Activities include visiting our two Cathedrals and the Pier Head. As they walk between the venues, the activity will be in the form of a Scavenger Hunt, with mobile devices being used to photograph selected items en-route.

The final details are currently being worked on. At the moment the organisers are looking for volunteers to help at both Cathedrals in the form of 'Welcomers'. If any members from Merseyside Scouts are able to assist us with this event, [could you please let me know by email](#) and once we have more details we will let you have them.

We're also looking to identify a couple of our members who would be willing to be the Merseyside contact person for this event, to co-ordinate with Roger Owen from Cheshire.

Thanks in advance.

Sue Taylor  
Scout Active Support Manager





**The annual Scout Experience Survey**, which replaces the many surveys we used to send, aims to find out how you, young people and parents feel about Scouting. Please encourage volunteers, parents/carers, Scouts, Explorers and Network members to [complete the survey](#).

Everyone taking part has a chance of winning £500 to spend at Scout Store or Scout Adventures. Districts that secure the most responses will be entered into a similar draw for £1,000. Although it's a busy time for young people, the survey results will help us improve Scouting's impact, recruitment, external support and decisions on spending.

**Lone working.** The Safety in Scouting Development Group has identified some risks associated with members operating on their own whilst taking part in Scouting activities or whilst working with those unknown to them. Guidance has been developed and [is available here](#)

**InTouch.** It is important to ensure that there are appropriate communication systems in place throughout all Scouting activities, allowing leaders to contact parents/carers and parents/carers to contact leaders. This is done through having an InTouch system in place, a system designed to be flexible and suit the needs of your activity, from a section meeting through to summer camp and trips aboard. Full information [can be found here](#).

# BEAVERS



On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the Beaver section

attended the St George's Day walk to Little Eye,

where all sections renewed their



Promise and we Invested new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



Everyone then walked



back to the beach in West Kirby and

we had a giant Sandcastle competition. This was enjoyed by all who attended.

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the weekend of the 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> May held a Beaver camp at 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout HQ. Colonies that attended were 3<sup>rd</sup> Heswall, 7<sup>th</sup>

Moreton,



St Andrew's and 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston. The theme for the camp was Health and Fitness.

The Beavers took part in different agility games, designed a poster promoting healthy eating and pointing out foods that are not so good for you.



Additionally they made their own pizza, had a walk, a treasure hunt and also sang camp fire songs.

On the Sunday we had our first ever of War and

was won by 3<sup>rd</sup> Heswall. We had a from Jane Leadbetter the new ACC Beavers.



held Tug this visit



The weather was kind to us and the Beavers had a great camp.

Jayne Oliver – ADC Beavers

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# Camping Time!



Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton who won the **Cub Pack of the year** at the District AGM. It was as always, a difficult choice as all our packs have been busy and active during the last year.

The sun was shining and a fantastic day was had by all. Despite the late change of travel providers Carvers Coaches managed to get all the Cubs collected and delivered safely to **Chester Zoo** (and more importantly got them all home again)



**District Camp.....21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September QCW** – We had a good meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May and details have been circulated to those attending.

At the leaders meeting this month it was decided that the **District Outing** on October 20<sup>th</sup> should take the form of a **District Hike**. We have done this successfully many times in the past and I'm really looking forward to it being reintroduced. The location will be either Chirk or Wrexham and the only costs involved should be the transport.

**CIN Splash Party** – Likely to be 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Carol Service** – **NEW DATE** set for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Michaels, Pensby.

**Bowling** – Date set for 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Our Cubs** have been enjoying a wide variety of trips and activities and I've been lucky enough to enjoy a few of them as I've been getting around the packs. Please keep me informed of what you are up to and I'll do my best to call in say hello and offer help and support. Wishing you all happy and safe camps!

Andy Longstaff

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# SCOUTS

No report from the Scout Section this month but I can tell you a little about what they've been up to:

## **First Aid Training:**

18 more Young Leaders completed their First Aid Training on Saturday 30 June.

Well done to everyone for attending on such a hot day and to the trainers Steve, Jo and Rachel for delivering the course.

## **West Wirral Backwoods Cook Off:**

This year 9 teams took part in the Backwoods Cook off on 24 June.



## **Thanks to the incredible work you're doing, County have been shortlisted for the UK's largest diversity awards**

Merseyside Scouts, which has over 10,000 members and serves 146 diverse communities across Merseyside, has been shortlisted for the Community Organisation Award for Age at the National Diversity Awards 2018.

A total of 24,584 people nominated this year alone and the results are finally in for the National Diversity Awards (NDA), with an astonishing 124 nominees being recognised for their various achievements nationwide.

Community organisations and role models from across the UK will head to the breath taking Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 14th September to witness the countries 2018 winners being crowned the best of British diversity.

Amongst those being honoured are freedom fighters, domestic violence campaigners and trans rights activists, all of whom work tirelessly to combat injustice and discrimination in very different ways.

Peter Oliver, the County Commissioner of Merseyside Scouts, said "as one of Merseyside's leading youth charities with 8000 young people and over 2500 adult volunteers, we're delighted that the work of our young people and adult volunteers is being recognised in this way.

Scouts is open to all; across divided communities, we create greater social cohesion. Scouts brings people together; we offer shared experiences and a place to meet those of different backgrounds, promoting mutual understanding and building of friendships. In a time of uncertainty, we are preparing young

people to be happy, resilient citizens and we help young people to develop the values, self-belief and belief in others that will help them become confident, active citizens. We offer a place to belong and skills for life to succeed.”

Johnson & Johnson have recently been announced as headline sponsors of the pioneering awards that have paid tribute to over 700 grass root charities and diversity champions since its inception. Joining the likes of the Army, Direct Line Group and Nielsen, Johnson & Johnson are listed amongst a host of companies showcasing their support to recognising diverse talent. Designed to highlight the country's most inspirational and selfless people, the NDA's continue to gain endorsements from high profile figures such as Stephen Fry, Sir Lenny Henry CBE and Graham Norton.

Radio 2 presenter and Scissor Sister favourite Ana Matronic will host this year's ceremony alongside television presenter Brian Dowling. Reflecting on the forthcoming celebrations, Ana said “I'm delighted to be hosting the 2018 National Diversity Awards in Liverpool for the second year in a row. Last year's event was a true celebration of diversity across every area and nothing gives me greater pleasure than being able to be a part of this prestigious event! I can't wait to meet all of the nominees and winners! Liverpool, I'll see you in September”.

Paul Sesay, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Awards added “An overwhelming amount of nominations and votes were received this year, and I know our judging panel had an incredibly difficult task of whittling down the nominees to create an outstanding shortlist. So many heartfelt testimonies really showcased how these people and organisations are having a profound impact on the lives of others, and I applaud them for their dedication to each specific cause.

Congratulations to all of our shortlisted nominees, it is a privilege to recognise your bravery, resilience and courage and I am honoured to share this with the nation. I look forward to congratulating you in person in September”.

Peter Oliver  
District Commissioner



## The Old School Lodge



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for pack  
holidays**

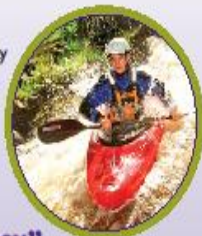
The Lodge is situated four miles from Llanberis and the foot of Snowdon. It is centrally heated and includes a fully fitted and equipped kitchen, dining room, drying room and a spacious lounge. The Lodge has an on site warden and can accommodate up to 38 persons. All rooms have full ensuite bathrooms.

### Some of the activities within easy reach of the centre

There are activities such as walking / climbing. An indoor climbing wall is also nearby. Sailing and canoeing or, for the more adventurous, white water canoeing and rafting on the Treverryn at Bala.

#### Also nearby are:

- The Electric Mountain
- Llanberis Slate Museum
- Snowdon Mountain Railway
- The Greenwood Centre
- Cwm Derwen Woodland Centre
- Caernarfon Air World
- Anglesey Sea Zoo
- Caernarfon Castle



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## **The lucky winners for the June Activity Centre**

### **Number Club Draw are as follows:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Billy Pugh	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joyce MacLeod
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Pownall	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Head

### **Congratulations 😊**

If you don't have any numbers yet for the Activity Centre Monthly Draw then please contact:

Christine Kenyon: Tel: 0151 677 1820

or Email: [christine.kenyon@talktalk.net](mailto:christine.kenyon@talktalk.net)

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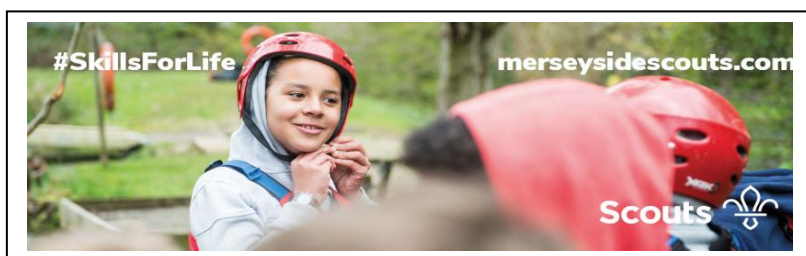
### **ANYONE FOR ARCHERY?**

Archery is now available for Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Network within West Wirral Scout District.

We are able to run sessions for up to a maximum of 12 per instructor and are available from just £20 per session (either run as part of an evening or on a Saturday) and can be part of your weekly evening programme or as an activity as part of your camp.

Sessions can be run indoors or outdoors\* at various locations around the district and we will come and assess your HQ at time of booking.

For further details and bookings contact either Ritchie Thornley or Mark Mackay by email at: [westwirral.archery@gmail.com](mailto:westwirral.archery@gmail.com)



Would you like some support to help our young people learn about Cycle Safety?

Making cycling  
viable, safer  
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RIGHT!**<sup>®</sup>  
- Cycle for Life -

**MerseyTravel have connected us with an organisation called BikeRight, who are able to deliver cycling training to some of our young people, and it's fully funded, until the end of August - they're even able to provide bikes and helmets for the training.**

The training is Bikeability Level 3, the Department for Transport approved National Standard for Cycle Training and follows on from Level 2 training undertaken by most pupils whilst at primary school (it is not essential that Level 2 has been completed previously as this is recapped during the session). Level 3 progresses to more advanced road situations and equips young people with on road cycling skills to support making journeys further afield, such as to school and on trips with friends, and to make those journeys safer.

The aim of this training is to improve a child's confidence and safety on a bike by improving their cycling skills and ability to make safe judgements in a variety of situations. Young people take part in one 2.5 hour session, delivered by fully qualified and DfT accredited National Standard Instructors to develop this lifelong skill.

Young people may have done Level 2 training at primary school, in which case this more advanced course is ideal for young people to take their cycling to the next level. Even if they haven't completed Level 2 previously, don't worry, as long as they can ride a bike confidently you can still take part too.

Bikeability Level 3 training improves cycling skills and helps develop techniques for tackling urban streets, giving them the freedom to ride where they want, when they want, with confidence.

During the 2.5 hour Bikeability Level 3 course young people will learn the skills to tackle more challenging roads and traffic situations than those you may have experienced before.

Level 3 training is suitable for young people at secondary school and adults, and covers dealing with hazards, making 'on-the-move' risk assessments and planning routes for safer cycling.

Once completed, Bikeability Level 3 and been awarded a green certificate, young people will be able to cycle almost anywhere, and:

- Use complex junctions and road features such as roundabouts, multi-lane roads and traffic lights
- Understand driver blind spots
- Know how (and when) to pass queuing traffic
- Identify and react to hazardous road surfaces
- Plan a route be prepared for a journey

Bikeability helps young people stay safe on the road:

Although cycling is already a relatively safe mode of transport, it is 10 to 15 year olds who have been identified as the most at risk age group when cycling on the road. Bikeability Level 3 training addresses the most common causes of accidents amongst this age group, such as negotiating junctions and joining the traffic from the pavement, and more, teaching pupils to assess risks and make judgements on the go, and so considerably increasing their safety while riding.

Bikeability scheme allows young people to develop a lifelong skill:

- Increasing confidence and knowledge on and around roads, whether as cyclists, pedestrians or even in the future as drivers
- Encouraging greater independence to make journeys further afield
- Encouraging them to cycle more and cycle more safely,
- Also there are the obvious benefits of keeping fit, saving money, enjoying freedom of their own transport.

If you would like more information, or would like to arrange a session, please contact BikeRight directly:

**Alexandra Swan, Co-Ordinator**

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Website: [www.bikeright.co.uk](http://www.bikeright.co.uk)







# BEAVERS



# CUBS

Do you need ?

Badges ? Programme Resources ?

Group Name Tags ?, Outdoor Equipment ?

Uniform ?, Outdoor Clothing ?

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Tents? Leaders Clothing ?

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Alan Bennett

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# SCOUTS



# EXPLORERS



## Can You Afford not to use the West Wirral Scout Shop for your Clothing?

	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorer		Adult	
	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop
Uniform Top L/S					£20.00	£14.66			£24.00	£17.60
Uniform Top S/S									£23.00	£16.80
Activity Polo Shirts	£12.50	£9.16	£13.50	£9.90					£18.00	£13.20
Activity Tee Shirts										
Sweatshirt	£14.00	£10.26	£14.50	£10.63						
Hoodie	£22.00	£19.36	£22.00	£19.36					£30.00	£28.80
Trousers	£18.00	£13.20	£18.00	£13.20	£29.00	£21.26	£29.00	£21.26	£29.00	£21.26

Please make cheques payable to "West Wirral District Scout Council Badge Account" and send to the address below. If you pass the cheques direct to Roy Kenyon (or pay by BACS) please let me know you have done so via email: [alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk](mailto:alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk)

Alan Bennett  
Badge Secretary West Wirral  
Tel No: 07920 496929

\*Please be aware that I'm often out so it's best to ring or email me first to agree a mutually agreeable time for collections etc



# ADULT SUPPORT & TRAINING



## Course Information

Below you will find details of all courses currently run by Merseyside County.

### Getting Started – (Welcome & Introduction)

This informal course is intended for all new adult members within the County and will last for half a day. The course is an enhanced getting started that will seek to offer an exciting introduction to new adults and springboard both their membership to the movement and their training needs.

#### 2018 Courses:

15th September [E Book Now](#)

17th November [E Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Provisional Appointment

**Duration:** Half day

## Section Essentials

This full day course is intended for all new Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout or Explorer Scout Leaders; or leaders who are moving between Sections. The course offers essential information on being a member of a Section Leadership Team as well as essential Section specific training.

3rd November  **Book Now**

**Duration:** One Day

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started

## Introduction to Residential Experiences

This one-day course is a necessary requirement for all leaders.

7th October  **Book Now**

**Duration:** One Day

**Pre-requisite(s):**

**Getting Started** & ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials

Further details concerning this year's courses can be found by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.merseysidescouts.com/adult-support/course-information>

**Please note that bookings for courses will only be "live" on Eventbrite 3 months prior to the course date.**

## DISTRICT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



### **September:**

21-23 Cubs District Camp, Queen Charlotte Wood

28-30 Scouts Geoffrey Beavan Challenge

### **October:**

20 Cubs District Hike

### **November:**

17 Cubs CIN Splash Party

### **December:**

06 Cubs Carol Service, St Michaels, Pensby

13 Cubs Bowling Competition

Diary's looking a little thin on the ground! If anyone's got any Beaver/Cub/Scout dates coming up can you please let me know so I can include in the next edition.

Many thanks, Janet