

# Scouts Wyre Forest District Newsletter

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This month's newsletter contains loads of exciting opportunities and events held by our awesome volunteers, running our sections week in, week out. Thank you to all those who provided a submission.

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## Rhydd Colour Run 2024

On Sunday 27th October over 100 Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers took part in a very colourful Rhydd Run. The Squirrels and Beavers completed 1.5km with the cubs completing 3km and the scouts and explorers 4.5km. A great time was had by all joining in with a festival of colour including the warmup dance party. A big well done to all who took part. Look out for details of the next Rhydd Run which will hopefully be a glow run in 2026.

A massive thank you to Mark Atkinson for organising the event, and all volunteers who made the event possible.



## Safety and Safeguarding

Training is available by County Safety Advisor, Paul Howard.

11.11.24 Hazard Spotting, 360 Degrees and Communication

12.12.24 Risk Assessment and Critical Incident Plans

14.01.25 Risk Assessment 101

All at Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club, Worcester. Sign up on the County Website.



## Cubs District Badge Day

Cubs had a great district badge day event where 100 cubs joined together to work on different badges. We also carved pumpkins and took part in some Halloween activities before ending with a campfire.





*It's almost that time of year again....*

WF1's ever-popular Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto returns.

Now in its 13th year, we offer some fun Christmas themed games, tombola, raffle (with some amazing prizes up for grabs), homemade cake, jams and chutneys, and much much more....

And not to forget, Santa in his grotto. Just £4 per child, including a present (adults go free).

Plus, enjoy some Christmas themed crafts in our Elf's Workshop while you wait to see Santa.

No booking is required. Just turn up on the day.

Come and join us on Saturday, 30th November, 11am to 3pm with the raffle being drawn at 2:30pm.





## It's that time of year again.....

Santa Claus is coming to town (and to our Scout Hut).

On Saturday 30th November we will be holding our ever popular Christmas Fayre, and Santa will be there in his Grotto.

- Cake Stall
- Elf's Christmas Craft
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Games

£4 per child to see Santa (Includes a present )      And much much more!

**11am to 3pm**  
**At The Scout Hut,**  
**152 Hoo Road,**  
**Kidderminster,**  
**DY10 1LP**



While 13 years ago, the idea behind this was to raise much needed funds for our Scout Group, we have come a long way from our initial Fayre.

We are now a firm and favourite Christmas event for people within our local community and beyond, providing a quality Santa experience at a fraction of the cost as other events. Which giving some families who may not be able to afford the larger events, can still give their children a magical Santa experience.

Which certainly for us all at WF1, is what Scouting is all about.



## Gangshow is Back!

We are looking for some enthusiastic explorers who would like to take on one of the key roles in bringing back Gang Show to the Wyre Forest.

We are looking for explorers to fill various roles including directing, production manager, choreographer, musical director and various backstage and technical roles.

There will then be an opportunity in the new year for other sections to get involved on stage.

The show will be taking place at Stourport High School on the weekend of 14th - 16th March with the show taking place at 2pm on Sunday 16th March. All groups in the district will also be invited to watch so please mark the date in your group calendars. For more information scan the QR code.



### WF4 (Wolverley)

Now I don't mean to brag, but you might be interested in Wolverley WF4's Scouts success at this year's OBE. We came first in the day bases and were awarded an impressive shield. We then came second in the Overall Challenge. I attach a photo of the Wolverley Dragons Team (Team 261) with their awards. From left to right Jaden Mitchell, Ned Harris, Ava Hawkins, Freya Evans (Team Leader), Tom Craven and Alex Howells.

Hurrah Wolverley!





## WF8 (St Johns)

This term WF8 Scouts have embarked on some amazing adventures. We are always impressed by our Scouts enthusiasm and spirit of adventure.

### Scout Take Over Day at RAF Cosford

In October WF8 Scouts enjoyed a at day at RAF Cosford as part of the Scout Take Over Day. It was a great day where scouts got to see the aircrafts up close, learn about aviation and mechanics and enjoyed a talk from a pilot. Scouts also achieved their level 1 and 2 air activities badges.

Also, a massive thank you to RAF Technician Yasmin who joined us for the day offering scouts a real-life insight into working for the RAF and answering all of the scout's questions.



### *Halloween Spooky Spectacular*

Our very talented Leader Rhys developed and directed a Murder Mystery evening where he created a unique immersive theatre experience where scouts become the characters of their very own Halloween story. On arrival the scouts were given a character and information about said characters, from then the rest was up to them (with a small bit of guidance of course)

The Heart family welcomed their esteemed guests into their Halloween party uncertain of the events that were about to unfold.

After having some time to become acquainted with each other it was time for the party to move to the dining room where everyone enjoyed some spooky Halloween food until things suddenly took a dark turn...

The lights went out, 3 bangs were heard and by the time the lights came back on someone had been mysteriously murdered. *Inspector Justin Case* arrived to decipher the clues and figure out what happened..... amongst the scandals of affairs and romances it was found that the cause of death was poison in the form of zombies blood that had been frozen into an ice cube.

Once the killer was identified the dead body had already taken a turn for the worst and became a zombie chasing everyone from the party all to the killers predetermined plan.

It was a great night and special thanks again to Rhys for all the time and hard work that went into planning this very special evening.



Special mention to WF8 Eager Beaver award winner Charlotte, who has been one of the very few to complete every beaver badge. Well done Charlotte, we are all very proud of you!

We wish Charlotte all the best as she now moves up to WF8 Cub Section. We hope you continue to work hard and enjoy your new scouting adventures.



## WF9 (Spennells)

We took our cub group WF9 to Bewdley Train Station. The wonderful Sue who volunteers there opened it for us specially. She even arranged for Bob the signal man to do a tour of the signal box.

The station runs fully on donations, so we asked all cubs to bring a donation towards our visit.

It was a fantastic visit all the cubs loved it.

Please contact Sue if you would like to arrange a visit  
- [susan.wassall@svrlive.com](mailto:susan.wassall@svrlive.com)



We also took the group to Mikey's Boxing gym. Which was a great success. We got to do a full training session using all the equipment.

Another fantastic visit we did give Mikey a donation towards the session. He also runs fitness sessions to all ages.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Mikey. 07515059873





## WF11 (Harkaway)

WF11 Explorers (Harkaway) recently organised a hill walking event to Nantmoor mountain centre in Eryri.

We took 22 explorers and leaders over a long weekend. Taking in several walks to 800 meters. Map reading and compass works while on the hills as well as all the food prep and cooking. Kudos to all explorers as the food was excellent, it did help we had an excellent chef as a leader, who came along for "the experience" thank you Darren!

We have previously used the hut for 6 summits training with WF11 and 15 both making use of the location to get the mandatory hikes in for that event. We (Wf11) will be doing six summits 2025 if anyone in Wyre Forest explorers is interested, drop me a line.

Youth Hostel style accommodation with all the amenities you would need in a fantastic setting including games room and your very own outside bathing (mountain stream) for those brave enough.

While there we also took the opportunity to invest 5 new explorers at the centre. A stunning back drop and it certainly beat being invested in the hut!

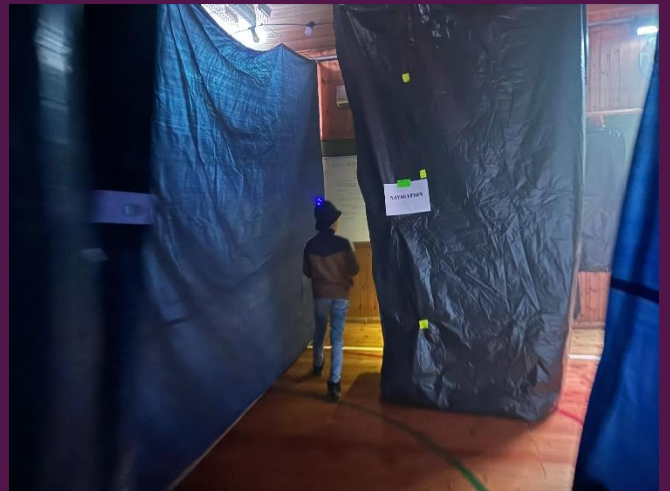




## WF16 (St Michaels)

St Mikes Scouts and Explorers had a great time playing Live Action Among Us. Mark spent his weekend transforming our scout hut into a Spaceship, fit for a whole host of murders and betrayals. It consisted of 30 tasks, a CCTV system, Sabotages and, of course, many lights!

For a walkthrough of our Spaceship please scan the QR Code.



We also had a good performance at Bald Eagle, winning the Friday Night Challenge, resulting us in receiving an amazing trophy. A massive well done to both of our teams







I thought this photo completely reflected scouting and warranted a space all to itself.

Eryri October 2024. Nantmoor mountain centre. WF11 Harkaway Explorer Scouts.

## The Chief Scout's Unsung Heroes 2024

Nominate today! Know a real Scout superstar? The Chief Scout's Unsung Heroes is back. Dwayne Fields is on the lookout for 20 amazing young people aged 4–24 who've really gone above and beyond. They'll have shown courage, kindness and truly lived our Scout values. They'll get to meet Dwayne next year and will each receive £250, kindly funded by The Vasey Foundation. You've got until 31 January 2025 to nominate.

