



Hemel Hempstead District Scouts Beaver Section Meeting

Date: 2nd January 2025

Venue: Hobbs Hill Wood School, Hemel Hempstead

Attendees

- Robert Rivers 1st Hemel Hempstead
- Eleanor Cranmer 3rd Boxmoor
- Marshall Colley 1st Apsley
- Claire Mould 2nd Hemel Hempstead
- Andrea Murphy 2nd Hemel Hempstead
- Ross Dorras 1st Bovingdon
- Nikki Farrell 1st Gadebridge
- Nathan Hopkins 1st Hemel Hempstead
- Cheryl Guppy 1st Bennetts End

Apologies

- Michelle Woodall 1st Apsley
- Nichole Lockwood 4th Hemel Hempstead

Minutes

District event calendar

- **Aim:** Establish fixed event dates for District events, such as the last Sunday of each month.
- It has been agreed that the District will host two events each year organized by the Beaver Section Leaders
 - 1st Sunday of March Badge event (indoors)
 - Last Sunday of September Outdoor event (to include Squirrels)
- These dates have been chosen to avoid conflicts with school holidays and major events organized by other sections, groups, or venues whenever possible.
- This approach enables leaders to plan their schedules effectively, secure preferred venues, and maximize young people's attendance, leading to an increased budget and more diverse activities.
- The Cubs Section Team organises an annual event in December:
 - 2025 – Panto TBC

- 2026 – Colonel Custard
- The event in September 2025 will take place at Phasels Wood. Leaders will coordinate details in the district WhatsApp chat.
- It was noted that in 2026, the Beavers Section will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Leaders agreed that one of the district events this year should commemorate this milestone.

International Badge Day

- **Event Details**
 - Date: Sunday, 29th March 2025 (in place of the 1st Sunday of March)
 - Venue: Belswains Primary School
 - Key Organizer: Nikki Farrell
 - Event Format: Two-hour session with six bases across different continents, 20 minutes per base.
- Venue Assessment:
 - A site visit has been conducted, and the school's layout suits our needs. A quiet area is available for young people who require first aid or a sensory break. However, parking on-site is a concern.
- Budget:
 - Expected Attendees: To be confirmed; estimated 50-100 participants.
 - Ticket Pricing: Typically, the charge is £6-£7 per person, which includes £1 per head to cover administrative costs.
 - Venue Charge: £90
- Resources Required:
 - People: One adult and one Young Leader per base (total of 6).
 - Materials Needed: dot markers, Feathers, Paper crowns (or similar), Glue/tape, Paper, Coloured pencils, Ingredients for making vegan sushi, Badges, Tea, coffee, and milk, First aid kits (to be provided by the leaders)

Action Items:

- **Robert Rivers**
 - Share insurance details with the venue.
 - Discuss young leader support with Nikki Davies.
 - Confirm the process for claiming back expenses.
 - Arrange letters for groups and participants (including a note on considerate parking).
- **Nikki Farrell**
 - Inform other Beaver Leaders about what support is required
 - Support with risk assessments and printing materials has been offered.

AOB

- District Beavers WhatsApp chat
 - Ross to share details of 1st Bovington Leaders to be added.
- Briefly discussed offsite venues/activities Leaders have booked for Beavers.
 - Pets at Home. This venue may not be suitable for the Beaver age range, and there is a limit of 10 young people per session,
 - Hemel Hempstead Library.
 - Two Waters Activity Centre: Leaders are unsure if water events are currently running,
 - BITs (Beavers in Tents), Well End, June '25.