



FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025

THE HERMES HERALD

ALL SECTIONS DAY – A GLIMPSE INTO THE ADVENTURE!

Yesterday was a great day, our All Sections Day was a fantastic opportunity for young people from all sections of Scouting and Guiding across West Sussex to visit the camp and experience the excitement firsthand. It's a chance to explore the activities, soak up the atmosphere, and be inspired to join in the fun at the next full camp. Whether it's your first taste of camp life or a step toward future adventures, All Sections Day is all about sharing the magic of WS Camps with everyone. One of the day visitors said, 'Our Guides loved the steam train. And 6 of our new Guides even made their Promise on it. A very unusual and memorable place. 🚂🚂🚂. Thank you so much for organising WSIJ and allowing us to attend the All Sections Day' Teresa Wilson - All Sections Day Visitor



VIP GUESTS

Yesterday we had the VIP visitors afternoon, WSIJ welcomed 70 guests, including Lady Emma Barnard (Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex), Duchess of Norfolk, Dr Tim Fooks (High Sheriff of West Sussex), Peter Lamb MP for Crawley, and Assistant Chief Constable for West Sussex Police. These were joined by local mayors, councillors, representatives from Blacklands and our two charities, which are the Springboard Project and the Mel Ford Leadership Fund. Guiding Guests included Deputy Chief Guide Sally Kettle, Region Chief Commissioner Amanda Teasel, and other Girlguiding guests from the region and the three sussex counties. Scouting guests included Steve Mitchinson, West Sussex County Administrator, Matt Pike, Acting County Lead Volunteer, Phoebe Woolard, West Sussex Scout County Youth Lead, along with other Scouting guests from the county.

The afternoon started with a short presentation from the Camp Chiefs Lisa and Rob, followed by escorted tours of the camp by our young people showing off all that WSIJ has to offer, including the charity afternoon. Once they returned to the Norfolk Pavilion, they enjoyed a cream tea before we said goodbye.

Huge thanks to all those who volunteered and escorted our guests, you really did us proud.



Dr Tim Fooks, High Sheriff of West Sussex, Deputy Mayor of Haywards Heath, Cllr Abdul Bashar and Ollie Gidman Crawley District Lead Volunteer.

CROCK O'GOLD CHALLENGE



Collect 12 Activity Challenge stamps following the information in the info grid.
If you are not sure, take your info grid to The Oracle, and they will be able to help you, and unlock the reward at the end of the rainbow!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO FIND CHESTER

Attention all campers: the hunt for Chester the Owl is almost over! As part of WSIJ, Chester — the mischievous mascot — has been hidden in different locations around the WSIJ camp grounds over the last week. Many have joined the fun, snapping selfies with Chester, but time is ticking.

The search ends tomorrow, and those who find Chester before the deadline and do not forget to let Hermes media hub know and claim your badge.

If you haven't spotted him yet, now's the time to join in — Chester could be perched anywhere from keeping Scrappy the dragon company or enjoying a hot chocolate in Ambrosia Café.

Grab your camera, keep your eyes open, and remember: Chester doesn't hoot for long!



1st Selsey Guide found him!

THE JAMBOREE SONG ECHOES AGAIN

Long after the tents are packed away and the campfires have gone cold, one thing still lingers in the hearts of campers: the Jamboree song. Whether it's hummed quietly on a walk to school, belted out in the shower, or sung with friends on a nostalgic night, the song remains a joyful echo of camp memories.

The Jamboree song isn't just a tune—it's a feeling. It carries the laughter, teamwork, and spirit of those unforgettable days at camp. Even months later, singing it brings back the smell of pine trees, the sound of crackling fires, and the sense of belonging that camp inspires.

For many, continuing to sing the Jamboree song after camp ends is a way of holding onto that spirit. It reminds us of who we were in those moments—braver, freer, more connected. And as long as the song lives on in our voices, camp never truly ends.

[Verse]

Under the stars where the campfires glow
Stories rise in whispers low
Myths and legends from times of old
West Sussex whispers tales untold

[Chorus]

From West Sussex to the world we fly
Dreams and echoes fill the sky
Scouts and Guides with hearts so bold
Carrying stories yet untold

[Verse 2]

Lanterns flicker in the midnight air
Voices weave a world so rare
Knots of friendship tightly tied
Under banners we stand with pride

[Chorus]

From West Sussex to the world we fly
Dreams and echoes fill the sky
Scouts and Guides with hearts so bold
Carrying stories yet untold

[Bridge]

Legends written in the fire's glow
Paths we follow where heroes go
Every tale a spark to hold
Together we forge myths of gold

[Chorus]

From West Sussex to the world we fly
Dreams and echoes fill the sky
Scouts and Guides with hearts so bold
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MYTHS, LEGENDS, AND LOCHY'S CAMP QUESTS!

This week, campers were treated to a surprise guest on-site – none other than Lochy, our very own Safeguarding and Welfare mascot! With a heart full of care and a mission to spread awareness, Lochy has been on an adventure-packed journey around the site, bringing light-hearted fun while championing the serious message of safety and wellbeing.

Lochy has popped up in the most unexpected places, reminding everyone about the importance of looking out for one another. Wearing their signature smile and bright colours, Lochy made sure to highlight key messages about having someone to talk to or lend a listening ear.



A LETTER TO ALL!

To All Campers

What I love most about the Girlguiding programme is how wide our freedom is to make our own choices. From one moment I'm trekking up a mountain, having the time of my life to baking in a kitchen. Our values in Girlguiding are our own values.

As Scouts and Guides we have similar origins, we both have the same goal, to improve the quality of life for the younger generations. From Beavers and Rainbows to Explorers and Rangers, we are similar in our own different ways. One is not less than the other, to be young people who are listening, equality is a human right and is not a 'joke' and is never something that should be taken away from you.

The Athena Rangers

THANK YOUS

St Johannes Scouts want to say a big thank you for the opportunity to be here with 1st Northgate Scouts! This friendship has lasted since 2001 ❤️

The volunteers who are being catered for centrally would like to say a massive thank you to the catering team. We have been very well fed and nothing is too much trouble, especially for those with dietary requirements. You are all awesome. THANK YOU 😊

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Olivia and Alfred from 1st Northgate for litter picking as a thank you for finding their lost property and returning it to them.



1st Shoreham Sea Scouts would like to thank 2nd Southwick Scout leaders for explaining which way up the Union Flag goes!!

BIRTHDAYS, PROMISES AND INVESTITURES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Molly S - 2nd Southwick Scout Troop

Keith W - Mid Sussex District Scouts

Ela S - Heart of Pennsylvania USA /

1st Lindfield Guide Unit

Roxy L - 1st & 2nd Hurstpierpoint Guides

Emilie B - 6th East Grinstead Guides

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Tendi H from 1st Roffey Guides, who made her promise in front of 'Fluffy' the dragon.



Chloe HW and Lola C from 1st Billingshurst Guides who have been awarded their Gold Guide Award.

Ruby G from 1st Easebourne Rangers made her promise at WSIJ

PHOTOBOOTH OPENING TIMES



Friday- Urban Legends
10:30-12:30 / 3-4pm

