

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stanstead Abbotts & St Margaret's Scout Group



**STANSTEAD ABBOTTS**

Our 130 girls and boys were certainly keen to get back to their Scouting after the Summer holidays to see what great programmes of fun, adventure and challenges our teams of volunteer leaders and helpers had planned for the Autumn Term.



The Scouts were straight into some serious challenges and fun at the County 'Born 2B' Challenged Scouting competition – with our all girl team winning all 3 Trophies - a fantastic achievement! Our other 3 teams in did really well too, testing their teamwork, scouting skills and creativity against teams from throughout

Hertfordshire in the woods near Welwyn. A few weeks later they were all out again hiking 10km, this time at night, through the local countryside navigating their way to challenges and bases, competing for the District's Nocturnal Competition.

Meanwhile our Beavers had a fantastic day at the huge Hertfordshire Beaver Scouts' Family Funday at Paradise Wildlife Park. With lots of animals to see, friends to make, shows and talks to enjoy, our Beavers even had time to get really close up and meet some of the animals too.



Panther Pack entered the annual Cubs Oxley Shield weekend camping competition showing some great teamwork and camp craft skills - with Fire Lighting, Tent Pitching, Map & Compass work, Pioneering and then cooking themselves a delicious chicken supper and a pudding - with a lot of 100's and 1000s!

Meanwhile, our Jaguar Pack Cubs had lots of fun showing off their clove hitches and lashings back at HQ one evening making miniature rafts.

With the number of people Scouting in Hertfordshire now up to 16,463, some of the Group are off to Hertfordshire Scouts' huge Gr8BigB@sh celebration party and funday this weekend and it seems everyone's hoping to meet Chief Scout Bear Grylls when he flies in by helicopter!