

10th TALK

November 2025

The Newsletter of 10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

Dates for your Diary – 2025/26

Wednesday 10th December	Group Leaders Meeting	7.30pm	Loft Room
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Group Website

We're very happy to announce that the Group has had its website updated and given a fresh new look. The new site has been designed with you in mind — it's packed with useful features and up-to-date content, giving you key information at your fingertips. Some of the highlights include:

- Access to our Group Shop
- The latest news from across the Group, including editions of 10th Talk
- A brand-new event calendar showing what's going on both within the Group and across the Romsey Scout District.

Our website address is www.10thromseyscouts.org.uk.

We've also launched a brand-new Facebook page, where you'll be able to see what's going on across the Group and receive the latest updates as they happen.

We'd love for you to have a look and see what we've been working on. Please do visit our website, like and follow us on Facebook, and feel free to share our page with your family and friends to help spread the word.

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Andrew Urban

Gone Home



We were sorry to hear of the death of Gordon Sennett, a former Scout Leader with the Group.

Gordon started helping the Group when his son Paul joined Cubs. He would go on to be the first Scout Leader of Sirl Scout Troop. Later he would join the District Team as ADC Scouts.

Our thoughts are with his children, Caroline and Paul, and their families.

Ian Moore
Group Lead Volunteer

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The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month Armistice Day

which marked the time and day World War One ended in 1918.

This became **Remembrance Sunday** which is held on the second Sunday in November.

Poppies are worn by millions as a symbol to remember all of the people who have given their lives for their country in war.

Thank you to all members of 10th Romsey who supported the Romsey Remembrance Service. A Grand Turn-out!

Grounds Morning

Thank you to everyone who has turned up on Sundays to keep our grounds looking neat and tidy. Hedges have been pruned and dead branches lopped. The cuttings were used to reinforce the stock hedges.

*See you all in the New Year.
Ian Moore*

Jumble Sale

After some last minute receipts on the day and a good donation from the Jumble Pixies, we have made £471 for Group funds. Further income will come from items sent to recycling sites and items sold through e-bay or at car-boot sales.

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. Well done to you all.

*Ian Moore
Group Lead Volunteer*

Subs and Gift Aid

If you haven't already done so . Please settle as soon as possible

Please consider signing up for Gift Aid if you are eligible. You can register electronically through OSM.

No personal details are needed - just a signature to say that you are a tax payer.

For those who need one, a hard copy is printed at the end of this newsletter.

Please complete and return to your Section Leader.

Likewise if your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax please speak to your Section Leader or the Group Treasurer to cancel the mandate. Once signed the mandate is applicable for as long as your child is in the Scout Group.

The lockdowns and restrictions prevented many fund-raising opportunities in the past few years. Gift Aid receipts have become even more important. If you have submitted a paper application in the past, please confirm your application in OSM.

10th Recycled Uniform shop

We have a quantity of donated pre-owned Beaver, Cub and Scout uniform on the rail in the Committee Room.

If your child is changing section or has outgrown current uniform, you might consider looking there.

Nothing has been priced but donations to funds are welcomed

District Scout Uniform Suppliers

Oasis Shop in Romsey (next to the Post Office) sells Scout uniform.

They hold a stock of uniforms for all sections including shirts, sweatshirts and activity trousers. They also hold a supply of most local Group neckers and can place orders for specific items as required.

Oasis has been an approved Scout and Guide uniform supplier for many, many years; they add very little mark-up on our items as they are happy to provide this as a service to us and the local community.

You can order by phone 01794 512194 (answer-phone always on), or by email shop@oasisromsey.co.uk

Please measure your child's chest size as you are unable to try it on. Oasis is happy to deliver or post orders

Volunteering is good for You

Adult volunteers are invited to join the leadership teams in
Section Assistants Squirrel Drey (Mondays) –Crusoe Scout Troop (Fridays)

DBS check needed. Induction videos

Contact the Group Scout Leader at gsl@10thromseyscouts.org.uk or speak to any Leader

Famous 5.

November Report.

This month we have been working inside and outside the HQ.

In the woodland area we have continued coppicing hazel and adding to the dead hedge.

We have repaired one of the field flood lights, to enable the field to continue to be used during the darker evenings.

We were asked to look at part of the flooring upstairs in the camp store. We removed some of the floorboards and discovered that there was a problem with the joists. This was repaired and the floorboards replaced.

A doorstep was made and fitted to the back door after it was damaged by the attempted break in.

We have had several requests from section leaders to do various small jobs and have willingly completed them. Happy to help when asked.

As usual these jobs have been accomplished with our trademark consumption of tea and delicious cakes.

Fivers

Squirrels

Squirrel Scout Drey

Squirrel Scout Leader

Drey Assistant and Drey Reporter

Drey team Members

Monday 5.00 - 6pm

James Wilson

Laura Pridmore

Lisa Van den Berghe

Jan Pridmore

Jonny Moles

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Sequoia Beaver Scout Colony

BeaverScout Leader
Colony Assistants

D of E Helper

Tuesday 5 .30 -6.45pm

Rowena Naile	(Hawk)
Brett Hill	(Wilbebeest)
Philippe Rocques	(Lion)
Myles Hourihan	(Panda)

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Sequoia have been doing some very varied activities over the past month - but unfortunately the rain decided to prevent our Campfire on the 4th!

The month started with a superb visit from 2 local Police Officers - Emily and Imogen. The beavers learnt about the role of a Police Officer; about the help that they give to those needing help. Appropriately the game that evening was Cops and Robbers, before each Beaver go to sit in the front seat of the Police car - hopefully they will not sit in the back in the future! The Cooks badge was worked towards on 21 Oct and everybody made a pizza - they looked amazing and most were eaten at great speed. Our Campfire had to be

postponed but we made chocolate sparklers and did Bonfire safety charades to highlight the fact it was almost Bonfire Night.

It was wonderful to invest 5 new Beavers before half term - Wilf, James, Henry, Jack and Ollie, 4 of whom had marched down from Squirrels.



Maple Beaver Scout Colony

Beaver BeaverScout Leader
Assistant Beaver Leaders and Colony Reporters
Colony Assistant

Thursday 6.00-7.15pm.

David Henderson	(Eagle)
Verity Pillinger-Cork	(Lion)
Anna Chaffey	(Dolphin)
Ross Knowles	(Badger)

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Mohican Cub Scout Pack

Cub Team Leader
Cub Team Members

Cub Team Member and Pack Reporter
Young Leader

Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm

Martyn Blake	(Baloo)
Jason Hunt	(Rama)
Andrew Urban	(Rocky)
Richard Wilmshurst	(Thuu)
Abi Tillotson	(Sahi)
Emily Goodwin	(Raksha)
Lewis Bundy	(Sona)

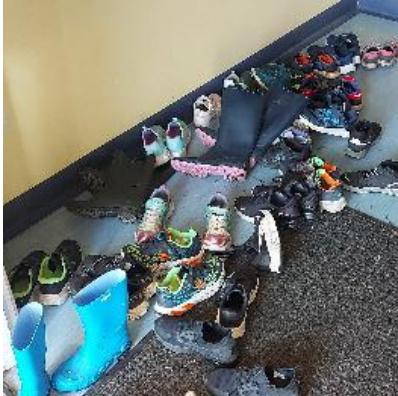
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10th Cub Sleepover 24-26 October at Sandleheath Scout HQ

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine what would happen if Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry held a selection weekend for Muggles aged 8-10, to be selected for admission into Hogwarts. The ~~Cubs~~ Muggles would first need to meet Hagrid in Diagon Alley to sort out a wand, school book and bag, before they arrive at the school for an Assembly with ~~Baleo~~ Professor Dumbledore, Mad Eye Moody and a selected group of Hogwarts Professors and invited guests. A very unusual silence descended on the group of 40 children as the Sorting Hat ceremony sorted them into their houses for the weekend and Professor McCatpurple presented each of them with their house scarf.

The following day, after a hearty breakfast of Chocolate Butterspell Buns, with Pixie Puffs and Sun-squeezed Elixir, every potential student tried out 8 different classes including Potions, Herbology, Ancient Runes, Transfiguration, Care of Magical Creatures and Charms.. They all had the very privileged opportunity to have a flying and quidditch lesson with Harry Potter and the quidditch world champion Victor Krum. There was a mini Quidditch tournament, where everybody got to play this new sport for the first time. The Quidditch tournament was won by Ravenclaw.

After dinner in the great hall, which was Charmed Chicken Sizzlers and Wand-Roasted Spuddy Wedges, with Frogwarts Treat for dessert, there was a campfire, which Hermione lit with her wand and the Incendio spell. Then exhausted from a busy day of learning and magic, everyone had a good nights sleep.



The final part of this Muggles selection weekend was to complete the Philosophers Stone Challenge, which was a series of 5 minute skills challenges the house teams had to complete to receive puzzle pieces for the final Mirror or Erised challenge. Luna Lovegood observed the Dragons Egg and the Potions Logic Challenge and Professor Quirrell was the time keeper. Throughout the weekend the Professors and former Hogwarts students awarded house points for good team work or top performance. I have never been on a sleepover where there was a steady stream of volunteers to line all the outdoor shoes up in neat rows!

All the Muggles passed the test and demonstrated they had the capacity to be a good student at Hogwarts, but after winning both the Quidditch Tournament and the Philosophers Stone Challenge, Ravenclaw were the team with the most house points at the end of the weekend. Unfortunately He Who Must Not Be Named had managed to get one of his minions to steal the prizes while we were all asleep, so these will have to be given out to the Muggles that were Ravenclaw as soon as a team of top wizards can rescue them.



We would also like to give a special thank you to our two House Elves for the weekend who worked hard in the Leaky Cauldron preparing the meals and washing up afterwards. And yes, we did give them a gift at the end of the event, can you guess what was inside?



Sioux Cub Scout Pack

Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders

Explorer Young Leaders

Friday 5.45 - 7.15pm

Ryan Orgill(Akela)	
Adrian Hargreaves	(Hathi)
Kevin Stokes	(Ziggy)
Thomas Hodge	(Bagheera)
Reuben Winkworth	(Wontolla)
Freddie O'Hara	(Mao)
Michelle Bower	(Kala)
Seb Hargreaves	(Grampus)

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*17th October – Food bank flyers and poppy woggles
Cubs were asked to design a poster in support of our food bank collection taking place later in November. We will then create a flyer using bits from the Cubs posters. Cubs also made their own poppy woggles in readiness for the Remembrance parade on the 9th November.*

*24th October – 10th Romsey Cubs Sleepover
Both Mohican and Sioux Cubs took part in a fabulous Hogwarts themed sleepover at 1st Sandl Heath Scouts HQ near Fordingbridge. A weekend full of activities and magic. Please see Professor McCatpurple's fab report for details. Thanks to all the Cubs for taking part in this busy weekend and behaving so well and a special thanks to the leaders for going the extra mile, dressing up, and putting in loads of prep. A huge thanks to the resident House Elves, Dave and Mike, who took care of all the essentials and for the almost endless supply of house elf urine for our potions classes 😊.*



SCOUTS

Sirl Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader and Troop Reporter
Assistant Scout Leaders

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It's been another fun filled and busy programme since the last update. We started with a fashion show with the Scouts designing a series of costumes entirely out of bin bags, tape and paper. The patrols chose from a few themes including 'nature', 'pop stars' and 'the Oscars'. It was a fun evening culminating with a show along a catwalk, along with some commentary that the patrols had also prepared. Following this was another entertaining evening celebrating Halloween a week early due to Half Term. The Scouts were encouraged to come in costume and many duly obliged meaning we spent the evening in the company of Shrek, some ghouls and ghosts and of course a T-Rex! The evening was full of fun games and activities prepared by Jo involving many spiders, tights, suspended biscuits, bandages and mystery boxes with unpleasant things inside! Following Half Term we enjoyed a joint bonfire evening with Crusoe Troop

Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Chris Templer
Gareth Chaffey
Emily Edgar
Jo Leming





We lit a big bonfire, played some games and then took turns to either toast marshmallows or use sparklers. Its always fun to gather together as a big group of both troops and the Scouts appreciate it too. The next time we join will be for the Christmas party - more details to follow!

We also celebrated both Samuel and Henry receiving their Chief Scout Gold Award at Crosfield Hall recently. This is a huge achievement and the first Sirl Scouts to gain the award in many, many years. We hope that many more of the

Troop will follow, with a few very close. Well done Samuel and Henry! #

Crusoe Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader
Troop Assistant
Troop Assistant

Friday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Vacant
Mark Walden
Alex Elliott
Alex Gray

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EXPLORERS

Tomahawks Explorer Scout Unit

Explorer Scout Leader
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Monday 8.00 - 9.45pm

Robin Taylor-Milton
Sam Martin

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Scout Hall - Available for hire

Child's Birthday Party? Community Group?

Main hall 15m x 9m. Field space.

[View the booking calendar on our website](#)

bookings@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

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10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

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