



November 2023

Active Support – a round up for you to share with your members and Scouting friends!

We have had a very busy year celebrating and commemorating 75 years of Active Support, and know that in your Districts you have been involved in a whole host of activities and events to support young people and adults. Well done and keep up the good work. We've enjoyed the challenge, tree planting and quiz which we organised for you and hope to do more in the future. We still have some badges available for sale – they will be at the Christmas fayre.

Hopefully by now you will have all heard something about transformation and how it affects Active Support Units. If you haven't and missed out on our last newsletter in August, please let me know and I can email it to you. You can also find out all about it at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/volunteer-experience/>

There are options too for those who wish to take a back seat in Scouting, but still be involved, and those people can become a Retired member. It enables people to remain connected by attending AGMs and special occasions, with no requirements for training or checks. You can find out all about it at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/recruiting-and-managing-volunteers/role-descriptions/retired-member/>

We would advise that if you haven't already done so that you have a chat with your District Lead Volunteer (new name for DC) and see which direction your Unit should take i.e., programme or support role, and any changes that might need to be made concerning roles, names etc. There is certainly a need for those of us who have been supporting Scouting for a long time to continue in some way or another. As a county sub team under Support, we will continue to provide support to you, organise events, hold meetings where we can share good practice, see how transformation is working etc.

	Dates for your diaries
11 th – 15 th December 2023	Cub and Beaver Christmas Parties at Lower Grange Farm. If you would like to help please get in touch with Bunty.
16 th December 2023	Christmas Fayre at Lower Grange Farm 11am – 3pm Again some help is needed please get in touch with Bunty or come along and enjoy the day!
February 2024 – will advise of the date	Meeting to discuss 2024 with those with an interest in your Units i.e. Administrator, Co-ordinator, volunteer (whatever we end up being called!).

11 th and 12 th May 2024	Adventure Days at Lower Grange Farm – let Bunty know if you would like to help out.
Ongoing	<p>If you have some time to spare and fancy being active at Lower Grange Farm – the team meet every Tuesday morning from 9am until 12/1pm to undertake all sorts of tasks from tree planting, construction, fence painting, weeding and many more. !!– you don't need any experience, just a sense of fun and a willingness to get stuck in. If you are interested please get in touch with Ken Ridgway via Bunty (Website) Colin Stubbing co-ordinates the volunteer activity team and they help out with activities for schools, scouts and other groups. So if you would like to get involved contact him at Lower Grange Farm. It's really good fun being part of the team at Lower Grange Farm and you get to do a whole host of different things, all making a difference for the young people in Kent.</p>

Our very best wishes and thanks to you all for what you do for Scouting.



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CHRISTMAS AT LOWER GRANGE FARM



NEW FOR 2023
Santa's Grotto

SATURDAY 16TH
DECEMBER 2023

11AM - 3PM

Join us at Lower Grange Farm
for a special festive event...

Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, browse the stalls and support our fundraising!

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