

Appendix 2: Hamphorne Case Study - Group 1 Brief

This brief must be read in conjunction with the census information which is provided as a separate report.

You are the Group Scout Leader of 1st Hamphorne Scout District.

About Hamphorne

- The District is centred around the old town of Hamphorne. Hamphorne is an old town that has been surrounded by the 1930's urban sprawl of London with a population of around 45,000 people and has a mixture of traditional old style and new community driven Scout Groups.
- The town has a good transport links and many of the residents commute for work.
- The district is comprised of a number of high street centres with terraced and semi-detached housing, community housing and warehouse based light industry.
- Planning restrictions on new building are tight in Hamphorne and the surrounding area, but a new large high density housing estate is going up in Lane End which is attracting an influx of younger families.
- There is also a growing Polish community in the southern side of Hamphorne.

About the Scout District

- The District has eight Groups, four within the core central area of the district and the other four are closer to the outer edge approximately NW, N, E and W of the centre.
- The District also has two Explorer Scout Units, one uses the 2nd's Headquarters and the other meets at the Headquarters of the 6th.
- The District owns a campsite in the north of the District.

About 1st Hamphorne

- The 1st Hamphorne Group is based on the south side of the centre of Hamphorne.
- The part of Hamphorne where the 1st is located is a mixture of older 2-3 bedroom terraced houses and commercial properties.
- The Group has a Scout Troop, a Cub Pack and two Beaver Colonies.
- The Group owns its Headquarters that was built 10 years ago largely with a legacy from an ex-Scout and local business donations.
- The Group has a Group Scout Leader who also runs the Scout Troop.
- The Executive Committee has a Chair and Secretary, however the Treasurer stepped down at the last AGM and nobody has come forward to replace her, so the Secretary is holding the fort keeping track of the cheques and payments.
- All adults and young people were classified as white and British on the Group's census return.
- The Group has 2 Young Leaders in the Cub section and 2 in the Beavers

The first Beaver Colony is run by Sally and John.

- Sally started the Colony 10 years ago and John was recruited as an ABSL 2 years ago.
- Sally has a Wood Badge as a Cub Leader. John has only done Getting Started training.
- Not many Beavers achieve the Chief Scout's Bronze award. This, Sally says, is because – unlike Cubs - they are not interested in badges.

The second Beaver Colony is run by Fred and Jean

- Fred has been a Beaver Leader since Beavers were first set up, Jean is his daughter who started working with the Colony 7 years ago.
- Fred has a Beaver Section Leader Wood Badge, Jean has completed her getting started and some modules.
- The Beavers achieve their Chief Scouts Bronze award.
- Approximately 50 percent of Beavers from the Colony go up to Cubs.

The Cub Pack is run by Sue and Jenny.

- The Pack is very active with lots of badges being awarded.
- It has two weekend Pack Holidays a year.
- Sue has been a Leader for 3 years and has a Wood Badge.
- Jenny has been Assistant for 2 years and has completed a lot of her training.
- Sue has an indoor Nights Away permit. The Pack always attends the annual District Cub Camp at the District's campsite.

The Scout Troop is run by George, who has been running it for 15 years.

- He has had a number of ASLs over the time but none have stayed.
- He has one Troop Assistant helping him who is a Dad of one of the Scouts.
- George does not have a Wood Badge and expresses the view that he does not need training.
- The Troop has one annual camp in the summer, always at the same activity centre.
- George was given a Nights Away Permit with a Campsite endorsement by the previous DC.

- None of the Leaders in the Group have any activity permits.
- There are no Young Leaders working in the Group.
- All adults and young people were classified as white and British on the Group's census return.
- The Group's finances are strong with £15,000 in the bank.
- The Executive Committee has a Chair and Secretary, however the Treasurer stepped down at the last AGM and nobody has come forwards to replace her, so the Secretary is holding the fort, keeping track of the cheques and payments.
- The Exec also has a small fund-raising committee that brings in around £3000 each year.
- The Headquarters has a small area of grass behind it which the sections use for meeting night outdoor activities.
- Recently there have been problems with some of the local youths getting in there and leaving old cans and bottles behind after drinking sessions.
- The hall itself is large enough to accommodate a section meeting of 30 young people and has a couple of small side rooms and a well-equipped kitchen area.
- The Group has a small store in the Headquarters that is mainly full of camping equipment brought by George over the years which he maintains are Troop property and not to be used by others.

- The Cubs and Beavers keep their things in two old wardrobes located in the Leader's Room.
- The part of Hamphorne where the 1st is located is a mixture of older 2-3 bedroom terraced houses and commercial properties.
- The local Infant School saw a drop in enrolments five years ago, but this has recovered slightly with an influx of Polish residents in the south of the town during the last two years.
- The older children from the area go across town to the new academy which is the road to the Eastupp estate.
- There is a small Roman Catholic senior school on the Lane End road, but none of the Scouts attend this school.