

# Appendix 3: Hamphorne Case Study - Group 2 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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamphorne Scout Group.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Headquarters and the other meets at the Headquarters of the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The District owns a campsite in the north of the District.

## About 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamphorne

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamphorne Group is based in the north west of the central part of the district.
- The part of Hamphorne where the 2<sup>nd</sup> is located is mainly newer semi-detached 3-bedroom family housing.
- The local school numbers have remained fairly constant over the last ten years.
- The Group has a Beaver Colony, two Cub Packs and a Scout Troop.
- The Group owns its Headquarters which was built 20 years ago.
- The Group also host the Adventurer Explorer Scout Unit which was formed from the Group's Venture Scout Unit in 2003.
- The Group has a store full of up to date camping and activity equipment.
- The Group has 2 Young Leaders in the Cub section and 1 in the Beavers, all coming from the Adventurer Explorer Unit
- The Group Executive Committee is quite pro-active and supportive.
- Norris, the Chair, is a local business man and does a lot to promote the Group locally.
- The Group's finances are sound.

The Beaver Colony is run by Lizzie with the help of two Colony Assistants, Amanda and Carol.

- Together, they run a busy programme with lots of arts and crafts. Lizzie will not let the Colony go above 22 Beavers, because she feels the Colony would be uncontrollable with more.
- The Group has a Want To Join list of 16 young people at Beaver age.
- Lizzie completed her Wood Badge as an Assistant Cub Leader five years ago.
- The Colony has done no overnight residential experiences.

The Cub packs camp once a year together and occasionally do joint weekend activities.

- The Leaders of both packs help each other out and work well together.
- All the Cubs seem to have arms full of badges.

The Panthers Cub Pack is run by John and Liz.

- John has been a Cub Leader for 7 years and completed his Wood Badge 5 years ago.
- Liz has been with the Pack for 2 years and has only completed Getting Started.
- The Pack also has two Young Leaders who help at meetings.
- John has a campsite Nights Away permit and acts as camp leader for both packs when they camp.

The Leopards Cub Pack is run by Dave, Gill and Ben.

- Dave is Akela and has been a Leader for 5 years and has partly completed his Wood Badge.
- Gill was a Cub parent helper and became an Assistant Leader 2 years ago.
- Ben was a Scout in the Group and became an Assistant Leader with the Pack when he turned 18 one year ago.
- Both Gill and Ben have done "Getting Started" but no other training.

The Scout Troop is run by Andy, Dave and Terry as a team.

- They are very keen and run an active programme with lots of camps and adventurous outdoor activities.
- Andy and Dave have completed their Wood Badge training and Terry is well through his.
- Last year, the Troop achieved only one Chief Scouts Gold Award.
- Many of the Scouts move on into the Adventurer Explorer Unit.
- Dave holds a hill-walking permit for Terrain 2 summer conditions.
- Andy has a green field Nights Away permit.

- The Group has 2 Young Leaders in the Cub section and 1 in the Beavers, all coming from the Adventurer Explorer Unit.
- There is no space around the Groups HQ for outdoor activities, so in the summer, the Scouts and the Cubs often meet at the District campsite.
- The Beavers walk down to the local recreation ground, about 300 metres down the road, for outdoor activities.
- The Group reported a Want to Join list of 14 Beavers, and 8 Cubs at the last census.
- The Group's finances are sound.

- The Group Executive Committee is quite pro-active and supportive.
- Norris, the Chair, is a local business man and does a lot to promote the Group locally.
- The part of Hamphorne where the 2<sup>nd</sup> is located is mainly newer semi-detached 3-bedroom family housing.
- The local infant and junior school numbers have remained fairly constant over the last ten years.
- The older children from the area go to the town's academy which is on the road to Eastupp estate.
- There is a small Roman Catholic senior school on the Lane End road out of town, but none of the Scouts attend this school.