

# Appendix 4: Hamphorne Case Study - Group 3 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 3<sup>rd</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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamphorne

- The 3rd Hamphorne Group is based on Eastupp estate to the east side of Hamphorne.
- Eastupp has been a largely a mixed community employed at the large industrial estate nearby.
- A few central London commuter families have moved into some of the properties, and there are a growing number of new families moving in to the area.
- The Group meets in the Church Hall which is only available to the Group on Mondays and Thursdays.
- The hall size limits meetings to 24 young people.
- The Group has a Beaver Colony which meets on Thursdays, a Cub Pack that meets on Mondays and a Scout Troop that meets after the Beavers on Thursdays.
- The Group has a Group Scout Leader.
- The Group's finances are tight.
- The only person who came forwards at the last AGM for the Exec was Alan, who has taken on the Treasurer role.
  
- All adults and 70% of young people were classified as white and British on the Group's census return with the remaining 30% having a variety of classification or preferred not to say.

The Beaver Colony is run by Liam as Leader helped by Sue a Colony Assistant.

- Liam stepped in two years ago when the previous Beaver Leader left.
- As he works weekends, he has not done any training.
- The Colony plays a lot of games and does a lot of nature activities in the field behind the hall.

The Cub pack is run by Bev who has been Akela for fifteen years.

- Julie is the ACL and has worked with Bev for ten years.
- The Cub programme seems to keep them engaged and a few of the Cubs get their Chief Scout's Silver Award.
- Bev achieved her Wood Badge thirteen years ago and Julie completed hers five years ago. The Pack does a fair number of outdoor adventurous activities.
- Bev held a Pack Holiday Certificate, but has never bothered getting a Nights Away permit.

The Scout Troop is run by Kevin as Scout Leader and James the ASL.

- The Troop has a reasonable programme given the limited resources and facilities available.
- Neither Kevin nor James has a Nights Away Permit so those Scouts who want to camp attend the County Scout Camp.
- Kevin got his Wood Badge seven years ago but James has done no training.

- 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.
- There is a large recreation ground behind the church hall which the Group to use for outdoor activities.
- The Group's finances are tight.
- The only person who came forwards at the last AGM for the Executive was Alan, who has taken on the Treasurer role.
- The Group has had no Chair or other Executive members for several years except for the Vicar who can rarely make meetings.
- The church charges the Group £15 a night for the use of the hall. In discussions with the Parish Council about reducing this, the Group were told that it could only be done if the Scouts attended more Church services to be seen as part of the Church.
- Eastupp estate has been a largely a mixed community employed at the large industrial estate nearby.
- A few central London commuter families have moved into some of the properties, and there are a growing number of new families moving in to the area.
- There is a small infant school on the estate, but the junior and senior school children go to the Eastupp Academy for schooling.