



It's been another active year for our County Development Service here's a few highlights...

## 1st Southwark Scout Group

In March, we opened a new Scout Group in East Dulwich, the new group was very popular from the first evening and by week two the Beaver Colony and Cub Pack were full. The group continues to gain momentum and has over 30 young people joining in the section programme each week.

The new group has really help to meet the ever-growing demand for scouting in the area and has help tackle waiting list at the nearby groups.



## Lewisham Development Evening

In January, we worked with the London Regional Services Team (formerly the Regional Development Service) to help facilitate discussions for the production of the Lewisham District development plan.

## 3rd Royal Greenwich Scout Group

In January, we supported the launch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> RG at the Greenwich Islamic Centre in Woolwich. Scouting really has found a home in the centre with many members of the Community helping to establish and grow the group. Abdul is the Group Scout Leader and he has completed all of his Woodbadge and nights away training with just the validation to go!





## Lambeth District Healthcheck

April was when we worked with the District team in Lambeth to take stock and run a RAG assessment of the District.

After a very productive and thought provoking day Wendy when home with the flipcharts and post-it notes and we are currently working on the production of the Districts new development plan!

### and there's more...

1<sup>st</sup> Brixton Scout Group has reopened with Cubs and Beavers will start in September.

Adult recruitment workshops have been held with groups across the County.

Our adult membership was up on the 2017 national census by 348 adults.

### HERE TO HELP...

The main focus of the County Development Service is the growth of scouting across South London Scout County.

Development is thinking about ways we can deliver even better scouting to more young people, and prioritising those ideas. There are so many ways to do this, including:

- Opening a new section or if appropriate scout group
- Recruiting new adults
- Building community support
- engaging with the parents of your members.

In short, if the plan intends to enrich the scouting experience you can bet it will be development!

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