

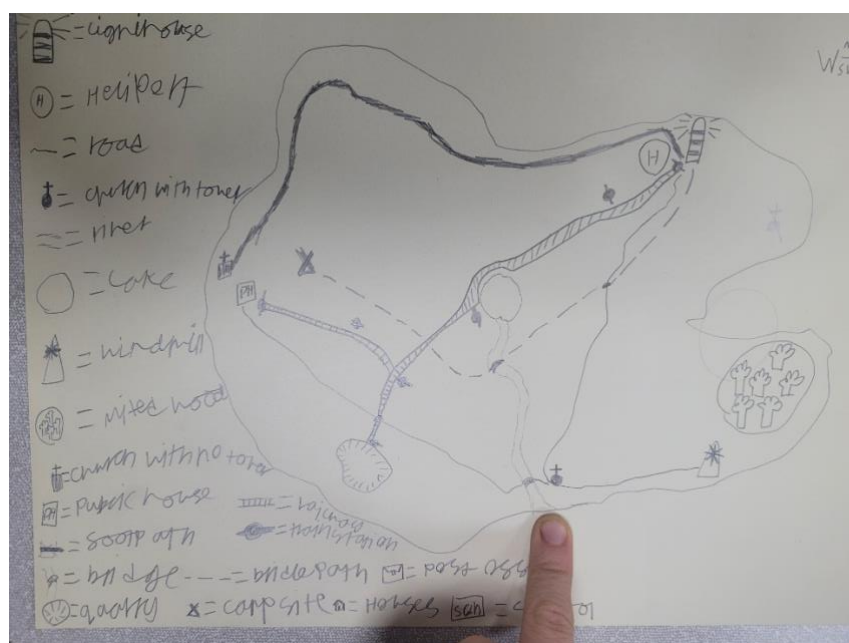
The second weekend of this Pro-badge season saw us running three badges two for Scouts and one for Cubs.



The first weekend of the Expedition Challenge course took place which involved a lot of training involving map work, route planning, first aid and menu planning. The Saturday was spent completing a 15-kilometre hike where the group was accompanied by some leaders to check their navigation skills. The Scouts found the route challenging due to the very wet weather and muddy footpaths. The second weekend of this course is on the 22-23rd March 2026 where they will be navigating on their own as part of the challenge as well as completing projects.

The other badge for Scouts was the Chef badge. The Scouts learnt all about cooking, menu planning, hygiene and washing up. From their own menus they cooked their main meal of the day at lunchtime on the Saturday over an open fire. We had three different meals cooked and they all got to try each meal. They also cooked dinner on the Saturday along with breakfast on the Sunday which was cooked on gas.

We ran the Navigator Stage 2 badge for the Cub Scouts the activities included walks, orienteering around the site, 4 figure grid references, making their own maps, and learning all about map symbols.



Next Course

In January we are running the pioneer badge for the Cub Scouts, which will see the Cubs' learning knots, lashings, making rope, a knotting board and taking part in some fun projects.

For the Scouts, we are running the Forester badge where the Scouts will spend time in the woods learning about planting trees, felling, coppicing and hedge laying, as well as how to identify the many different trees we have about. We have spaces on both these badges.

Also, we currently have spaces on our February (20-22) and April (17-19) weekends. For further info or to book a place on any course on any weekend please visit the website www.pro-badge.org.uk.

In April we are also running our Scouters Skills Course, this is an opportunity for leaders to learn some practical skills, we will be covering camp sites, navigation, pioneering, and some bushcraft skills including fire lighting and cooking on open fires. We will also try to answer any questions you may have. For further details and to book a place please email pro-badge@hampshirescouts.org.uk.

LOST & FOUND

Did your cub/scout bring anything back from Pro-Badge which does not belong to them?

We are trying to match up missing kit with owners and so if you are missing anything or have any "extra" kit please e-mail our Stores Controller Andy Ratcliffe at:

andy.ratcliffe@hampshirescouts.org.uk

At the end of the season any lost property left at Pro-Badge is put in the skip or recycled.

Staff Vacancies

If you would like to volunteer or know more information about this or any volunteer opportunities, please email myself at pro-badge@hampshirescouts.org.uk and we can arrange to meet up.

It Just leaves me to wish you all a good winter break and a Happy New Year.

Scissors/Clive Clark

Camp Leader