

### Scouts and Boys' Brigade together in Bexley

1st North Cray Scout Group is one of the Groups within the Bexley District, part of the wider Greater London South East Scout County.

In October our Scout Group collaborated with the 2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade to unveil a memorial at our Scout Grounds in honour of a Former Assistant Scout Master who was killed at Passchendaele on 2 September 1917.

The Boys' Brigade provided the bugler music for this event, mingling and joining in afterwards. All enjoyed our powerpoint presentation about the Memorial and at one point there wasn't a dry eye in the Hall.

Our Group is thriving thanks to our amazing Leaders and Young People. When I first arrived at the Group, asked by our District Commissioner to help rejuvenate it, the Group it only had 4 Young People, so my first task was to make sure they appreciated what being part of Scouts was with a Community Recognition Event at City Hall, hosted by the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

Today, 3 years later, we are thriving with over 20 Young People across all sections (Beavers 5 & 3/4 to 8 years; Cubs 8 to 10 & 1/2 years; and Scouts 10 & 1/2 to 14 years).

We have vacancies for more Young People to join our Sections & a warm welcome awaits.

**Nicola Coppen, Group Scout Leader**  
**1st North Cray Scout Group**  
**The Geoffrey Hall, Leafield Lane,**  
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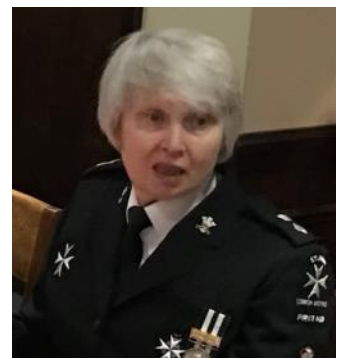


### Rosemary Herbage new YOU London Board Member for St John Ambulance

I am delighted to advise that Rosemary Herbage has taken over as the St John Ambulance representative on the YOU London Board.

We all wish her predecessor Kevin Munday the very best for the future, and thank him for his service.

We hope to hold a Board meeting early in the New Year when fellow Board members will be able to welcome Rosemary.



**Tony Pringle**

## CVQO Graduation Ceremony 2018

CVQO's annual Graduation Ceremony took place on Friday 19 October at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Over 60 graduates received their ILM and City & Guilds awards from CVQO Chairman Lord Lingfield.

They were joined by their families, friends and distinguished guests from the world of education and the military, including Major General Ranald Munro (Vice Chief of the Defence Staff – Reserves and Cadets), Dr Elisabeth Goodwin (Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators) and Michael Osbaldeston of City & Guilds.

In addition, 15 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) received special recognition from CVQO as a way to thank them for helping young people across the UK to gain potentially life-changing vocational qualifications in teamwork, leadership and management.



**London Vocational Qualifications Officers Richard Wooley and Daniel Kelly with Lord Lingfield, Major General Ranald Munro and CVQO CEO Guy Horridge.**



## Havering Fire and VPC battle it out on the pitch

At Emerson Park Academy (Havering) on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018, six Fire Cadets from Havering Unit took part in a charity football game against the Havering Unit of the Volunteer Police Cadets.



In aid of the Wooden Spoon Charity, both Fire and Police Cadets from the Borough came together for their first collaborative event (apart from being at parades together with other youth groups).



The end of the first half left the Fire Cadets sore; being 5-0 down is a bit upsetting after all. But after encouragement from the Instructors (and a few Haribos and Wine Gums) the second half saw the Fire Cadets turn the tables, scoring 7 goals.

With a hat trick from Crew Manager Cadet Ollie, it left the score 7-6 to the Fire Cadets. We hope this was the start of many more events where the Fire and Police Cadets within Havering, and possibly London, can come together.

Well done to the Fire Cadet team; Ollie, Louis, Amber, Max, Aaron and Dylan.





## Lord Mayors Show 2018

With this being the first time, our cadet unit has participated in the Lord Mayor's Show, it was an unknown experience that everyone involved jumped at the chance to participate in.

While we were marching through Central London, we had support on the road side from family, friends and members of the public who were cheering and waving as we were marching along which brought smiles to everyone's faces.



With mixed abilities present from new recruits who had only been with us for a few weeks, to cadets who were in their last year, the overall feeling was that this was a 'fantastic opportunity for young people to feel that they are representing something worthwhile in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and feel proud to wear their uniform which represents a wider organisation'.

Having the opportunity to do this parade gives us the chance to raise the profile of cadets, and especially CCF in the wider area and the benefits that can be gained by doing activities that they might not necessarily do otherwise. The day itself could not have been better weather wise, with sunshine and no clouds. The atmosphere was fantastic with such variety of floats and other groups including farmers, bankers, youth organisations and technology.

***Cadet Warrant Officer Georgina Horwich  
Hampton School Combined Cadet Force***

## Funding news

In addition to Youth United Foundation announced on 7th January there is news of specific local funding available.



Youth United Foundation are delivering a project with central government (the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government) which is all about 'integration' and social mixing – i.e. getting groups of people from different backgrounds in communities together.

They have some funding to help organise and deliver some events with uniformed youth groups in Waltham Forest. This could involve:

- Uniformed Youth representation at/support of events focussed on groups of the local community which are currently underrepresented in uniformed youth groups
- Events bringing together different uniformed youth groups in the area which have members drawn from different sections of the community
- Events bringing together local uniformed youth groups with other groups based outside of their area, whose members are from different backgrounds.

They can cover costs for travel, venue hire, activities etc to make this possible: due to the restrictions of the funding, however, they must get these events planned and delivered by the **end of March**.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch with Ed Anderton to confirm if you have any ideas for events of this kind which Youth United could organise with you and other uniformed youth groups in your area. You can drop him an email or give him a call on 07984 169 036.

### Ed Anderton

Grants Director  
Youth United Foundation



### In brief ..

May I take this opportunity to wish all the YOU London groups a happy New Year and success at all your activities in the coming year.

This quarterly newsletter is intended to identify and celebrate collaboration between the YOU London groups, so do please ensure your contributions reflect that. Contributions should be no more than 200 words and be accompanied by a good photo of no less than 500 Kb in size.

The next meeting of the YOU London development workers and links will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March at GLRFCA Fulham Hse Putney commencing at 1100. A date for the YOU Board meeting will be scheduled early in the New Year.

**Michael Nolan YOU London Coordinator**



## Scouting Network event

In November I was pleased to be invited to Croydon Scouting District's Networking evening at Royal Russell School. Thanks to former District Commissioner Steve French for the kind invitation.



This very successful event was attended by nearly 150 members from Croydon and VIP guests including MP's, Ward Councillors, senior members from our Scout County, Girl-Guiding, CCF and other YOU London organisations.

**Michael Nolan**  
**YOU London Coordinator**

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## It's all about



The aim of YOU London is to work together to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations. Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, exhibiting together at recruitment events in borough, or simply being aware of who is who in the boroughs' youth groups. Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts can do.

## Z cards

Fold out business cards sized which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from Donna  
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