

AWARD WINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP HOLD  
A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE OPENING OF ITS  
NEW PIONEERING HUT

It was a perfect weekend of weather which accompanied the celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood Scouts opening of their new pioneering hut.

Ably led by Chairman Robert Scott, the group has been fundraising for 4 years and spent the early months of 2013 building, despite all the adversities that the British weather could throw at them. Their efforts were rewarded recently by the presentation of Isle of Wight Radio's Local Heroes Award for Community Project of The Year, sponsored by Southern Vectis. The weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> marked the culmination of these efforts. 60 young people and 20 leaders spent the whole weekend in celebration of the opening.

The weekend started with a barbeque and traditional scouting games. We were joined by an invited audience of scouting officials and members of Northwood's community who had helped us in our efforts. The hut was officially opened by Colin Cundall, who has recently retired as Group Scout Leader for 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood scouts.

A sleepover under canvas by 30 Beaver scouts, some of whom camped under canvas for the first time, 20 Cub scouts and 10 scouts and Explorer scouts was enjoyed by all, perhaps less so by those leaders who stayed up all night so that they were available for any homesick children! Sunday concentrated on traditional scouting skills of ingenuity, leadership and practical cooking skills. Teams of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers produced a Sunday lunch for the group following a competition based on Ready Steady Cook.

Attractions also included a display of international scouting badges collected by the group's oldest member Harvey Wallace. The celebrations were enhanced by the provision of a cake in the shape of the new pioneering hut baked and decorated by Beaver parent Vici Hayward.

The weekend ended by a presentation of badges and certificates to a very tired but elated group of Beaver, Cub, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.



RECENTLY RETIRED GROUP SCOUT LEADER COLIN CUNDALL AND  
PRESENT GSL DEREK FINCH



CONSTRUCTION AND ROPE WORK COME INTO PLAY





TRY AND CATAPULT A BEAN BAG AS FAR AS YOU CAN



AMAZING CAKE MADE BY PARENT VICI HAYWARD