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Dear Members of Sandymoor Parish Council,

REF Thank You for Supporting Our Scouts' International Trip

On behalf of our Mersey Weaver Scout Group, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous grant towards our recent international trip. Your support made a significant difference in enabling our young people to take part in what proved to be an incredibly rewarding and memorable experience.

Throughout the trip, the evenings were filled with a wide range of activities both within our contingent and in patrol groups, regularly interacting with Scouts from around the world. The group explored Brussels at night, sampled local cultural food, and took part in a walking tour to learn about the city's history. They also enjoyed time playing card games together, navigating during overnight travel, and working as a team to set up camp upon arrival.

One of our young leaders, Eoin, demonstrated outstanding initiative by taking the lead in setting up the camp showers and guiding younger members in how to use them properly. Patrols worked collaboratively to cook their evening meals, strengthening teamwork and responsibility. The contingent also participated in several organised international events, including a campfire with shared songs, an international evening trading badges and neckers, an international BBQ, the Kander Challenge sports-day in mixed international teams, and an evening of stargazing.

The trip provided an exceptional opportunity for skill development and personal growth. Leadership and responsibility were clearly demonstrated, particularly through taking initiative in camp setup and supporting younger members. Teamwork and collaboration were strengthened by cooking in patrols, setting up camp together, and competing in international teams during the Kander Challenge. Communication skills flourished as the Scouts interacted with young people from different countries, shared traditions and songs, and learned more about Scouting around the world.



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The experience also fostered independence and resilience, as the group adapted to overnight travel, varied accommodation, and a busy programme of activities. Cultural awareness was broadened through exploring Brussels, learning about its history, and experiencing local cuisine. Practical outdoor skills such as navigation, repeated camp setup, and outdoor cooking were further developed. Overall, the trip significantly increased confidence, adaptability, and maturity among the young people.

Importantly, the benefits of your support continue to be felt within our local community. All the young people who attended remain actively involved in Scouting and continue to contribute as Young Leaders. Several support and mentor younger members and helping to deliver weekly programmes at 1st Moore Scouts. The experience has strengthened not only their personal development but also the leadership capacity of our local Scout Group.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for investing in the development of young people in our parish. Your support has had a lasting and meaningful impact.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mother of Eoin [REDACTED] aged 17, Young Leader with Beavers & Kanderstag attendee.

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