



**2<sup>nd</sup> South Petherton Scout Group**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **SCOUT GROUP CAMP LEADS TO ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE**

Following on from their Group Camp, the Cubs and Scouts from 2<sup>nd</sup> South Petherton Scout Group are about to embark on a series of environmental initiatives.

The Camp was held on land belonging to Barcroft Hall in South Petherton, where the owners, Brian and Denise Herrick, have established formal and informal gardens, a series of lakes and a variety of wildlife habitats on their 90-acre estate, which is already used as a release site for the RSPCA.

After enjoying some of the Scouts camping skills, the Herricks have invited the Group to become more involved in their efforts to preserve and enhance the wildlife in the area through a range of schemes, from encouraging butterflies and bees in wildflower areas to tree-planting.

Speaking after the Camp, Brian Herrick said “We are very excited about the opportunities this link offers. We are fervent believers and supporters of the work of the Scouts. It is without doubt so important to those youngsters and we would like to engage as much as possible to ensure that they have this natural connection.”

The Group Scout Leader, Tim Burch added “This is a wonderful chance for our Group to experience something of what it means to look after the environment, at the same time as contributing to its well-being and ensuring it lasts for generations to come. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Herrick, not only for use of their land for our camp, but also for extending this initiative to us. Scouting is not just about supporting young people, it is also about looking after the world we live in, and I can think of few better ways of achieving this aim. There will be something for all of us, from our oldest Scouts down to the 6- to 8-year-olds when we re-open our Beaver Colony in September.”

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