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DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE
Saturday 21st November 2026
Final Team Information

11th October 2026

Dear Scouts and Explorers,

Thank you for entering a team in this year's District Night Hike. The arrangements are as follows:

Start and finish:	2nd Datchworth Scout HQ, Datchworth Green, Datchworth, Herts SG3 6TL
Team name:	_____
Team start time:	_____
Pick up time:	_____
Emergency Contact:	**07535 613770**

A food base will provide a burger, pasty/sausage roll, slice of cake and a snack bar as well as a hot drink part way around the route. Teams should also bring their own snacks and drinks to keep them going throughout the evening!

The Scout route is just over 9 miles with the Explorer route being nearer 10 miles. A first aid challenge is included. The team scoring the most points at this base will be awarded the District Scout First Aid trophy.

At check-in, teams will be provided with 2 laminated marked up maps and an emergency contact phone list. Scouts and Explorers will not be allowed to use mobile phones during the event unless in an emergency.

Each Scout/Explorer taking part will need to complete an online Scout Information Form. The link provided with the initial information and are also available on the District website. They must be returned before check-in.

Health Form: https://form.jotform.com/262834387955372 Or scan the QR Code:

Copies of all the information will be available on the Events section of the District website (address above).

At check-in there will be a basic kit check. **Any team member without walking boots, waterproofs and adequate warm clothing will not be allowed to start the hike**. The route will be muddy so hiking boots are essential.

Kit List and Directions

Individual Kit

- Warm clothing (no jeans)
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Spare warm jumper (in case yours gets wet!)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking Boots and walking socks
- Drink & snack food
- Torch and spare battery
- Small day sack with plastic bag liner

Team Kit (Discuss with your Scout Leader

- 2 compasses
- 1 mobile phone (with credit and charged battery!)
- Reflective vests (1 per walker)
- Map pen (to write on a laminated map)
- Small first aid kit

Stevenage Scouting now have a selection of hiking boots that can borrowed for the event. The hire is free; however, a £20 cash deposit is required, which will be refunded when the boots are returned in a clean condition. If you would like to borrow a pair, then please e-mail Neil with your shoe size using the address at the top of this letter. You will then be notified when a pair is available and boots can then be collected from the District shop on a Monday evening between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

Car parking is limited in the village, so please share lifts where possible. Scouts and Explorers being dropped off should **follow the signs and directions for night hike car parking**. **Please do NOT park in the Village Hall car park as the hall will probably be in use. Car parking will be in the field adjacent to the Scout HQ, off Rectory Lane (weather permitting), or on the road near the village green if very wet**. `Scout Night Hike' signs will be placed on the main roads leading to the HQ. Please follow the directions of the marshals and be considerate when parking.

Thank you.

Location and Car Parking

Field Car Park (weather permitting) **Datchworth Scout HQ & Village Hall (SG3 6TL)**

