

# Group Notice

## Change of Group Scout Leader

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

Dear Parents, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and my colleagues in Scouting.

Early this year I applied for a job with The Scout Association, to join the Regional Services Team as Growth & Development Officer (Merseyside) - my application was successful, and I started my new role on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Whilst the new job is an eighteen-month temporary post, it has required my giving consideration to all of my volunteering roles in Scouting; and specifically, those with considerable demand on my time and/or where conflicts of interest might occur. For this reason, I will be stepping down as Group Scout Leader (GSL) of 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey.

Debbie Peers (Tic-Tac, and formerly Debbie Stevens), who has been Assistant GSL since March 2016, will take over as Group Scout Leader and manage the Group with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, which is our first night back. Debbie will be in touch with you all over the coming weeks, and you can contact her on her new email address: [debbie.peers@12thwallasey.org](mailto:debbie.peers@12thwallasey.org). I know you'll all give her a warm welcome in her new role, and it is Debbie's intention to very much continue running Beavers with Sunshine and the team!

I will officially step down at our Group Celebration and AGM evening on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, where it will be my last presenting awards, and reflecting with you all about the skills for life adventures we have shared over the past year. I will however remain an active member of the Group, and over the coming months Debbie and the team will work out what my role might be – so unfortunately, you've not got rid of me!!

It's been almost ten years since I became the Group Scout Leader; and it has been a true privilege and pleasure to have been involved in supporting over 650 young people, all of whom have grown and developed skills for life through their Scouting adventures at 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey; and, all supported by my amazing team of leaders and adult volunteers, which at its peak numbered forty eight. Add too, the many hundreds more young members and adults, from across the District and County, with whom I have engaged during my time as GSL.

I thank you all for making my time as GSL nothing short of amazing; and, I know without question, Debbie will be outstanding in her new role - so here's to the next chapter in the amazing skills for life adventures of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey Scout Group!

Yours in Scouting

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