



Guilden Sutton Community Association (GSCA)

# marigold

Summer 2026



## **Do you have some spare time? Could you help out in the village?**

Our Community Association helps to keep the village hall lively and events thriving - but we can't do it alone.

We need volunteers who can:

- Lend a hand at events
- Share ideas
- Help keep things running smoothly
- Support local groups and activities

If you've ever thought "*Someone should organise that*"  
*Well..... that someone could be you!*

Whether you can spare an hour a month or a little more, your help and ideas can really make a difference.

### **Interested in getting involved?**

Have a chat with a committee member or contact us directly to find out more. Tel 07790 491841 or email:  
chair@guildensutton.org.uk

**Come along to the AGM - details p2**

## **Guilden Sutton Community Association**

A message from the Chair

The front page of this edition of the Marigold is a clear request for help from anyone who lives in our community.

Sadly we have already seen the cancellation of the Village Fete this summer due to a lack of volunteers to be on the committee and lead the team that runs the event. Hopefully new volunteers will come forward so the Fete can take place in 2027.

You will note a call for help from the Scout group in this edition. Some of the long serving leaders of the beavers, cubs and scouts sections are standing down. How can you help?

And finally the Community Association would like to do more to improve the village hall and host more events. What can you do?

The AGM of the Community Association will take place on Thurs 14th May. Please come along and support the trustees as they review the last year and plan for the future. The meeting is required by the rules set down by the constitution but rest assured we will try and keep the formalities to a minimum and welcome discussion about the future of Guilden Sutton Community Association.

Thanks  
Phil Lathaen  
Chair Guilden Sutton Community Association

### **GSCA Annual General Meeting**

**Thurs 14 May 2026 19:30  
Village Hall, Summerfield Road**

## **Guilden Sutton Community Association**

Charity no: 1201751

Chair: Phil Lathaen (chair@guildensutton.org.uk)

Treasurer: Sarah Connolly

Secretary: Samantha Wareham (secretary@guildensutton.org.uk)

Trustees: Vicky Black, Alice Hay, Derek Hughes, Brian Lewin, Michelle McCreary, Rachael Whelan

**Website: [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk)**

## Regular events in the Village

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Pre-school	09:00 - 15:00	Village Hall	8
<b>Mondays</b>			
Tumble Tots	09:30 - 13:00	Village Hall	6
French Classes	10:00 - 12:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	15
Beavers	17:45 - 19:00	Village Hall	9 & 17
Cubs	18:30 - 20:00	Village Hall	9 & 17
Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	10
<b>Tuesdays</b>			
Ladies Badminton	09:15 - 10:15	Village Hall	10
Parents and Toddlers	10:30 - 12:00	Village Hall	7
French Classes	10am and 1pm	<u>Church Hall</u>	15
Yoga	18:30 - 19:45	Village Hall	9
GS Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	10
Ukulele group	20:00 - 21:00	Village Hall	11
<b>Wednesdays</b>			
GS Art Group	11:00 - 16:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	10
GS Song Circle	13:15 - 14:45	Village Hall	12
Circle Dancing	14:30 - 16:00	Village Hall	11
<b>Thursdays</b>			
HAL	09:15 - 10:30	Village Hall	9
Cafe at the Church Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs in month	10:00 - 12:00	Village Hall	12
<b>Fridays</b>			
Stardust drama	15:45 - 17:45	Village Hall	8
Nina Gaskell Dance	16:30 - 18:30	Village Hall	11
Scouts	19:30 - 21:00	Village Hall	9
Pop-up Play Village (Not every Friday)	11:00 - 12:15	Village Hall	6
<b>Saturdays</b>			
Nina Gaskell Dance	9:00 - 17:00	Village Hall	11

Latest info can be found at:

**<https://www.guildensutton.org.uk>**

# BIRD IN HAND

## A summer of live music at the Bird!

There are several upcoming events & music nights planned for this summer.

Locals Laura & Alex, who you may



r e m e m b e r  
from last year,  
are returning  
on Saturday,  
16th May. The  
duo will be  
performing in  
the beer  
garden with  
their guitars,

covering some classic country & folk tunes.

Dates to look forward to include:

23.05.26 - Alaura Duo

20.06.26 - The return of 'The 7 plays Jukebox Band'

17.07.26 - An evening of Soul & Blues

01.08.26 - Alaura Duo back with some sing-along classics

25.08.26 - Jazz evening, with smooth trumpet numbers + small plates

*Details of each event will be posted closer to the time.*

Bird in Hand Restaurant and Pub

<https://www.thebirdinhandguildensutton.co.uk>

## Fox Meadow News

The meadow is starting to come to life after a long and very wet winter. All areas are dry enough to walk on and the figure of 8 path has been cut leading to the bench.

Some early Spring flowers are visible such as Cowslips, Easter flower and Ragged Robin. Many others are in bud.

Cow Parsley dominates the area opposite the meadow but until recently beautiful Snakes Head Fritillaries were to be seen.



A strip about 1m wide has been scraped and cultivated near the path and sown with annual seeds. With luck we should get a good display including cornflowers, daisies and even poppies in July to August. Poppies have so far proved reluctant to grow on the meadow. Our heavy Cheshire clay doesn't seem to suit them!

Keep an eye out for new flowers appearing as you walk past or perhaps linger to sit on the benches.

## Resident's Voice



**Resident's Voice** - During May, the Parish Council is working with our local PCSO James Hannath in running a campaign asking residents to fill in the Resident's Voice survey. This is to help inform the local Police directly about things we would like them to focus on in our area.

Are you worried about speeding in the village? Anti-social behaviour? Parking? At the end of the month, results will be collated and will help to inform our local Police on the top areas to be addressed, so this is a good opportunity to raise any issues that matter to you.

The survey is completely confidential. Please use the QR code or access via the link below. Thank you for your support. Please note for the survey, we are part of 'Chester Villages'.

Scan the QR code to go to the Cheshire Police survey or find the survey here: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicechester/>

## Village Fete

A message from the Fete committee:

We're sorry to share that this year's Village Fete will not be going ahead

Our small committee has been facing a number of personal challenges. Despite asking for more volunteers to join the committee, no-one has come forward and unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to organise the event to the standard our community deserves.

We urgently need a Treasurer and a Chair/Co-Chair to step in. These roles will be fully supported by the current committee to deliver the 2027 fete - but without them, we will struggle to run the event at all.

The Village Fete is something we all value, and we would love to see it return in 2027. However, this will only be possible if more volunteers come forward to join the committee and help with planning and organisation.

If you're interested in getting involved, please do reach out — your support can make a real difference in bringing this much-loved event back.

For more information, please contact Miriam Badiru (07814 034926) or Mel Littlewood (07511 359737) by the beginning of September when we will start to discuss the 2027 Fete.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## Popup Play Village

Pop Up Play Village is excited to be returning to Guilden Sutton soon, bringing our much-loved role play sessions back to local families.

We're currently finalising our upcoming dates for the next block of sessions, which are likely to run at least once a month on a Friday morning 11am-12.15pm, so keep an eye out, as we'll be announcing these very soon!

As always, we'll be transforming the hall into our miniature play village, filled with a variety of engaging role play areas such as a café, construction site, baby nursery, vets, supermarket and more. Each session is designed to encourage children to explore, imagine and play at their own pace in a safe, welcoming environment.



Role play offers so much more than just fun, it supports communication, confidence, creativity and problem-solving skills, all through child-led play. It's always lovely to see little ones fully immersed, while parents enjoy a relaxed catch up with a cuppa. Our sessions are suitable for babies through to children aged around 8+, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Dates will be released soon and spaces are always limited, so early booking will be recommended once they go live.

To stay up to date and be the first to hear when bookings open, follow us on social media or visit: <https://popupplayvillage.co.uk/pop-up-play-village-in-and-around-chester-wrexham-whitchurch-and-nantwich/>

Many thanks, Kelly

## Tumble Tots

Monday mornings in the Village Hall (see their website for details and booking)

Designed to develop children's physical skills of agility, balance, co-ordination and climbing, the programme is structured to develop children's positive personality traits including confidence and self-esteem.



Call Paul Johnson on 07873 114596  
or visit [www.tumbletots.com](http://www.tumbletots.com)

## Guilden Sutton Parent and Toddler Group

A friendly space for little ones and their grown-ups

Guilden Sutton Playgroup is a welcoming and relaxed playgroup for babies and young children aged 0–4 years, offering a friendly space for families to meet, play and connect within the local community. The playgroup runs weekly during term time on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm and takes place at Guilden Sutton Village Hall. Each session offers a mix of free play and simple organised activities, giving children the opportunity to explore, create and socialise in a safe and supportive environment. A variety of toys and play equipment is available for all ages, along with crafts, songs and stories that children can join in with at their own pace.



The focus of Guilden Sutton Playgroup is on relaxed, child-led play. Children can build confidence, practise early social skills and enjoy spending time with others, while parents, grandparents and carers have the chance to chat, share experiences and form friendships. Many families find the playgroup a gentle first step into group activities before nursery or preschool, as well as a lovely weekly routine to look forward to.

New families are always very welcome, whether you have a tiny baby, a busy toddler, or are new to the village and looking to meet others locally. There is no pressure — just a friendly, inclusive atmosphere where everyone can feel at home.

When: Tuesdays, 10.30am–12.00pm (term time)

Where: Guilden Sutton Village Hall

Ages: 0–4 years

Cost: £3 per hour

For further details and availability, please get in touch with Karen on

Mobile: 07763 103558

## Mobile Library Service

The easy-access library bus will be visiting the village on **MONDAYS**

18 May	8 June
29 June	20 July
10 August	31 Aug no service

Moorcroft Crescent 10:20-10:35  
Village Hall car park 10:50-12:00



## Guilden Sutton Preschool

Our manager, Mel Payne, welcomes you and your children to Guilden Sutton Preschool. Living locally, Mel has 15 years of childcare experience to bring to our lovely local Preschool in the heart of Guilden Sutton. We have highly qualified staff at the school and a sports coach attends on Wednesdays. Children receive 30 hours of schooling per week.



Our child-centred approach allows your little person to grow, learn and develop through play and creativity. We provide a safe, inclusive, nurturing environment for all and pride ourselves in giving our children the confidence and skills to be ready for their next big adventure! We also have strong community links with the local school and church.

The preschool is well attended but there may be limited spaces available - contact us now to secure your child's place or to discuss future arrangements. Email Mel at [managergsps@gmail.com](mailto:managergsps@gmail.com) or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term time.

Visit [www.guildensuttonpreschool.org](http://www.guildensuttonpreschool.org) for full information and see our Facebook page for many of the wonderful activities we get up to!

You may be eligible for childcare funding. For more information visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

## Stardust drama

Drama classes for children aged 5-12 run on Friday afternoons. 5-8 year olds at 3:45pm, 8-12 year olds at 4:55pm.

Fun-filled classes with drama games, improvisations, script reading, character work and performances helping inspire confidence, creativity and teamwork in children.

Run by professional actress, Stephanie Pinder. The first class is **free** for new young actors

[www.stardustdrama.co.uk](http://www.stardustdrama.co.uk)

Email: [stephchambers99@aol.com](mailto:stephchambers99@aol.com) M: 07739



## 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group See also p17

Several scout group volunteers stepped down at this year's AGM and we need new volunteers, both as leaders and for the exec committee, to come forward and keep our beaver, cub and scout groups running.

Roles have varying levels of commitment and offer rewarding opportunities to be involved in this fantastic organisation. If you'd like to know more please email 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group: [1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk)



### **Yoga** - friendly classes, open to all

Yoga classes take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 6.30 until 7.45pm.

Regular yoga practice improves energy levels, posture, flexibility, strength, agility, endurance and balance; giving you a greater ability to move. It is an anti-ageing tool.

For more information

Please call or text Aly on 07801 575773

Email [alygwatkin@outlook.com](mailto:alygwatkin@outlook.com) or visit [www.yogaly.yolasite.com](http://www.yogaly.yolasite.com)



## **HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE (H.A.L.) CLUB**

### **SUMMER is a great time to start getting more active!**

HAL Club will help you to focus on your fitness, nutrition & other aspects of keeping yourself in tiptop shape. It's also a great way to meet like-minded new friends.

We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am).

Our 30-minute workout is complemented by a lively discussion on healthy eating & lifestyle topics. All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities. It's just £7 per session, including refreshments.

Why not come along and try a session? As it's a "Pay as You Go" class, there's no long-term commitment.

For more information, please message Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or [su.baird@btopenworld.com](mailto:su.baird@btopenworld.com)

**Looking for something outdoors?** Then contact Su about Fit Club Chester's outdoor workouts in Hoole on Wednesday evening / Saturday morning.



## **Guilden Sutton Art group**

Guilden Sutton Art Group meets in St John's Church Hall in Church Lane every Wednesday 11am till 4pm.

Members' abilities range from absolute beginners to experienced artists who work together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We work individually on our own projects using pastel, acrylic, watercolour or pencil. Modest fees of £4 per week are charged and paid in advance at the beginning of each term. Members usually take packed lunches, and teas and coffees are available throughout the day.



Why not drop in on a Wednesday to see what we are doing.

To find out more, contact Sue Davies Tel: 01244 300320

## **Badminton Club**

The club plays in the Village Hall from September until the end of April.

Club nights are on Monday and Tuesday 8.00pm - 10.00pm.

We welcome new members who are looking to play social badminton and those who are a little rusty and want to start playing again.

We have a great facility in the Village Hall so why not come along and enjoy the social nature of the club whilst taking some gentle exercise. It's a very enjoyable way of keeping fit.

If you are interested in joining or having a go, please contact Peter Evans on 07720 291913 or just turn up on a Monday or Tuesday evening to find out more.



## **Ladies Badminton**

Ladies badminton Village Hall Tuesday 09:15 - 10:15

The club is currently running at capacity but if you would like further information please contact Siân Hancock Email: [sian-hancock@live.co.uk](mailto:sian-hancock@live.co.uk)

## Circle dancing

Dancing connects you with others, lifts your mood and develops co-ordination and memory. It feeds your mind, body and soul.

Holding hands and dancing with others in a circle pattern is a very old tradition in countries like Greece, particularly on occasions such as weddings, where everyone is included and you don't need a partner.

In our Wednesday afternoon circle dance group (Village Hall, 2.30 - 4pm), we do, in the main, fairly gentle community dances, with repeated step patterns to beautiful world music. Some of the rhythms are quite unusual and keep us on our toes! We embrace a wide variety of dances and cultures, and express many moods. We always end the session with more meditative dances, which bring a feeling of peace. We always have a lot of fun along the way.



We are an established and friendly group, and will offer you a warm, open welcome.

If you would like try us, please contact Dee and Nawal on 01244 679100, or email [nawal.dee@gmail.com](mailto:nawal.dee@gmail.com)

## Play Ukulele

The Ukulele group meet up on Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9pm at the Village Hall.

The group is for anyone who wants to play, or start playing, the ukulele. Even if you've never learned a musical instrument before, if you'd like to give it a go just get in touch, or drop in on a Tuesday evening. No need to have a ukulele just come along and we will lend you one to try.



*PLAYERS WANTED:* We're looking to welcome a few new players — and we'd be absolutely delighted to see any former members back in the mix

For more information, please email [andyjanwin1@gmail.com](mailto:andyjanwin1@gmail.com) or phone Andy on 07765 235550 or Janet 07471 060325

## Nina Gaskill School of Dance

FUN, CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE DANCE CLASSES

Children's RAD Ballet, ISTD Modern, Jazz and Tap.  
Fridays and Saturdays in the Village Hall

**NEW!** Advanced 2 RAD Ballet class

Qualified, Registered Teacher, Nina Gaskill RAD dip, DDE, AISTD  
Contact Nina for information: [nina.gaskill@btinternet.com](mailto:nina.gaskill@btinternet.com)  
Facebook: NinaGaskillDance



## **Guilden Sutton Song Circle**

Wednesdays 1.15 to 2.45pm at the village hall.

We are a friendly and informal singing group, with a focus on singing for fun and well-being. We learn everything by ear, singing short, easy-to-learn, songs. We do not perform anywhere – we simply enjoy filling the room with our voices each week.



All voices are welcome - young, old, beginner or experienced - so if you would like to sing, learn new songs, and meet new people, why not come along one week and try it out?

Sessions are £5 including refreshments, and there's no long-term commitment - just turn up and sing.

For more information contact Sarah by email: sarahjessopmusic@runbox.com or telephone: 07985 455824

## **Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust**

The Trust, set up by the Diocese of Chester following the sale of the old school house, exists to support the personal development of current or former pupils of Guilden Sutton Primary School. It makes grants, typically in the range £100 to £500, to support: the purchase of equipment such as musical instruments or sports equipment, gap year, uniformed group or other projects, education expenses such as books, travel etc. Applicants should be under 25 years old.

See the GS website or contact Peter Reid at pgeddesr@gmail.com, Tel. 07738 158747.

## **Cafe at St John's Church Hall**

Our welcoming cafe is open from 10am to midday on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. We serve a variety of beverages, delicious home-baked cakes, toasted tea cakes, etc, in the fully accessible, warm and light-filled church hall on Church Lane.

We are a registered 'Warm Space.' There is a play area for children. Our prices are very reasonable, and all drink refills are free. It's a great place to meet up for a chat. If you've not been before – give us a try!

May 14, 28   June 11, 25   July 9, 23   Aug 13, 27



# St John's Church, Guilden Sutton

During the Interregnum, services continue to be taken by visiting clergy or by the church community. Sunday services are shared with St Peter's, Plemstall. St John's holds a service of Holy Communion at 10:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday there is either a service of Holy Communion at 10:30am or Messy Church at Guilden Sutton Primary School. Details are on the churches' website (see below).

An update regarding finding a new Incumbent: the post has been advertised, short-listing and interviews are due to take place soon

## Messy Church



*Free breakfast, children's activities, toddler and baby area and a short celebration time together in the school hall. Meet: 10:30*

GS Primary School  
28 June

## Cafe Church and Cafe Kids



*Time together starts with coffee, croissants and chat (with games for children). A short, informal service follows often with video clips and discussion. Children can go out for a session in the Marigold room next door with Cafe Kids or stay in the main hall. Meet: 10:00 for 10:30*

GS Village Hall  
3 May  
7 June  
5 July

## The Woolly Bunch



*Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn? All are welcome to join our friendly group  
Come along between 10.15 - 12 noon*

St Johns Church Hall  
7 & 21 May  
4 & 18 June

## Holy Communion



*Services of Holy Communion are held at St John's Church at 10:30*

17 & 24 May  
21 June  
19 & 26 July  
16 & 23 Aug

Church website: <https://www.guildensutton-plemstall.church>

## Guiden Sutton Green Space

Hooks Wood is Guiden Sutton's community woodland, planted in 2021 by members of the community. With the return of spring this year it's been wonderful to see the trees coming back into leaf and looking so healthy.

Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, many of the trees have now had their protective spirals removed and the remaining spirals will be removed over the next few months. Please bear with us as we collect all the spirals together at the entrance points whilst we work out how best to dispose of or recycle them.

We are so grateful to everyone who supported our campaign to stop the proposed Peak Cluster pipeline from passing straight through the woodland. We will keep everyone updated as soon as we hear more about this.

Look out for the Bee Picnic coming up in June and in the meantime we hope you enjoy Hooks Wood, and all the other pockets of nature around the village.

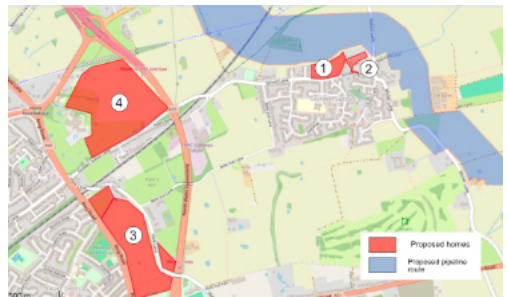
**More information at: <https://gsgreenspace.org.uk>**



**Green GS** - Our village is currently facing a growing number of housing development proposals around its boundaries, not to mention the pipeline, and these could have a lasting impact on our green spaces, wildlife habitats and the character of our community.

Residents are encouraged to stay vigilant, review planning applications as they appear, and make timely, well-reasoned representations to the planning authority.

Every voice matters when it comes to protecting our environment and ensuring that any future development is appropriate, sustainable and in keeping with the village we value.



**See [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk) for more information**

## **Guiden Sutton 10K and Fun run**

It is with great regret that West Cheshire AC will not be able to stage the Sutton 6 and Fun Run this year. We have some issues to overcome and plan on working on these over the next few months with a view to creating a new race, still based at the Village Hall and still on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September, in time for 2027. It is intended that we will make this a village event, as has been the case for the last 40+ years. We need to make a new course to avoid the A51 and Wicker Lane, both of which are becoming a problem.



WCAC are very sorry about this, and I personally have been involved with this race since Day 1 when the Sutton 6 was created as part of the Village Fete in 1982, a fundraiser to contribute towards the building of the Village Hall.

We hope that you will be able to support us in our new venture.

Richard Batterham

West Cheshire AC

## **French classes with Corinne**

St John's Church Hall, Church Lane

Learn French the fun relaxed way!

The classes have only a couple of weeks to go and will start again in September.

Kepp a look out in the next Marigold for details and for further information, please contact Corinne: [csdloison@outlook.com](mailto:csdloison@outlook.com)



## Dates for your diary

### May

Annual Parish meeting	Wed 6	19:00 - 19:30	Village Hall
Parish Council meeting	Wed 6	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
GSCA AGM	Thurs 14	19:30 - 21:00	Village Hall

### June

Parish Council meeting	Wed 3	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Honey bees picnic	Sun 14	12:00 - 15:00	Hooks Wood

### July

Parish Council meeting	Wed 15	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
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**Next PC meeting is 2 Sept**

## Parish Council

Alan Davis (Chair): [alan.davis@guildensuttonpc.co.uk](mailto:alan.davis@guildensuttonpc.co.uk)

Vice Chair: Trisha Paterson

Members: Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, David Oxley, Sue Ringstead, Victoria Roberts

Contact: Tel: 07733 414175 Email: [clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk)

Website: [www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk](http://www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk)

## Holding a party or an event?

Why not book the Village Hall. The hall and its rooms are available for private bookings. Staging is also available to hire and there's plenty of room for a bouncy castle. You can view the scheduled activities, check availability and find information at:

[www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village\\_hall\\_booking.html](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html)

You can also speak to Stephanie, the booking secretary, on 07739 104147



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# Why do Scout volunteers do it?

It's not for the pay (we checked — still £0, sadly).  
It's not for the glamour (we've got more campfire smoke in our clothes and mud on our boots than we'd like to admit).

And it's definitely not for the peace and quiet (have you ever tried to keep 20 Scouts — especially Beavers — quiet during an award ceremony? ).

We do it for that moment — when a young person tries something new, surprises themselves, and grins like they've just conquered Everest 🏔️.

We do it for the friendships , the laughter , the campfire adventures , the trails we blaze , and the pride of helping young scouts find their confidence, courage, and voice .

You can't put a price on that.  
(But you can put a badge on it )

Join the adventure.  
Be the reason young people believe they can do anything!

🦋 Scouts



For more information please email  
[1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk)  
or call 07552 985692 for an informal chat.