

GUILD News



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Members of ISGF World Committee 15th – 17th May 2025, Brussels.

Left to Right. Venessa Hoogen Borgen, Leny Doelman, Ana Rodrigues, Nattalie Henrard, Essia Fallhallah, Sue Page, Patrick De Souza, Greg Davies. Seen here taking a break during the meetings.

Welcome New Members to the Baden-Powell Guild UK

Bebington Branch

**Mr Ryan Hand. Mrs Dionne Petty. Mr Brian Tollady. Mr Thomas Petty
Mr Chris Taylor. Mr Dylan Murray. Mr Vernon Hands. Mr Steven Tollady**

Central Branch

Wafa Benzabya. Pradeep Veedu. Alan Beavis OBE. Carson Woo. Nigel Cole. David Hood.

Malvern Branch

Mr Tom Palmer. Mrs Anna Silver. Mr Andrew Page. Mrs Libby Lawrence- Fielden.

Celebrating 50 Years of Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen

May 2025 – Marks a significant milestone for Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen as the charity celebrates 50 years of dedicated service to the elderly and vulnerable members of the community. Established in response to a growing need for support, companionship, and care among older individuals, Age Concern has been a pillar of compassion and assistance since its inception.

Fifty years ago, leaders from Social Services, local churches, and members of the *Stourbridge Baden-Powell Guild* convened with a shared vision: to address the urgent needs of older residents facing isolation and vulnerability. This inaugural meeting sparked the formation of Age Concern (Now known as “*Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen*”), which quickly became a vital lifeline for many in the community.

It was more than just a project — it was a promise to look after those who had given so much but were at risk of being forgotten. Motivated by a shared commitment to community service and the values of Scouting and Guiding, Stourbridge Guild members came together to address the needs of older people in their community. Their tireless efforts laid the groundwork for what would become a lasting and impactful organization, driven by compassion, service, and a deep sense of social responsibility.

Derek Elton, who served as National President of the Baden-Powell Guild for many years, also held the role of President at Age Concern. His leadership, alongside dedicated Baden-Powell Guild members and other volunteers, significantly influenced the organization's ethos.

Over the decades, Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen has grown from a grassroots initiative to a cornerstone of support, providing essential services that include social activities, advocacy, and practical assistance. Through tireless dedication and unwavering commitment, the organization has positively impacted countless lives, fostering a sense of belonging and dignity among elderly residents.

Today, Age Concern continues to innovate and expand its services to meet the evolving needs of older adults in Stourbridge and Halesowen. The organization remains committed to its founding principles of compassion, inclusivity, and dignity for all. Though they may no longer walk beside us, we honour the memory of Baden – Powell Guild members with gratitude and pride.

David Harbach -Central Member and Chair of Trustees at Age Concern



1st Henfield Scout Group, Henfield West Sussex.

The Picture shows 1st Henfield Scout Group believed to be the oldest Scout Group in the Country. The gathering of Scouts including Guides is the District Drum-Head Service held on 27th July 1930. The Rev R Lea is in the centre; on his left is the curate Rev. B Boodle, and on his right the Lord Bishop of Lewes (wearing the crown). Frank Clarke is bottom left.



Scout and Guide Fellowship UK to close.

Sadly, we report that the **National Scout and Guide Fellowship (SAGF)** are to close at the end of 2025. This has been largely due to a decrease in membership. SAGF members are members of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) Members wishing to retain their membership for ISGF are advised to join the Baden-Powell Guild UK. Contact nat-secretary@bp-guild.org.uk

Our Golden Jubilee.

Next year, 2026, The Baden-Powell Guild UK will be 50 years old

We want to hear from our members your ideas on how the Guild should celebrate this special occasion. We want to hear your stories and events that you took part in these last 50 years. Should we hold a special social gathering. Should we produce a special badge. Should we produce a commemorative pamphlet. Do keep in mind that not all our members are online. We still have 2 of the founder members with us today and they have some great stories to tell. So, **we want to hear from you.** Contact the nat-secretary@bp-guild.org.uk

Members from Malta, Australia, New Zealand joined members of the Baden-Powell Guild UK's Central Branch for their online meeting tonight. They had many questions following a presentation from Sue Page on her experience of attending her first physical World Committee meeting since September 2024.



3rd April International University of Monaco

Member Juan Davila Y Verdin had the honour of delivering an MBA Masterclass on Entrepreneurship and Sustainability at the International University of Monaco. Juan seen on right giving his lecture



Cycling the World Stage 4

Peter Yoong 29th April 2025

The final stage. Now

cycling home from Japan to Malaysia via Korea, China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand.

Do we have any members with expert knowledge of GDPR?
If so, we would like your help and guidance. Please contact the Chairman Andrew Younie:
andrew.younie@gmail.com

Guild - ISGF Conferences & Gatherings 2025/26

Come and join us at our Social Guild Gathering

20th to 24th October 2025 The Abbey Lawn Hotel -Torquay.

Booking details: For more details about the hotel or to book online, go to www.daishs.com or tel 01202 638840. There are day trips out by coach from the hotel and entertainment every evening.



HIPPRADA Indonesia Scout and Guide Fellowship to host the 17th ISGF - AISG Asia-Pacific Region Gathering 2025, Bandung, Indonesia 15th – 19th September 2025

Sue and Allan Page will be attending the Conference as observers.



ISGF 31st World Conference will be held in Kuwait

The World Committee received four bids from Ghana, Kuwait , Mexico and Senegal to host this Conference. After having held a secret ballot between all National Scout and Guide Fellowships it was Kuwait who got the most votes. The World Conference will be held from 17 – 22 October 2027. Congratulations to Kuwait.

There is still time to register for the Western Europe Sub Region Gathering

10 – 14 October 2025

WESR Gathering

Bergeijk, Netherlands

This is an easy trip from the UK, you can fly to Eindhoven, or it is only a 2-hour drive from Dunkirk.



You are invited – All National Presidents & International Secretary's, or their representatives, are invited to the next meeting of the Europe Committee. This will be held online, via Teams, on Tuesday 17th June starting at 6pm London Time.

Keep informed and get in touch

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