

# Akela Awarded Silver Acorn



Sarah Munn receives her Silver Acorn Award from County Commissioner, Liz

## About the Silver Acorn

The Silver Acorn is awarded for a minimum of 20 years of specially distinguished service.

The award was instituted in 1932 as an award to rank between the Medal of Merit and the Silver Wolf. It was originally called the Silver Medal but changed to the Silver Acorn shortly after.



On Wednesday 7th March, County Commissioner Liz Walker presented Cubs Akela Sarah Munn with her Silver Acorn award for 25yrs distinguished service. Read what Akela had to say about her scouting experiences over the last 25yrs!

My Scouting journey started at 2<sup>nd</sup> Edgware Venture Scout Unit. My father was a Queen's Scout and my brothers had passed through Cubs and Scouts so I always wanted to join their Scouting adventures! As a Venture Scout I took part in various activities including expeditions to Austria, Italy and Canada and gained my Queen's Scout Award in 1987 following an interesting 4 day expedition in North Wales!

On finishing Venture Scouts I became a Beaver leader and started a Beaver Scout Colony for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edgware group, running a successful colony until my first son was born. Fast forward a few years and travelling between Potters Bar and Edgware was taking its toll so I looked for a Cub Pack closer to home in Potters Bar. With friends connected to St John's Church, 4<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar was an obvious choice so I contacted Dick Waterhouse, who was the Cub Leader at that time. I soon transferred over and have been Akela for the last 10yrs and until recently Explorer Scout Leader.

I was extremely surprised and happy when I heard the news of the award from the County Office.

Although it is lovely to be recognised in this way, none of it would be possible without the dedicated team of volunteer leaders and parent helpers that we have in our group, so I would like to thank them too for all the work that they do.