



23 January 2012

To: Members of Waltham Forest South
Cc: County Team

Dear All,

Re: District Commissioner – Waltham Forest South

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Howard Hiller-Daines has been appointed as District Commissioner for Waltham Forest South. Howard's appointment will commence from 1st February 2011, however he is District Commission designate with immediate effect. Mike Pattenden officially stood down on 31st December 2011 and therefore at the moment I am Acting DC for Waltham Forest South, however Mike is continuing to support the District and myself until Howard is operational and inducted, for which we are truly grateful.

Howard will be using the time until when his appointment commences to meet with members of the District Team. This District will be arranging a suitable time at an event this year to allow members of the District to meet with Howard and also provide a chance to thank Mike for all his time as District Commissioner.

Howard brings with him a wealth of experience from both his professional and voluntary background. Howard has been a Scout Leader in Finchley for a number of years, as well as holding Assistant Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader appointments in Chingford, for the last few years he has been an Occasional Helper in Chingford while he concentrated on his other voluntary roles outside of Scouting. Howard was also a member of the Barnacle Hospital Service team at Gilwell Park. Howard will also be known to many of you for his part in the Waltham Forest South Gang Show. Professionally Howard works for The City of London as a Senior Chartered Surveyor.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Mike for the sterling job that he has done in Waltham Forest South over the last five and half years, and for the 18 months before that as District Commissioner for Walthamstow. The District has grown under his leadership, becoming stronger both in terms of membership and governance. Mike has given a great deal of his time and dedication to the District and for this the County are very grateful and indebted to him. We wish him all the best in his future roles in Scouting!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline Pattenden, for all her support that she has given to Mike during his time as District Commissioner and for allowing him the time away from home to undertake the duties of District Commissioner. Thanks are also due to Caroline for her time as Appointments Secretary during Mike's tenure.

I hope that you will all give Howard your full support as he continues the good work done by Mike during his tenure as District Commissioner for Waltham Forest South.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Fix
County Commissioner
(Acting)

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