



**A fellowship that  
keeps Scouting at  
Gilwell Park alive  
for future generations**



**Scouts**



**Gilwell Fellow**

# Welcome to the fellowship

The Gilwell Fellowship aims to support the continuing development of Gilwell Park for future generations, and to educate everyone about Scouting's heritage and impact.

Gilwell Park is the spiritual home of Scouting, the biggest youth movement the world has ever seen. It embodies Baden-Powell's dream of a home for all Scouts and a dedicated training centre for adults, and continues to evolve and develop while preserving this legacy.

## Gilwell Fellows

The Gilwell Fellows are a group of supporters who care passionately about Gilwell Park and contribute to ensure it continues to develop for future generations.. Any support you're able to provide ensures that Scouts continue to learn practical skills for life, while also developing lasting friendships and having unforgettable outdoor adventures.

The Young Gilwell Fellows programme is for Scouts and supporters of Gilwell Park under the age of 30 who wish to be part of the Fellowship. They're invited to participate in the existing programme and support fundraising ideas using social media and their own networks.

**'Over the last 15 years, Gilwell Park has been transformed into an excellent centre for Scouts and all young people. It has managed to balance respect for the unique place it holds in Scouting's history with the need to be relevant, modern and viable. I'm very proud to have played a small part in this transformation and I want to see it continue in the future so even more young people can experience the adventure of Scouting.'**

Steve Peck, Gilwell Fellow



## What the Gilwell Development Fund enables us to create

Our International Volunteer Lodge provides 45 state-of-the-art rooms for our volunteer staff from all over the world. It's an outstanding example of the benefits of the Gilwell Development Fund.



**Jack Petchey lodge**



**Peter Harrison lodge**

The Jack Petchey Lodge and the Peter Harrison Lodge were built following two generous supporters donating over GBP 1,000,000 each. These incredible contributions towards the Fund have enabled us to provide a home for Scouts from all over the world, as well as for adults undertaking leadership programmes.

There are so many other fantastic examples of what the Gilwell Development Fund has achieved, including:

- the development of Gilwells natural beauty and nature through landscaping, tree planting and maintenance
- the Faith Walk, which is home to five places of worship for Scouts and other visitors
- the classrooms attached to The Lid, which are used for educational activities by both young people and adults.

The next development project at Gilwell Park is the Museum and Camp Square area. This is a major GBP 6.5 million campaign to build the first official UK Museum of Scouting and to redevelop the Camp Square. It will tell the story of how one man's idea provided the catalyst to create the world's biggest youth movement, now reaching over 50 million members across the globe.

**The fund is administered and supported by the UK Scouts, which ensures that the programme operates without any administration costs. This means 100% of your contribution goes directly to supporting Gilwell Park.**

## Being part of the Gilwell Fellowship

The Gilwell Fellowship recognises a number of different donation levels within the programme, starting from GBP 2,500. For Young Gilwell Fellows, this starts at GBP 500. The Gilwell Fellows can join the programme from anywhere in the world and are encouraged to visit Gilwell Park to see for themselves the impact their donations are having on this special place.

### Our circles of fellowship:

- **Gilwell Oak Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 2,500
- **Essex Chase Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 5,000
- **Camp Square Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 10,000
- **Training Ground Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 25,000
- **Gidney Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 50,000
- **Maclaren Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 100,000
- **Log and Axe Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 500,000
- **Gilwell Park Circle;** recognising cumulative donations of GBP 1,000,000

All Gilwell Fellows will receive a special fellowship pin, along with a certificate and VIP welcome at Gilwell Park. The three most senior levels will also receive an exclusive framed keepsake from Gilwell Park and an invitation to a private dinner from the Honorary Chair of the Gilwell Fellows, HRH The Duke of Kent.

## Young Fellows

To become a Young Fellow, an initial donation of GBP 500 is required. This can be from the Young Fellow themselves or from a family member, friend, sponsor or mentor. After the age of 30, the Young Fellow can become a full Gilwell Fellow by increasing their cumulative donation to GBP 2,500 by the time they are 35.



# Did you know that Gilwell Park...

1. Had a fully functioning hospital, from the 1950s to the 1980s, which included a ward and radiography lab?
2. Is home to the Gilwell Oak, UK Tree of the Year by The Woodland Trust in 2017?
3. Was purchased in 1919 for just £7,000 by William de Bois Maclaren, who gifted it to UK Scouting?
4. Holds over 250,000 items in its heritage collection?
5. Has a stone balustrade that was once part of London Bridge?
6. Was home to Hungarian political refugees in 1956, as they found new homes in the UK?
7. Was of strategic importance during the Second World War, hosting anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, as it overlooked the armaments and munitions factories in Enfield?
8. Contains many unusual international gifts such as: a cast of Baden-Powell's foot, from the Hungarian Scouts in 1933; a Buddhist Sala, from Boy Scouts of Thailand in 1967; and a bronze buffalo, from the Boy Scouts of America in 1926?
9. Was the site of the first Wood Badge, awarded to Rev. Hines who attended the pilot training course in 1919?

# How to donate and become a Gilwell Fellow or Young Gilwell Fellow

We'd love for you to contact us here at Gilwell Park, so that we can discuss your intentions and hear more about your relationship with Scouting. We're also happy to assist you in setting up a payment plan that achieves the level of fellowship that's right for you.

- **UK** – We have a number of Fellows based in the UK. The easiest way to join is to give us a call to discuss the programme and payment options.
- **USA** – If you're based in the US, please give us a call or email to discuss your intentions and we'll help you through the process. Payment can be made through the International Department of the Boy Scouts of American (BSA). Donations made through this route are tax deductible through the 501(c) 3 scheme.
- **Worldwide** – If you're based in any other country, please contact us to discuss any tax benefits regarding your donations and how to set up your payment plan.

Thank you once again for your interest in the Gilwell Fellowship. Our work at Gilwell Park wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the commitment of the Gilwell Fellows involved in this long-standing programme.

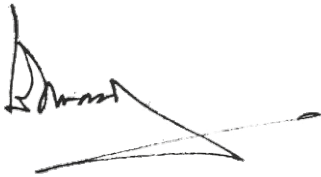
If you'd like to have a chat about becoming a Gilwell Fellow, please contact us by emailing [fundraising@scouts.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@scouts.org.uk) or calling on +44 (0)20 8433 7184.

# Join me and the Gilwell Fellows

HRH The Duke of Kent is pleased to be the Honorary Chair of the Gilwell Fellows, and is dedicated to working with you to making the fellowship as impactful as possible. He looks forward to meeting all Gilwell Fellows in due course, to thank you in person for your support.

‘Gilwell Park has reached a remarkable milestone. For one hundred years it has been the spiritual home of Scouting, inspiring countless thousands of adult volunteers and young people to go out into the world equipped with skills for life. Gilwell Park is a place of great beauty and character; a place where friendships are born and where memories are made.

As President of the Scouts, I am delighted to be taking on the role of Honorary Chair of the Gilwell Fellows. It is important that we preserve the spirit and legacy of Gilwell for future generations. I am looking forward to seeing how our plans will develop during what will be a memorable ‘Gilwell 100’ centenary year. I would like to thank you for your generous support as we look back on our rich heritage and ahead to a promising future.’



HRH The Duke of Kent,  
President of The Scouts and Honorary Chair  
of the Gilwell Fellows





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