**Celebrations as (INSERT NAME) receives (INSERT AWARD TYPE) for dedication to Scouting!**

A celebration was held on (INSERT DATE) at (INSERT LOCATION) to recognise the fantastic achievement and dedication of Scout volunteer (INSERT NAME) to (INSERT GROUP/SECTION).

The (INSERT AWARD) was presented to (INSERT NAME) for (INSERT DETAILS OF AWARD). (INSERT NAME) joined Scouting in (INSERT YEAR) as a (INSERT ROLE) has been a vital and enthusiastic member of the (INSERT GROUP) team from the beginning. (INSERT DETAILS OF THEIR TIME IN SCOUTING – HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THEY SUPPORTED ETC).

(INSERT NAME) said “INSERT QUOTE ABOUT AWARD, SKILLS GAINED FROM VOLUNTEERING”.

In a recent survey, 79% of people said they volunteer with Scouts because they enjoy it and 70% because they feel like they are making a difference. Volunteering is also a brilliant way to make new friends and boost your mental health.

(INSERT NAME) added, “INSERT QUOTE ABOUT WHAT THEY ENJOY ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN THEIR ROLE”.

Chief Scout Bear Grylls says “Scouts helps young people step up, speak up and dream big. It helps them play their part and take the lead, giving them skills for employment and education. Now more than ever, our young people need the confidence and encouragement that Scouting gives. Young people are amazing. They just need the opportunities and a friendly, safe and supportive place to discover their talents. That’s where we come in.”

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About Scouts

· Scouts, the world’s largest youth movement, was founded on 1 August 1907.

· In the UK, Scouts is supported by The Scout Association, enabling 7,000 Scout Groups across the country to provide opportunities to over 475,000 young people aged 4-25.

· There are now more than 638,000 individuals actively involved in Scouts in the UK.

· All genders, races and backgrounds are welcome at Scouts. Every week, it gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge, and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

· Scouts helps members gain these skills by encouraging them to ask the big questions and listen with wide open minds. It helps them to take a deep breath and speak up, think on their feet, ignore the butterflies, and go for it. With Scouts, young people don’t give up – they get back up and try again, often with the support of the friends they’ve made there.

· Over 200 activities are offered by Scouts, from canoeing and caving to coding and community projects, made possible by the efforts of over 163,000 adult volunteers.

· When many young people are struggling to find purpose and belonging, Scouts helps them develop skills, confidence, and a sense of hope.

· Worldwide, Scouts has over 50 million members, both male and female, and operates in nearly every country in the world.