

New District Badge



Our new district badge is now available in Stevenage Scout Shop

Every member listed on the 2007 Census will receive a **FREE** badge. These are being distributed via Group Scout Leaders.

The new District badge is effective **IMMEDIATELY** and should replace badges on uniforms with **IMMEDIATE** effect. (exceptions will be allowed if members are due to change section soon).

We will offer to exchange a maximum of 5 unused old district badges per section.

The old district badge will **NOT** be made available to anyone until at least 2009 (Stevenage Scouting's Centenary year)

The image on the new badge comes from the Stevenage Coat of Arms
However, we have slightly adapted the meaning for our use.

- The oak tree represents the great expanse of woodland in and around Stevenage, and the rural charm of the town.
- The acorns symbolise the steady growth and prosperity of the town.
- The sword comes from the arms of the Bishop of London who owned Stevenage during the Middle Ages.
- The red horizontal band represents the Great North Road which ran through Stevenage and Knebworth.
- The six stars represent Stevenage, and the 5 neighbouring villages (Knebworth, Datchworth, Walkern, Aston and Benington) which together form Stevenage District Scout Council.