

25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Dear Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to the 76th Harpenden & Wheathampstead District Scout Gang Show! The show will run from **Tuesday, January 13th to Saturday, January 17th, 2026**, at the Eric Morecambe Centre in Harpenden.

We have 143 spaces in the show:

- **Senior Gang (Years 10-13):** 52 spaces
- **Junior Gang (Years 7-9):** 56 spaces
- **Mini Gang (Years 5 & 6):** 35 spaces

Last year we had a waiting list of over 70, so if you're interested, this year or next year please apply. If you'd rather work backstage or front-of-house, let us know.

Please read the full details carefully on the next pages before applying.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

**Yours in Scouting,**

*Becca, Charlie, Emma, Fiona, Gemma, Jeremy, Kat, Kathy, Matt, Robin,  
Russell, Thomas & Wendy*

The Creative Team

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## 76th Gang Show 2026 – Rehearsals, Criteria & Applications

**Auditions:** We don't audition for the show so anyone is welcome. Although we do audition for solos and sketches but it is not compulsory.

### Is It for You?

We welcome everyone to join, but please consider your commitments carefully, especially if you have exams coming up in 2026 or big family holidays over Christmas.

### Rehearsals (Compulsory dates are in bold):

Senior Gang – a mix of Tuesday and Sunday rehearsals

Junior Gang – mainly Tuesday with 2 Sunday afternoons

Mini Gang – only Tuesday

A full rehearsal schedule will be supplied before the Summer holidays.

- Monday 5th May: Applications close
- Tuesday 2nd September: Show preview for Senior/Junior Gangs
- Tuesday 9th September: Rehearsals start for Senior, Junior & Mini Gangs
- Sunday 5th October: First Sunday afternoon rehearsal for Senior Gang
- **Sunday 23rd November: Harpenden Lights Up (Senior Gang only)**
- **Sunday 4th January: All rehearsals become compulsory**
- **Saturday 10th January: Technical Rehearsal**
- **Sunday 11th January: Dress Rehearsal**
- **Tuesday 13th - Saturday 17th January: Shows**

### Attendance Rules:

- Every effort must be made to attend all rehearsals
- You must attend all compulsory rehearsals.
- You can miss up to two (non consecutive) rehearsals (or three if due to Scouting activities).
- Missing more rehearsals may cause you to lose your place in the show, though exceptional circumstances will be considered.

### Discipline:

All the Crew are volunteers and therefore we expect everyone to behave respectfully and follow the rules after all you are Scouts. If there are issues, parents will be contacted, and repeat offenders may result in removal from the show.

### Medical Information:

Please inform us of any medical information including Autism, ADHD, Anxiety and pending diagnosis.

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## **Costs:**

Gang Show is free, but you may need to provide a few costume items (e.g., white shirt, black trousers and plimsols). If there are any financial difficulties, let us know, and we can assist.

## **Admissions Criteria for 2026 Gang Show:**

- Priority will be given to past performers and those on the previous waiting list.
- You must be an active, paid-up member of a Scout group in the District, and recommended by your leaders.
- Gang Show is part of Scouting, not a replacement for it.

## **Gang Groups and Selection:**

- **Senior Gang (52 max):** Years 10-13
- **Junior Gang (56 max):** Years 7-9
- **Mini Gang (35 max):** Years 5-6

Priority is given to the oldest in each gang (not their first show). If there are more applicants than spaces will be drawn randomly depending on year group.

## **Waiting List:**

If you're not selected, you'll be placed on the waiting list. If someone drops out, a name will be drawn from the list to replace them.

## **To Apply:**

Complete the application form at <https://forms.office.com/e/VzWPTQ0333> before **5pm on Monday, 5th May 2025**. By applying, you agree to the terms outlined above.