



## BLYTHE DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

### Scout Chase Walk Explorer Success

The Chase Walk is an annual event, where Scout Teams from across the UK, attempt to complete a 40-mile hike, around Cannock Chase in under 19 hours.

This year 10 teams from Solihull Blythe District Explorer Units took part in this event. Over 60 teams entered the event this year, in which separate categories are competed for. The day was cold and cloudy, but this did not deter the Scouts as all of the teams excelled in these conditions



Fastest District team on the day were the leaders from Drake, who completed the 40-mile in 11 hours 11 minutes. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the over 25 category, and were 4<sup>th</sup> fastest team on the day.

Simpson had two teams who completed the course. The Explorer team finished in 15 hours 17 minutes, whilst their leaders posted an excellent 12 hours 20 minutes.

Two all lady teams from Drake came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the ladies only event, being beaten on the day, by an experienced team from Southampton.

A team of Scout leaders from Shirley came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mixed team event, finishing in a very creditable 13 hours 51 minutes.

The most eventful day was had by a team from intrepid. A slight 'detour' meant they walked a considerable distance, but unfortunately the wrong way.

The most successful district team on the day however were a group of lads from Drake.



They completed the hike in 12 hours 38 minutes winning not only the Explorer Trophy, but also the novice prize as none of the lads had entered the event before.

In all over 50 Scouts from Solihull Blythe took part in the event, with over 35 actually completing the 40-mile.