

Dinton Scouts

The 1st Cuddington Scout Group was founded in 1927 by Miss Winning Read of Cuddington. Initially, the Group consisted only of a Wolf Cub Pack, as Cub Scouts were then called. Their meeting place was a barn owned by Miss Read's uncle in Cuddington.

After the Cub Pack had been running for a year or two, older boys began asking for a Scout Troop, so Miss Read duly obliged and became Scoutmaster as well as Cubmaster.

Sir William Curry allowed the Group to build a headquarters in the corner of the field where the present headquarters now stands. The present building was purchased in 1968 and the old building was sold to the 1st Oakley Scout Group, which had just been formed. The 1st Oakley also had a tennis pavilion and they put the two buildings together to form their headquarters.



When the present headquarters building was erected, a 21 year lease was set up, but in 1982 the Group were told that the lease would not be renewed when it expired and were offered the land as a freehold purchase.

Miss Read served as Group Scout Leader and also Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts for the Long Crendon District until her death in 1967. Having worked extremely hard to raise funds for the new headquarters building, Miss Read sadly did not live to see it erected.



In 1970 the name of the Group was changed to 1st Cuddington & Dinton, in recognition of the fact that the headquarters was in Dinton. The catchment area extended also to Ford, Stone and Bishopstone.

Following the re-grouping of the ecclesiastical parishes, whereby Cuddington was included in the Haddenham parish and Dinton and Ford with Stone and Bishopstone, the name of the Scout group was again changed in 1980 to 1st Dinton & Stone.

Sadly the popularity of Scouts in this area declined in the 1990's and the Group became dormant. The Group is now closed and the headquarters, ownership of which passed to the Long Crendon District Scout Association, is up for sale. We do have a Beaver Colony, which is part of the 1st Bernewode Group and meets in Dinton Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons.

The Scout Hut was sold in 2010 and was demolished.