

WAITROSE CUSTOMERS GIVE CLAYDON SCOUTS CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Left to Right are: Casey Ablett, Terry Sutton (group scout leader), James Shipp, Jordan Ablett, Katie Aves (personnel manager, Waitrose), Matthew Frost (beaver leader), Louisa Pannifer, Rachel Arthur (cub leader) and Rowan Spall (scout leader)

The charitable customers of Waitrose dug deep in their pockets and donated almost £1,000, over a day, at their store based at Futura Park.

Saturday, December 21, is one of the busiest shopping days in the calendar, and 1st Claydon Scout Group were on hand to provide assistance to busy shoppers by volunteering to pack bags at the checkout. As part of the Waitrose community initiative, Katie

Aves, personnel manager, agreed to the group packing bags to raise funds. Beavers, cubs, scouts, leaders and parents all volunteered for the day to help out, much to the relief of busy shoppers and Waitrose.

Over the day, customers donated £943 to the group. Katie commented: "We are always pleased to support local community groups. We are pleased that the second

visit by the group has proved even more successful." Terry Sutton, group scout leader, commented: "This is a great result for us and all the hard work that was put into it. The funds will go on continued maintenance of our hall and equipment. Additionally some of the money will fund part of the active weekly programmes we run for our beavers, cubs and scouts."

Terry went on to say: "We'd like to thank Waitrose and

their customers for their support. We doubled the amount raised compared to earlier in the year".

1st Claydon Scout Group is a growing group and would welcome more leaders and helpers to support their growth. If you would like to volunteer, please call Terry Sutton on 01473 833014. If you are a parent, and interested in your son or daughter joining, please call on the same number.

CLAYDON AND BARHAM MOTHERS' UNION

We are a friendly group that meets twice a month, on the first Wednesday, and on the evenings of the second Tuesday of each month.

We enjoy social time together – lunches out, outings and social evenings – and would welcome new members. Anyone interested should contact June on 01473

830187, or Jane on 01473 830543.

Diary dates

February 5: Raffle to raise money for *Make a Mother's Day*, supporting MU projects around the world.

February 11: EMUs.

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