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Dear Iminster Town Council

My name is Holly Bignell and I have been selected, along with 27 other Participants, to represent Somerset at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA in 2019 as well as another 9 participants from Wiltshire making up our unit (Somershire- Unit 77). I wrote to you a while back and you may have replied and I missed the reply, but just in case you did not receive my letter I am sending it again.

The World Scout Jamboree is an international event that brings together the world's young people. For 10 days out of the 3 weeks, young people work together to find out about each other's cultures and faiths, learn new skills, take part in adventurous activities and grow as global citizens to tackle some of the biggest issues facing the world today. The theme of the Jamboree is "Unlock A New World". We will spend the first couple of days in a major city (e.g. New York/Washington) before we spend the next 10 days on camp with 45,000 other scouts and then a week doing ho ho (home and hospitality) we will be split into groups of 5 or so, to spend a week living with a family in Canada/USA/Mexico to see what their life is like compared to ours in the UK.

Each participant needs to raise £4000 to attend the Jamboree. A significant portion of the fee from each UK Scout is used to assist Scouts from Developing Countries (LICs) to attend the event.

As part of my fundraising programme I am raising the funds through activities such as supermarket bag packing, attending fetes and fairs to sell some of my hand made products and badges to help me raise the £4000 needed for this trip of a lifetime. I am hoping that organizations like yourself can donate to this worthy cause.

The Jamboree is an opportunity like no other for myself and the other 4,000 UK Scout participants selected. Not only will we get to meet 45,000 people from nearly every country in the world, share our knowledge and experiences whilst working towards greater international understanding but the Jamboree offers us the chance to learn new skills that we can use in other aspects of our lives when we return home.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me using the details above and see our progress on the social media links below. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

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