

# Cubs get help with IT

**WHEN a local cub group needed help to pass their IT badge who came to the rescue? Norwich and Peterborough Building Society (N&P) did.**

Mark Tupholme, an employee of N&P's IT department and a cub scout leader, asked if the society would donate some IT equipment to 1st Bourne Foxwood Cubs. N&P has given the cubs a laptop computer.

The laptop will be used by the cubs to enable them to take their IT badge and can also be used to show educational material and help keep records of achievement for badge work.

As well as the traditional knot tying and cooking badges, cub groups now also learn about martial arts and global conservation for their badges.

Mandy Chatham, from N&P's Bourne branch, went along to the cub barn to hand over the laptop.

She said: "I never knew cubs did such advanced badges these days!

"I am glad N&P was able to help out. It is amazing what can be recycled; I hope the cubs learn a lot from having the computer, including what else they can do to help the environment!"

Bourne Cubs was established

more than 30 years ago but scouting as a whole is celebrating its 100th year this year.

The cub group consists of four adult leaders and 21 cubs, ranging in age from eight to 10-years-old.

They meet every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8pm and take part in a programme of outdoor scouting, fitness, creativity and discovering the world around them.

Mark said: "As N&P is carbon neutral, I thought it was a great idea to recycle a used laptop which was being replaced.

"It will be great for the cubs to have one, as we have limited space at the cub barn for a large PC and monitor.

"I know the cubs can't wait to complete their IT badge and I promise not to give them too much help!"

