

# The Southern 50 - February 2007

The Southern 50 Challenge is an endurance hiking competition organised by Greater London North Scout County. There are three classes of entry, 50 miles, 50k (30 miles) or 30k (18 Miles)

GLNE had 7 teams enter the competition, 2 in the 30km event, 4 in the 50km event and a bunch of brave leaders from Hornchurch District in the 50 mile event. The hike started in dark and rainy Watlington, travelled through patches of snow in the Chilterns and finished in the rain at Tring. One crazy Romford Team decided to take a break and help push out a car that was stuck in the mud, but for everyone it was a long old slog around the course.

Not all teams finished the hike, but they all put in a great effort to get as far as they did. At the awards ceremony on the Sunday, the Hornchurch leader's team 'Ten Gallon Dixie' made up of Mike Suggate, Richard Pinto, Alan Winston and Glenn Hadley finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50 mile event in a time of 17hrs 44 mins and one of the unit M teams from Romford were the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest to finish the course in the 50km event.

So congratulations to all the GLNE teams – 100% Custard, Gidea Park Gallopers, No Sorry First Place is Mikey's Misfits, Ummm What?, 4 Non-blondes, the Suicidal Potato Munchers, and of course the Ten Gallon Dixies.