

GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT 2021

Scouting has always been able to adapt to react to what is going on around – “Be Prepared”. As a volunteer organisation those involved either on the Executive committee or on the front line as leaders working with the young people have juggled family, work, Scouting not to mention all the other things that contribute to life plus of course in the last 16 months coming to terms with a new normal. It has had its struggles but we are still here.

None of this is possible without the support of those around you. Scouting as an association, those at County and District level and of course on the ground here at the 58th Scout Group. We have reached this point where our sections have managed to resume face to face scouting for a couple of months or so before the holidays.

Part of the management during this time has been working with our treasurer and managing the finances whilst having no regular income. We made a decision as a Group that we were in a position to not put any financial burden on our parents/guardians during 2020/21 financial year. As a charity of course we are expected to raise our own capital. Fortunately we have actually increased our capital due to the Government initiatives, for charities such as ours, to apply for grants. We are now on a programme of using that money to carry out some long standing projects relating to the hall and surrounding area plus some new equipment.

Because of this new way of working we as a Group were impacted in the fact of making the Hall Covid secure for hirers and Scouting alike. New risk assessments were written and re written and the whole way we worked has changed – for now!

One thing that hasn't changed is a need for help – so as we come out of these uncertain times please consider what you can do to help our young people (and yourself) gain skills for life. To finish this report by saying a huge thanks to all leaders and Exec members for sticking with it!

- Simon (58th Group Scout Leader)