

Hi all,

Before I get to the good stuff I need to start with a reminder.

The Scout Section needs a new Leader.

I was happy to take caretaker-ship of the Troop and have now committed to running it through until summer 2022. At this point my intention is to step down. The section will unfortunately not be able to run without a Leader, which means it will again face closure.

Now is as good a time as any to get involved. We have decided to run the sections with a maximum of 20 YP (Young People) which is not as daunting as it seems and a really good number to work with. There is help & support available from other Leaders and the Executive Committee, as well as other Leaders around our District. It is fun and rewarding not just for the Scouts but for the Adults involved too.

Now to the good stuff

We currently have 17 YP in the Troop.

- 2 Scouts will be leaving us for Explorers this summer.
- We will have 1 Cub moving up to Scouts & 1 YP from the waiting list joining in September.
- Followed by 1 YP on the waiting list & 2 Cubs moving up in January.

This will give us a total of 20 Scouts from January 2022 so the Section is now effectively full and will not look to take on any new members, as we need places for the Cubs due to move up.

Time fly's when you're having fun where have these last 3 months gone! The Troop returned on April 20th with a City Docks Cruise to welcome everyone back. We've since made good use of the fine weather with a number of local walks around Easton, Stoke Park, Fishponds, Eastville Park & Frenchay, as part of the Local Knowledge, Navigation & Map Reading Badges. We've lit fires & toasted marshmallows, erected tents, played Cricket and tried with varying degrees of success at re-creating the McDonalds Egg, & Bacon & Egg Mc Muffin! We've spent an evening playing games in the park with the Cubs and a few Scouts were lucky enough to grab a seat on Cubs trip on The Matthew. The year was then finished underground on an afternoon of caving.

We're looking to start the autumn term of with a 2 night camp to welcome everyone back after the summer and give the Scouts the chance to put some of their new skills to use. We also have an evening shooting Crossbows lined up in what is shaping up to be an action-packed September.

A big thank you to Nick, Martin & Preash. Without them none of the above would be possible. Like I said fun for the Adults as well as the Scouts so please come forward if you feel you can get involved or even give it a try.

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