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## Highlights of 2021/22

This year we have seen an exciting and wide range of in person activities that have been enjoyed by the young people. This has included:

- A district sleep over at Airhop with hours of bouncing, lots of pizza and films
- A group "Jubilee" camp to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee – a good time was had by all!

As well as covering many topics including environmental conservation, photography, crazy golf, bird watching, raft building, sandcastle building, sporting activities such as fencing, bowls, cycling (from Bristol to Bath and back again in hot sunshine), river Frome walks (in torrential rain), trips to the fire station, walks around the Harbour – the list goes on of all the exciting activities our young people have been able to experience in 2021/2022.

## Looking forward 2022/2023

The section leaders have already been pulling together exciting plans when we return in the Autumn for the young people. This includes a trip to Brownsea Island on 24th September where the scouts will get to see the home of Lord Baden Powell (Founder of Scoting) and first camp in 1907 then a trip to Bournemouth pier to do lots of fun activities. There will also be camps and activities to earn lots of badges to be sown onto jumpers!

Picture: Brownsea Island Scout Camp

## Review of 2021/2022

I do hope you are keeping well and safe. It has been fantastic to be able to have a year of full scouting activities in person since the beginning of the pandemic. A big thank you to you all for all your support for the 58<sup>th</sup>, a big thank you to all our Leaders, Assistant Leaders and volunteers for their continued hard work and tireless commitment to the group and our young people!

As a group we started, and continue to be, in a good financial position due to the support we have received from Bristol City Council and the hiring out of the hall. The hall has really become a central community hub, not only for the Scouts, but many regular hirers providing dog training, dance classes as well as parties. This money has given is the opportunity to continue to make improvements to the hall and subsidise many of the group activities, such as camping and trips, so that all young people can enjoy.

Our Scouting community continues to thrive, Young people have enjoyed a chance to catch up and take part in wide range of activities. However we do have some challenges, we continue to be full with a long waiting list and we are still looking for more volunteers to ensure that our scouting activities can continue. This includes finding a new Scout Leader. Rob Miles has been doing an amazing job as the interim leader, however he was only meant to be interim (and now been two years) and so please so let us know if you or someone you know would like to consider the role (Rob a big massive thank you from us for continuing to ensure we have a brilliant Scout section!).

We will continue to work hard to give our Young People lots of opportunities to have fun, learn and develop. There have been many highlights of the year and 2022/2023 is looking to offer more exciting plans including a trip to Brownsea island! Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer.

Take care and best wishes,  
 Emma Gibbard,  
 Chair, Executive Committee



