

The Troop has grown!

When we return in September we will have 32 Scouts up from 17 last year and back to our pre pandemic numbers.

Hopefully the young people will agree that we've achieved quite a lot this year. 3 Camps, Rafting, Climbing, Shooting, Cycling, Grass Sledging, Crate Stacking, Zip Wiring, Trampolining, as well as other in house activities. We have taken part in the Green Influencer Project which we will complete in the Autumn and over the course of the year have awarded 149 Badges and invested 14 into the Troop – I need a rest 😊

We have a great bunch of Scouts who engage in the activities we provide even when it's something they may not enjoy. The main thing is they are willing to give everything a go, which is what Scouting is all about.

When we return in September we have a camp booked (details to be emailed over the summer) as well as our Group trip to Brownsea Island which is now almost sold out.

We have had a number of parents come on board as Occasional Helpers and from September we will be asking that one parent for each Scout Volunteers to help on one Tuesday night each per year. This is so we can continue to provide these activities and welcome more young people into the group.

This is not a solo effort. A big thank you to Nick & Martin for their roles in running the section and another note of thanks to the Beaver, Cub & Exec, who like a family offer help and support. Without them none of the above would be possible.

My report last year said I was happy to run the troop until the Summer of 2022.

I'm still here and making plans for the 2022/2023 Scouting Year. It's our intention this year to make another concerted effort to find more Scout Leaders as we need people to come forward and help. Now is as good a time as any to come onboard as a Leader (It's really not that scary). No previous Scouting experience is necessary, training is given plus there's support from the group and our district. What we as a group don't want, is when I hang up my woggle, we haven't a Troop for the young people of our local community to attend.

We have made this plea on a number of occasions but time really is running out and the loss of the Scout section will become a reality.

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