

Welcome to  
15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest (Habberley)  
Scout Group  
AGM



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

6pm

WF15 Scout Hut

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## GROUP INFORMATION

### Ex-officio Members

- Mr Kevin Guest (AGSL/CSL)
- Mr Jamie Brockett (ABSL)
- Mr Macaulay Warren (ASL)
- Mrs Julie Hardiman (SL)

### Elected members

- Mrs Sue Coleman
- Mr Marcus Hart

### SCRUTINEER

- Mrs Norah Howells

### BANK ACCOUNT

- Bank - Lloyds
- Account name - 15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

### SCOUT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION NUMBER

- 306101

### GROUP CONTACT - GROUP SCOUT LEADER

- Lesley Hicks
- 07772273165

### CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTRATION NUMBER

- 506614

## AGENDA

Chairperson's opening remarks

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- Chairperson
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- Secretary
- Treasurer

District Commissioners comments

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group** **on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 @19:00**

### **Welcome**

Jane Spragg (Group Chairperson), invited all members and Parents/Guardians to the meeting and apologised that due to the current constraints due to Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom video conference. Jane gave a special welcome to Julie Goodyear (District Commissioner), and thanked her for her attendance/support

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mark & Deb White, Marcus Hart, Ryan Hardiman, Lucy Isaacs.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the 2020 AGM report.

### **Chairperson's report**

Jane commented that over the last 12 months there had been a reduction in fund raising activities, which had been due to Covid-19 pandemic, but fortunately we had received substantial grants from Wyre Forest District Council which meant that the financial position of the group was now in a much healthier position.

Jane then thank all committee members and leaders for their ongoing support throughout the last 12 months. Finally, she thanked all the young members and their families for supporting us throughout the last 12 months and was now looking forwards to a more positive year.

### **Group Scout Leaders report**

Lesley thanked everyone for attending and gave special thanks to all leaders for their support over the last 12 months, especially for all the work going on behind the scenes to provide virtual meetings all sections during the restricted difficult times. Now that the lockdown had lifted sections were now meeting face to face at Rhydd and the hut, so our young members were no getting involved in physical activities. Lesley gave a special mentions to the young people who had completed badges from home which was great to see! Lesley thanked the current committee for their support to the group over the last 12 months.

### **Treasurers' Report**

David Harris advised that all accounts had been submitted for validation, scrutinised and approved. David also confirmed that due to various grants, the financial position of the group was now in a much better position, compared to last year's AGM. Dave advised that he had been trying to improve our banking facilities with our current Bank provider but after getting nowhere was now in the process of moving the groups account to another bank who had confirm that they would offer better facilities. Kevin Guest gave

special thanks to Dave for the sterling work that he had done in improving the reporting process for the group's accounts and also the work he had done with the banks.

### **Nomination of Group Chairperson**

Chairperson – Jane Spragg was nominated by Lesley Hicks and agreed to continue the role for the next 12 months

### **Election of Officers**

#### **Nomination of Group Secretary**

Denyse Plant has agreed to stand for another 12 months.

- Proposed by Kevin Guest
- Seconded by Lesley Hicks

#### **Nomination of Group Treasurer**

Dave Harris has agreed to stand as for another 12 months.

- Proposed by Lesley Hicks
- Seconded by Sue Coleman

### **Ex-officio Members**

- Mr Kevin Guest (AGSL/CSL)
- Mr Jamie Brockett (ABSL)
- Mr Macaulay Warren (ASL)
- Mrs Julie Hardiman (SL)

### **Elected Members**

- Mrs Sue Coleman
- Mr Marcus Hart

### **Presentation of Beaver awards**

Lesley advised that all Beavers had been visited and presented with outstanding badges (including ones completed during lockdown)

Beaver of the year – Matthew Jackson

Most Improved Beaver – William Waldron

Best attendance - Eddie Brooks

### **Presentation of Cub awards**

Kevin thanked Chris Guest, Karen Maiden, Karen Evans and Denyse Plant for their support over the last 12 months and advised that without their ongoing support, weekly Cub meetings would not have taken place. Kevin also advised that for the last 12 months 2 special awards would be presented for outstanding achievement to cubs and personal challenges. The 2 recipients being:

Rosie Brooks

Tyler James

### **Presentation of Scout awards**

Julie thanked Ryan Hardiman and Macaulay Warren for the great job they have done in running the weekly virtual troop nights and was happy now that everyone was meeting face to face now.

Scout of the year – Ellie Wall

### **District Commissioners report**

Julie Goodyear thanked everyone for her invite to the AGM and advised that there had been some financial concerns with the group during 2019-20, but was happy to see the group now in a much more stable financial position. Julie thanked all the leaders and committee members for their continued support to the group and young people. She gave special mention to Dave for his great work as treasurer, and Lesley and Jane for their ongoing support to the District as well as WF15. Julie was pleased to confirm that there was now “light at the end of the tunnel” and was looking forwards to when everything returns to some sort of normality. Julie advised that there were some leader awards due and was hoping to hold a special presentation event during the summer (Covid-19 permitting)

There were no questions raised from the floor

Meeting closed at 19.27 p.m.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

Firstly, I would like to say how extremely proud I am of all the members of WF15, the Young People, the Leaders and the Executive Committee for how they have continued to engage in Scouting throughout the year and their enthusiasm has made us grow.

We are still in good financial circumstances, but will need to get back to fundraising now to keep that position, therefore if you can think or hear of something we can do, please let us know. The more people with ideas, the better it is for us.

I am happy to say that we were one of the first Groups in Wyre Forest to start a Squirrel Drey and that come June, will be starting an Explorer Unit, which means we will be the first Group in the District to have all the five Sections!

I would also like to say Thank You to you, the parents/guardians of our Young People. Without your support by bringing them to meetings/events/camps etc, it means that they would not get such a varied programme as they do.

I would also like to say Thank You to all the members of the Executive Committee for all that they do to support me and the Group. They muck in and do what is needed at the time, whether it is getting new light bulbs, or getting up on the roof and sweeping it!

So to end my thanks, I would just like to say ONE BIG THANK YOU to one special lady who has kept this Group running, especially through these difficult few years. Lesley (our Group Scout Leader) who as well as keeping the leaders in check, running Beavers and reminding me of things I need to do, I am happy to call a friend.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wanted to say that we really appreciate your support and that we look forward to seeing you more in a less Covid restricted time.

Yours in Scouting

Jane Spragg  
WF15 Chairman



## Treasurers' Report to the Trustees of 15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group for the year to 31 March 2022

The finances of the group reflect the immense changes over the past year, from the relaxation of Covid restrictions, allowing some normality to return to people's lives. To the start of the 'cost of living' crisis, which began as the world economy struggled to re-start post pandemic.

Our income for the year did include some additional grant funding from the UK government at the start (April 2021). Then, as restrictions began to ease and more activities could start again, the group has seen a return to more sustainable levels of subscriptions and other income for camps and charitable activities, signalling a return to almost pre-pandemic levels. The continued support of parents and other charities has played a crucial part in keeping our group going through some very difficult times, indeed without your support, none of this is possible.

During the latter part of the year WF15 Squirrels was formed, our newest section and plans are in motion to introduce a new Explorers section in 2022. These new sections allow the group to grow significantly and will enable us to do more in the future, offering a broader range of activities for different age groups.

As a group, we have a responsibility to spend surplus funds wisely and during the year there have been several projects to buy new camping equipment including tents and cooking equipment, with further funds set aside for portable cookers. The group has also replaced the main cooker at the hut premises, along with improvements to the hand washing facilities in the toilet cubicles. The group is also looking at other ways to improve the energy efficiency of our main hut, to help reduce running costs in a sustainable way.

The group undertook to move the banking facilities to Lloyds Banking Group and this process started early in 2021, the transfer has now completed and the old account with HSBC is now closed. The group will continue to find ways to reduce cash transactions and find easier methods of managing payments for subscriptions and other events.

In addition to grants and other fantastic donation from individuals, this financial year we received £ 344.50 from our membership of the Wyre Forest community lottery fund. This independent community lottery supports our group and many other local charities. Adding additional prizes, along with the £ 25,000 Jackpot.

Tickets can be brought as a one-off purchase, or you can subscribe to a monthly amount. Thank you to all our supporters, please continue to spread the word. For more details copy and paste this link into your internet browser.

<https://www.wyreforestcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/15th-wyre-forest-scout-group>

We've also introduced a new way of supporting WF15, through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> same products, prices and service, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. Business owners can do this too. The best part, there is no cost to you!

It's clear that 2022 is going to bring its own challenges, and opportunities, for everyone. Groups like WF15, thrive with the support of parents who volunteer their skills and experience to help with events, fund raising and in so many other ways.

David Harris

Treasurer 15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group.

## Statement of Financial Activities for

### 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

### For the year to 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations & Legacies	1,394		1,394	2,157
Charitable activities	2,071		2,071	1,716
Other Trading Activities	16,654		16,654	1,739
Investments	0		0	0
Other	8,575		8,575	19,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,694</b>	<b>25,152</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising Funds	0		0	0
Charitable activities	1,964		1,964	0
Other Trading Activities	13,496		13,496	5,342
Donations & awards	532		532	68
Equipment	2,028		2,028	11
Establishment Costs	4,093		4,093	3,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,113</b>	<b>8,485</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>16,667</b>
Revaluation of tangible assets				
Other gains/losses				
<b>Net Movement in funds</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>16,667</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	15,153	6,650	21,803	5,136
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>21,734</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>21,803</b>

## Balance Sheet

### 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

### For the year to 31 March 2022

	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>		
Tangible assets	0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	28,384	21,803
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>21,803</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>		
Creditors less 1 year	0	0
<b>Net current assets or liabilities</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>21,803</b>
<i>(Total assets less current liabilities)</i>		
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities:</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>21,803</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>		
Restricted Income funds	6,650	6,650
Unrestricted Funds	15,153	15,153
Revaluation Reserve	0	0
Current Year Mvmt (Unrestricted)	6,581	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>21,803</b>

## Section Statement of Financial Activities for

### 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

#### For the year to 31 March 2022

	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Group	WF15 Totals
	£	£	£	£		£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations & Legacies	0	0	0	0	1,394	1,394
Charitable activities	0	1,081	161	565	265	2,071
Other Trading Activities	852	3,283	1,847	10,672	0	16,654
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	8,575	8,575
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>10,234</b>	<b>28,694</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	0	575	285	636	468	1,964
Other Trading Activities	259	1,942	577	4,206	6,511	13,496
Donations & awards	0	191	0	307	34	532
Equipment	314	256	0	831	627	2,028
Establishment Costs	0	50	0	12	4,031	4,093
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>5,992</b>	<b>11,671</b>	<b>22,113</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments						
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>-1,436</b>	<b>6,581</b>
Revaluation of tangible assets						
Other gains/losses						
<b>Net Movement in funds</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>-1,436</b>	<b>6,581</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total Restricted funds b/fwd					6,650	6,650
Total funds brought forward	0	1,084	882	3242	9,945	15,153
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>8,486</b>	<b>15,158</b>	<b>28,384</b>

## Balance Sheet

### 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

For the year to 31 March 2022

	Squirrels Bal sheet	Beavers Bal sheet	Cubs Bal sheet	Scouts Bal sheet	Group Bal Sheet	WF15 Bal Sheet
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>						
Tangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>						
Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	51	15	12	203	28,103	28,333
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>28,103</b>	<b>28,333</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>						
Creditors less 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net current assets or liabilities</b> <i>(Total assets less current liabilities)</i>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>28,103</b>	<b>28,333</b>
Provisions for liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>28,103</b>	<b>28,333</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>						
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	6,650	6,650
Unrestricted Funds	0	1,084	882	3,242	9,945	15,153
Revaluation Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Year Mvmt (Unrestricted)	278	1,349	1,147	5,244	-1,436	6,581
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>8,486</b>	<b>15,158</b>	<b>28,384</b>

**15TH WYRE FOREST (HABBERLEY) SCOUT GROUP****INCOME**

	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
4000 Income District events	0.00
4001 Income Section events Santa Safari	490.00
4002 Income Section events Wiv Animal Encounters	66.00
4003 Income Section events Jubilee Inflatables	20.00
4007 Income Group events Panto	465.00
4010 Income Bank interest	0.72
4020 Income Camps/sleepovers All Camps	6,195.62
4021 Income Camps/sleepovers Squirrels Camps	0.00
4022 Income Camps/sleepovers Beavers Camps	0.00
4023 Income Camps/sleepovers Cubs Camps	0.00
4024 Income Camps/sleepovers Scout Camps	0.00
4025 Income Camps/sleepovers Explorer Camps	0.00
4030 Income Gifts Donations	1,259.33
4031 Income Hire of hut	135.00
4045 Income Fundraising Christmas Post	245.00
4070 Income Investiture Fees	217.09
4080 Income Pledged Plod	785.00
4090 Income Subscriptions Beavers	3,038.60
4091 Income Subscriptions Cubs	1,838.96
4092 Income Subscriptions Scouts	4,361.31
4093 Income Subscriptions Squirrels	852.00
4100 Income Uniform/badges Neckers	122.44
4101 Income Uniform/badges Badges	27.94
4102 Income Uniform/badges Other	0.00
4150 Income Grants & Covid	8,200.00
	0.00
4200 Income Wyre For Comm Lottery	344.50
4300 Income Paypal	5.00
4400 Income Smile Amazon UK	24.58

<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>28,694</b>
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**EXPENDITURE:**

	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Cashbook values	
5000 Expense Group Activities	833.90
5001 Expense District events Outdoor Pursuits	0.00
5002 Expense Equipment at Rhydd	42.00
5003 Expense Activities General	1,665.01
5019 Expense Camps/sleepovers Food and Refreshments	196.77
5020 Expense Camps/sleepovers All Camps	3,861.83
5040 Expense Craft materials	110.75
5050 Expense Donations	0.00
5051 Expense Guide dogs for the blind	136.00
5060 Expense Equipment	2,028.32
5070 Expense Consumable items eg decorations	0.00
	0.00

5070 Expense Gifts Awards	50.49
5071 Expense Gifts Presents	345.76
	0.00
5080 Expense Pledged Plod	0.00
	0.00
5100 Expense Administrative Postage	68.45
5101 Expense Administrative Stationery	188.60
5102 Expense Administrative Printing	33.98
5103 Expense Administrative PayPal/Youth Man	0.00
5200 Expense Refreshments Drinks	0.00
5201 Expense Refreshments Biscuits	0.00
5203 Expense Refreshments Food	1,275.37
	0.00
5220 Expense Uniform Neckers	715.98
5225 Expense Uniform Badges	813.17
5230 Expense Uniform Literature	0.00
5240 Expense Uniform Other Uniform	250.44
7000 Expense Rent & Lease fees	160.00
7010 Expense ND8R & Water rates	177.94
7020 Expense Heating & Light	610.62
7030 Expense Repairs & Maintenance Cleaning & Sundry	34.34
7031 Expense Repairs & Maintenance Hut Maintenance	1,061.20
7032 Expense Repairs & Maintenance Gardening & Grounds	0.00
7033 Expense Repairs & Maintenance Fire & Security	247.60
	0.00
8000 Expense Capitation	3,813.00
8010 Expense Investiture	0.00
8020 Expense Website & Marketing	144.00
8030 Expense Training	95.00
	0.00
9000 Expense Bank Charges	263.15
9500 Expense Other Funding Sources	0.00
9600 Expense Insurances	1,395.94
9700 Expense District Levy	405.00
9800 Expense Group Activities Panto	1,026.00
9900 Expense Group Activities Santa Safari	62.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>22,113</b>
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<b>Net Funds Movement</b>	<b>6,581</b>
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**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest**  
**(Habberley) Scout Group**

The following report is for the accounts of the group prepared by the Treasurer for the year ended 31 March 2022.

In accordance with the directions given in the group's constitution I have examined the accounts prepared to ensure that they comply with the following requirements: -

1. Ensuring compliance with the Charity Commissions financial reporting requirements
2. Ensure that sufficient reserves and resources are in place for scouting to continue operations for at least 12 months from the balance sheet date.

It is my opinion as the independent examiner, that the accounts prepared for the group for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 comply with the constitution and the requirements of the charity commission.

Name of Independent Examiner - Mrs Norah Howells

Address – 20 Warwick Street, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8JB

Date - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Signed N. E. Howells



## **Group Scout Leader Report**

Thank goodness since our last AGM we are now free to meet face to face and life as we knew it before Covid-19 is returning back to normal.

All the events we enjoy like camps, sleepovers etc. can now go ahead and all of our sections as you will see from their reports have pulled out all the stoppers to make sure our young people get the best of everything.

Earlier on this year we had a grant from Councillor Tracey Onslow who brought our brilliant new flags ready for St. George's Day Parade.

Our group continues to grow not only in numbers but in sections. We welcome our youngest section in January this year. Many people doubted that Squirrels would work but our little band of red sweatshirt 4 to 6 year olds are just brilliant and are having so much fun. They joined us at St. George's Day parade where they smiled all the way. Their success is due to the leader team of Jodie, Gemma, Donna, Frankie, Clive, Terri, Sophia and Keira.

Later this month we will open our fifth section, our own Explorer Scout section. This will be run by Julie (our Scout leader) and David Woodward who was a Beaver, Cub and Scout several moons ago. They will be helped by Mark and Michelle who both have previous knowledge with Explorer Scouts. We know that this section will be a great success and hope that all our scouts once 14 years of age will stay and join this section plus other scouts from other groups.

We are the first group within the Wyre Forest district to have 5 sections which is a great achievement in itself and is only possible because of all the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers.

WF15 has a brilliant team. Leaders, Assistant leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders, Occasional Helpers, parent helpers and the Executive Committee who have been out standing over the last couple of years.

To each and every one of them I would like to thank them all for everything they have done over the last year.

Last but not least, we mustn't forget our young people that are WF15. They never cease to amaze me in everything they do or take part in. They are a truly wonderful bunch and I am honoured to be part of their family.

Lesley Hicks  
Group Scout Leader

# SQUIRRELS REPORT

**24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 – WF15 SQUIRREL SCOUTS WAS BORN!**

## January:

January saw us get to know each other as Squirrels and Scouting was new to most the Leaders as well as the children. We also made a model of a camp fire together. This way we always have one to sit and sing around - even in the cold and wet.



## FEBRUARY

In February we started working towards our 'All About Adventure' & 'Superchef' badges by making s'mores over tea lights and decorating pancakes - Squirrels do like food! Valentines' Day saw us make cards and love bugs for the people we love.



## MARCH

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite characters and sharing our favourite book with the rest of the Drey. Mother's Day was marked by planting Sunflowers in mini pots to take home and all Squirrels (and Leaders) were invested and became an official part of WF15 Scout Group.





## A P R I L

April saw us make shields like St. George and take part in a few Easter activities which included making Easter bonnets and rice crispie nest cakes. We also had a small Easter Egg Hunt around the ground of our Scout Hut. We attended our first district event in the form of St. George's Day Parade. Squirrels joined the other sections for the service at Kidderminster Harriers Football Club and then slotted into the parade to march back with them all - legs that small are only designed to go one way! ☺





# MAY

In May we did some work towards our 'Get Creative' badge by making pictures from things found in nature and our 'Let It Grow' badge by planting the seeds from a tomato. We ended the month by making crowns for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and wore these to our own Jubilee Tea Party where we decorated cakes amongst other things.



## Thank You

A big thank you to Jodie, Gemma, Donna, Charlie, Clive, Sophia, Sue, Terri & Keira for their continued help and hard work each week at Squirrels.

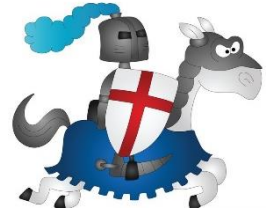




## **BEAVER REPORT**

We have had another very busy year at Beavers. In April we were just coming out of lockdown and trying to get back to normal. Our first few meetings were via zoom where we made bread in a bag or pizza's.

After the Easter holidays we met back at our Scout hut where we learnt all about St. George. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we were not allowed to have a parade this year. We also practised our Green Cross Code in our car park.



In May we started our Safety badge, learning about the different crossings, the Emergency services, Fire safety and house dangers. PS Mark White and PC Matthew Link came to talk to us all about "Stranger Danger" and how to stay safe. We also learnt to remember where we lived which proved very comical. We then designed our own robots.

After the Whitsun holidays Bubbles took us on a safety hike to Trimpley Reservoir, which was great fun for all the Beavers but not so for some of the leaders. Going down was good but not coming back up. So we could do all these outside activities we needed hi-vis jackets to keep us safe and seen. A lovely lady called Nicole Morrell paid for hi-vis jackets for all the Beavers. Thank you Nicole.



Karen Blanchfield and Little Warriors litter pickers came to visit us and helped us pick up the litter around our Scout hut and in the local park.

We visited Wolverley Animal Centre where we met all the animals and took the sheep for a walk. We all liked the reptiles best.



Back at our hut in July we planted seeds in the container outside our hut. We finished off the summer term with a games night.



Calabria came in September and taught us all how to make delicious pizzas. We also completed our Collector, Hobbies and Sports badges.

There are many disabilities. Some of these we learnt about and the different things that disabled people can use to get around including hearing and blind dogs.



In October we discovered the difference sorts of money and where money comes from then we had to design our own bank note.

Pledged Plod was slightly different this year with no parents being allowed to take part. So we decided to do a sponsored walk around our Scout hut and finished off at the chip shop which is always one of our favourites.



For Halloween we still had a party although we had to follow Covid-19 rules.

We had to save up all our recyclable empty cardboard boxes, tubes etc. to make a robot for our Builder badge. We finished off the money badge and Rusty gave us all a camp blanket.



We ended the year making Christmas cards and went to the Safari Park to meet Santa and the dinosaurs.

After Christmas Deb White and Nikki Best came to teach us all about Emergency aid. How to help someone who is injured, bleeding or who has an accident. We also learnt how to call 999 and what details we need to give.

Anthony Arnold paid us a visit and taught us how to juggle, stilt walk and various other tricks.



At the end of January some of us went to the Civic Centre in Stourport to see Jack and the Beanstalk which was very funny. Amazingly we all stayed awake.



The Tribe Theatre Company came and helped us perform little plays in February. He said we were very good actors.

We made Valentine gifts for our loved ones and learnt about the good and bad foods and how to keep clean and safe when cooking.

Fireman Ade came in March to teach us all about fire safety. We made pizzas and created our own flags.



We all donated an Easter egg and made Easter cards for the residents of Brook Care Court. Unfortunately due to a couple of the residents catching covid-19 we were unable to visit them. Rusty delivered the cards and Eggs.

This year we were allowed to have a St. George's Day parade but instead of being held in the churches we all went to Kidderminster Harriers. I was a long way but everyone enjoyed it and it meant all sections could be together. The hi-light of the morning was the Bishop of Worcester taking his clothes off.



We planted Sunflower seeds and made grass heads. Julie from Scouts and Sue from Squirrels came along and helped us make 2 bug hotels which we took in turn with going swimming.

The rest of this term promises to be just as exciting. As the weather hopefully becomes drier and warmer we will be meeting at Rhydd Covert when we will be climbing the tower, using the grass sledges, water sliding, attempting the assault course and using the play area. We also have one evening planned with the Squirrels.



The badges that we have been working towards this year are;

- Cook
- World
- Adventure
- Safety
- Skills
- Hikes
- Skills
- Community Impact
- Global Issues
- Outdoors
- Collector
- Hobbies
- Money Skills
- Sports
- Disability Awareness
- Builder
- Camp Craft
- Creative
- Emergency Aid
- Experiment
- Gardener
- Faith
- Swimmer



The Chief Scout Award is the highest badge a Beaver Scout can be awarded. A big well done to Matthew Jackson, Elijah Bruce, and Eddie Brooks for achieving this badge.

All of our leaders have worked very hard to give us a different programme each week and we would like to give a BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Rusty, Bubbles, Keeo, Sunshine, Chloe and Keira as without them none of this would have been possible. Also a special thank you to, Nikki, Deb, Mark, Caz, Sue, Mr Rusty, Gary, Jodie and all the parents who have help us when needed.

**WF15 Beavers**





## **WF15 Cubs Annual Report 2021 -22**

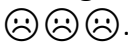
Well we have had another busy year getting involved in various group and district activities.

We spent the summer months up at Rhydd where we learned back woods cooking and cooking on an alter fire. We also learnt how to use a compass and did a treasure hunt to find sweets. We also all completed the assault course, climbing wall and finished off the summer term with a water fight, were everyone got soaked!!

After the summer break, we returned to the hut where we all cleaned up the outside of the hut, which included cutting the grass, trimming the bushes and clearing weeds. We had a great evening at Wolverley high school on the tubing slide – It was brilliant fun.



We then focused on getting fit and healthy eating which everyone really enjoyed. As usual, we took part in the District Pledged Plod, raising funds for the group, but we did miss going to the Safari Park, which due to Covid restrictions, was not available this year



We finished off the year with a Halloween party, explored Habberley Valley (including a game of cricket) and Christmas crafts and finished off with our usual Christmas party. We also made up a couple of Shoe Boxes for the annual Shoe box appeal.

This year we have really focussed on badge work, learning the Countryside code, made bird feeders and gained many new skills, including ironing our group neckers, laying a table, peeling vegetables, changing light bulbs and building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. We have also learned some problem solving skills!!



Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we didn't do any camping over the last 12 months but are now looking forwards to this year's planned camps.

We also took part in the District Swimming gala, where we finished Runners up in the Cub competition and helped WF15 finish runners up in the overall swimming gala. Well done to our fantastic team (Edward, Georgie- Mae, Amelia and Eddie). Eddie was the youngest competitor on the night having only been invested in cubs 3 days before the event.

It has also been great to see some of our Cubs achieving great results outside of Cubs in hobbies including, dance, ballet, cycling, running, swimming, acting, cake baking – you have all done so well and the leader team are so proud of all our Cubs.

Personally, can I thank Karen, Chris, Karen, Denyse and young leader Georgina for their continued help and support, and for all our wonderful Cubs for making all our hard work and efforts worthwhile.

Kevin

Cub Scout Leader

# Scout Leaders Report

## THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

On board with me I have Macaulay who is my Assistant Section Leader and for whom I would be lost without.

Joining us we have:

Kieran, Lauren and Lucy who are all Section Assistants and completing modules to become Assistant Section Leaders. Sacha and Dave are both Parent Helpers and Karl is our Occasional Helper.

We are exceptionally fortunate to have 5 Young Leaders; Fin, Harry, Ethan, Ben and Ewan – all of whom are mature and responsible and work well with the Leadership Team with their history in Scouting and acquired skills.

If any of our current parents are not yet DBS'd and are able to offer 2 or 3 nights over the course of a year please come and see me after the meeting for an application form. The more helpers we have to hand the more adventurous some of our nights can be.

It is so difficult to condense the last 12 months of Scouting. We have had so much fun throughout the year – you need to be there to appreciate the laughter and the mad and crazy times.

## SO JUST SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST YEAR



In **May** scouts learnt and demonstrated the safe use of Axes, Knives and Saws.



An evening of Wide Games was handed over to our Young Leaders. The laughter and the cheering of each other during Rounder's, Moose and Human Velodrome was a pleasure to hear from our enthusiastic and ever funny scouts.



When we decided to put on **Saturday night special** we didn't anticipate on having almost a full house. 30/32 scouts + 2 newbies, the Young and Adult Leader Team and our parent helpers 😊 we managed to escape the rain whilst the scouts used the axes and saws, lit fires, played wide games and ate burgers and hot dogs 😊 3 hours wasn't long enough to fit in everything we wanted to do.







Nothing like a Homing Pigeon Night for a competitive evening with teams of scouts racing back to the hut from different locations. Map-Reading skills were involved; however this meant more than one wrong turn was taken. A cracking night finding local places of interest and discovering how deceptively deep some puddles were.



Bank Holiday Monday hike took us from Bewdley to Stourport via Mount Pleasant Tunnel. A 'pit stop' at River Side Fish Bar before burning off what energy the scouts had left; at Stourport War Memorial Park.



A fabulous night at Ombersley Golf Club in **June**. The Troop were divided into 2 and under the supervision of Mark and Jordan were shown how to hit a ball on the Driving Range and on the Putting Green. Mini Tiger Woods in the making.

Scouts worked towards various badges constructing A-Frames and Da Vinci Bridges with Knots and Lashings during their Pioneering evening.



My personal favourite evening was in **July** when we were given exclusive use of Habberley Trail. We were comfortable in letting the scouts wander round to have fun at their own leisure. Sounds of laughter, shrieks and screams came from all directions.



We ended our Summer Term challenging scouts on the Assault Course with time trials and a surprise visit from the ice cream man and his van.



I would be lying to you if I said we had no idea when we'd be able to get away for the week again on camp. So to say we were relieved is an understatement. Our Summer Camp took place at the Frank Chapman Centre in August. Months of planning and hard work all came down to those 8 days and they were worth it. The scouts were absolutely amazing and got involved with whatever we asked of them. The jokes, the laughter, the love, the smiles, and the energy it REALLY made it worth it.



In **September** the scouts looked at honing their skills with some back to basics; learning flag break, shoe polishing, ironing and how to correctly roll their neckers. They also thought about their code of conduct and ideas for the programme for the term.



Lots of fun was had during Oli's Famous Pizza Roulette. I think we can safely say that Dominoes certainly won't be adding lemon curd, marshmallows or marmite to the menu any time soon!



Kinver Edge Farm Shop extended their opening hours so we could solve the Harry Potter clues as we made our way through the Maize Maze.



The Cub Pack were invited to join us on Pledged Plod around the Rifle Range in **October**. We finished up with games and cooking hotdogs on the fire.

Scouts continued their work towards the Forester and Naturalist Badges and planted a hedge on the boundary of our car park and showed us their axe and saw skills. To re-cap their Tree/Woodland knowledge for the Foresters Badge we did a 'Hungry Hippo' Quiz.



Bread on sticks, Chocolate in Bananas and Oranges were on the menu during our Backwoods Cooking evening. Congratulations to the Young Leaders for organising a successful night.



We Remembered Them in **November** with the help of retired school teacher, Sarah Dalziel.

Scouts all took part in: painting stones/rocks with acrylics, A 'Dear Future Me' writing and art activity, Writing a postcard to the 'Unknown Warrior', using sticks and their knot tying skills to create crosses and then tying their laminated, hand drawn poppies on.

Their work is displayed on the Scouts Board. As for the Poppy Rocks; Sarah placed them at St Mary's Church for Remembrance Sunday.



We celebrated Guy Fawkes Day a little late with a Bonfire on a Monday evening. S'mores were eaten and Camp Fire songs were sung.



Remembrance Sunday saw the scout's parade to St Mary's Church where the service took part outside.

Scouts were challenged to choose appropriate items to put in a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. The Troop gathered in Kidderminster Town Centre and went off in their patrols with money from the group and generous donations from our parents/guardians.



4 scouts represented the troop to hand over our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.



PCSO Simon Gallagher from West Mercia Police kindly gave up his time to talk to our scouts and Young Leaders about Knife Crime Awareness and the Steer Clear initiative. The session was great, informative and engaging, and I'm sure the young people left feeling more informed and confident at the end.



Kinver Scout Camp Site was our venue for Christmas Camp in **December**. It was a full weekend of non-stop jokes, eating and more games of Uno than we could count.





Scouts certainly knew how to party and they got into the swing of Christmas with lots of singing, dancing and games. It goes without saying that all the parents/carers played a big part in it with all the food they supplied. What a feast!



We took part in the Scout District Post and delivered all the cards for Habberley Estate – singing Christmas Carols as we went along. Stopped at the chip shop for a well deserved treat afterwards.

New Year and new challenge to work towards so **January** we spent the first night looking at Map Reading, Route Card Planning, Compass/Bearings, Map Symbols and Emergency Planning. A big chunk of the Expedition Challenged ticked off.



Mud, mud and more mud was a pretty accurate description of the New Year Hike and a big achievement as the conditions were also cold and foggy.

Two-thirds of the Scout Troop descended on to the Monday Night Group's Pantomime performance of Jack and The Beanstalk.



Skills Challenge Badge criteria gave us the opportunity to discuss Diet and Sleep and Alcohol, Drug and Smoking use. The scouts also got their physical side pumping with circuit training.



**February** saw the patrols work together to Plan and Cook a meal for a family with a set budget. Not quite sure about jelly cubes on toast. However they made up for it with a sensible Bolognese for a main course. Then back to typical WF15 madness with unset 'jelly drink' as a dessert.

Billy, Ellie and Peter represented 15th Wyre Forest Scout Troop at the District Swimming Gala. Winners just for participating; but they also went on to win individual medals and came 2nd overall!



We had a 'flipping' good night celebrating Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes galore, all sorts of shapes, sizes and different degrees of 'burnt' 😄 Topped off with all the toppings you can imagine 😊



Liz Parkes, Senior Operations Manager from West Midlands Ambulance Service taught our scouts a thing or two about Emergency Aid in **March**.

We had a hedgehog, chinchilla, frogs, owl and a turtle (that couldn't swim) join us along with Angie from Animal Antics.



Simon Gallagher from West Mercia Police came along and had a discussion on Drugs & County lines.

St Mikes Explorer Unit Leaders joined us for a night of fire lighting and the ever popular s'mores.



Scouts were invited to attend a sleepover at the hut in **April**. But they had to get there first; with all of their kit in a rucksack on their back. We met at Trimpley Reservoir and split into smaller groups where the role of the adult leader was to trail them to ensure they hiked back to the hut safely. A trip to the park to burn off more energy before finally watching King Fu Panda, after demolishing Pizza, Chips and Garlic Bread followed by Chocolate Fudge Cake.

Scouts dressed in full uniform and attended St Georges Day Parade and marched to the Harriers Football Club to celebrate.





The hut grounds and car park were spruced up by the scouts in the way they do best. Through laughter, fun and enjoyment. Litter picking, pulling up weeds, cutting wood, stacking logs and cutting grass.

Our local Pickup Artists supplied us with all the necessary equipment and we participated in litter picking; searching high and low, in and on, under and over and through things on Rhydd Covert in **May**.



Split into their patrols; Scouts went their separate ways and created bivouacs of various sizes. Guidance was given about different kinds of shelters, how to build them and the most suitable place, along with the use of tarps.

Patrol Leaders/Assistant Patrol Leaders were given the responsibility to discuss plan, budget shop and cook food on tranjeas with the rest of their patrol.



## FINALLY

Another year, partially hit, with Covid restrictions and an ever growing section, what a year it's been. It felt like every other week we had another scout wanting to join our troop. Do we look back and say that we said yes to having too many Young People in an already challenging and uncertain period... Absolutely not!! When the Young People are caring, compassionate, friendly, enthusiastic, loving, energetic, and downright awesome I think I can speak on behalf of the other leaders and say its makes our lives so much easier.

We hope the Young People have enjoyed themselves. We have tried our best to cover a plethora of activities, events and badge work at the Hut, Rhydd, on camps and out and about in our community. We hope they've managed to make and build on friendships, accomplish their goals and ultimately feel happy and safe coming to us on a Monday evening.

Huge 'THANK YOU' to the leaders and adults involved in the amazing section. It's easy to forget sometimes they're all volunteers and come every week with the passion to have positive impacts on your Young People.

Julie Hardiman  
15<sup>th</sup> Wyre Forest Section Leader