

# Scouts

*3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts*

*Annual Report*

*2020 - 2021*

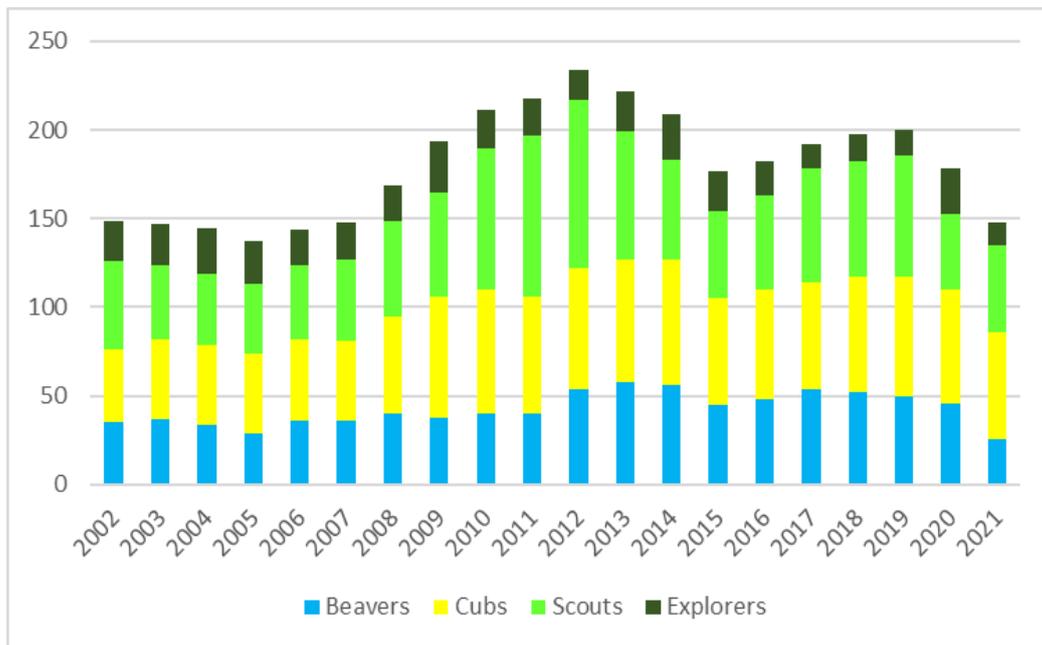


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# Youth Membership

at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021



# Group Executive (GEC)

## Group Scout Leader (Acting)

James Perfett

## Officers

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Harry & Matt Pike

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## Uniformed Representatives

### **Beaver Scouts**

Aspen Colony

Fiona Jordan-Harrison

Redwood Colony

Linda Hunter

### **Cub Scouts**

Jupiter Pack

Abi Peett

Mars Pack

Jan Allgood

Saturn Pack

Sarah Bailey

### **Scouts**

Eagle Troop

Ed Harrison

Lion Troop

Jamie Bray / Tom Lincoln

Shark Troop

Hannah Kirby

### **Explorer Scouts**

Nexus Unit

James Perfett

# Roll of Honour 2020 / 2021

## Beavers - Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Benjamin Bramwell	Redwood	Greta Davis	Redwood
Callum Baird	Aspen	Blake Lindop	Aspen
Samuel Bostock	Aspen	Oakley Rideout	Aspen
Harry Clarke	Aspen	Ioan Thien	Redwood



## Cubs - Chief Scout's Silver Award

Jack Carpenter	Mars	Isabel Kennard	Jupiter
Matthew Cooke	Mars	Oscar Len-Poulton	Jupiter
Daniel Exelby	Saturn	Charlie Lindop	Mars
Finlay Hill	Mars	Oscar Perry	Jupiter
Noah Hockaday	Mars	Byron Tucker	Mars



## Scouts - Chief Scout's Gold Award

Matthew Bailey	Sharks	Alfie Finch	Lions
Tegan Barrett	Lions	Davy Jones	Lions
Jack Bobby	Lions		



## Nexus Explorer Scout Unit

### Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Luke Bailey



### Queen's Scout Award



## Young Leader Award

Emily Pangbourne



## Leader / Adult Training Award – Wood Badge

Sarah Bailey	Jamie MacCallum
Chris Cooper	Abi Peett
Liam Holden	Barney Pycroft
Kate Jones	



# Chair Review

It gives me great pleasure to write this report as interim Group Chairman for 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling. Since retiring as a Section Leader in 1999, I have had the opportunity to see Scouting around the UK and Europe in a variety of roles including UK Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner in London and Hampshire, World Scout Jamboree Deputy Leader and District Commissioner for Havant. It means I can be all the more confident that Scouting on Hayling really is one of the best in the UK.

I have a very simple mantra - we need two things for great Scouting - a good programme delivered by good Leaders. We are fortunate at 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling to have both of these in abundance. Those of you who have known the group for many years will know the exciting programmes that the young people can access. And for the past year the Leaders have provided some really inventive ideas which can be delivered remotely to keep everyone in touch with the Group.

Our role as a Group Development Team (or Board of Trustees) is to ensure the Leaders have the resources (building, equipment and money) to deliver a great programme. We also have to ensure our Group follows Charity Commission and national Scouting rules. The Group Development Team has met remotely as required to discharge its responsibilities.

I am pleased to report that our Group is in good financial health - thanks to the ongoing subscriptions from members, and the Government grants received during the Coronavirus pandemic. I am grateful to our Treasurers for their contribution. During the year, the GDT has allocated funding for additional equipment needed to ensure items are not used by multiple people, and we have put aside additional funding for families needing support with subscriptions or uniform. We always aim to ensure no young person is prevented from joining Scouting due to the cost.

Our Headquarters continues to be an asset to the group, and has needed minimal changes to ensure it is ready for the return of face-to-face Scouting. We have committed the money required to improve the front entrance and parking area, and this has been doubled by Havant Borough Council's Community Infrastructure Levy contribution. This should mean easy access for all to our facilities, and necessary improvements to the parking area and gateways.

I am hugely optimistic about the future of Scouting on Hayling. We continue to provide opportunities for young people to try things you can't do elsewhere, in an environment where adults and young people work together to build positive relationships. The outdoor and adventure aspects have been much missed in the past year, but we are ready to go as soon as restrictions allow.

We continue to welcome adults who share our passion for adventure, and I thank everyone involved in uniformed roles, and behind the scenes as GDT members, maintaining our facilities and equipment, and helping run book sales and other events. Scouting is fun for adults as well - and when it is fun adults stay involved, as can be demonstrated by the length of service of so many of our volunteers. We welcome everyone, whether it is a few hours every week, or a few hours once a year helping with a particular event.

James and I first met as Cub Scouts in Mars Pack, and with his passion and commitment overseeing our amazing Leaders, I have every confidence that next year we will be reporting more adults involved, more young people taking part, and even more adventures experienced.

Tim Pike  
Interim Group Chairman

## Group Scout Leaders Review

The last year has been very different & interesting however lots of new skills have been learnt, badges have been earned. For many during lockdown scouting was the only thing they had to look forward to, even if it was on zoom still being able to see and chat to their friends and play quizzes, games too.

All of the programs delivered by all the leaders have been amazing with all of us being outside our comfort zone having to run on zoom for so long but we have come out stronger & the few months when we could meet outside only it really made everyone think "outside the box" for program ideas. Normally in scouting we try for 50% outside activities but being forced away from HQ due to needing extra space to allow social distancing this resulted in many zoom meetings often going on late into the night to achieve safe, fun, & exciting programs for the young people.

When you read the individual section reports you will see the huge amount of activities the scouts have been up to despite being stuck at home half the year. To all the leaders & helpers who put in countless hours making this all happen thank you very much although i know the adults have just as much fun as the young people & sometimes probably more.

Scouting on Hayling Island is still very popular with many new members joining now that we are back meeting face to face. We have even has around 6 new adults join the group to support the growing numbers in the sections.

Where else can you light fires & cook food try Archery & Air rifle shooting, Climbing & many more adventurous activities.

We may have missed out on book sales & Christmas post over the last year but we are still in a good position to carry on where we left off our team of volunteers are just waiting for the right time and they will be back to it.

The future who knows what will happen but we do know that scouting will be there for everyone to enjoy & take part in all the adventurous activities that it has to offer & also make new friends, gain new skills for life along the way.

James Perfett

# Treasurer Report

Due to Covid-19, the 2020/2021 financial year has been a very different one. Income and expenditure have overall been a lot lower, due to no camps and trips taking place which normally see a lot of money going in and out of the group, and also reduced spend on equipment and on the headquarters.

We have been very fortunate to apply for and receive a number of support grants, administered by Havant Borough Council on behalf of the Government, to cover time spent in restrictions and lockdown. In total, we received just over £20,000 which has helped offset the loss of fundraising due to us not being able to run our usual book sales and the Christmas post, and the reduction in subscriptions.

In the background we have been improving the processes around collection of subscriptions and gift aid and making it easier for our leaders to claim expenses for activities and materials for section activities for our young people.

Thanks to the grants, some one-off donations from our supporters and through reduced spending we have an excess for the year of just over £20,000. We have set part of this money aside for ensuring leaders have extra funds for the return to face-to-face Scouting and some will be used to help us to improve disabled access to the hut over the coming months.

At this time, these accounts are unaudited, but we are sure the draft represents a true summary of our financial affairs.

Matt Pike and Angharad Pike, Treasurers



# Aspen Beaver Colony

In true Scouting tradition a story has to be told and believed. This is how the legend of Zippy the Zebra was first shared with Aspen Beaver Scouts:

Long long ago in a field not far from here (Hayling Island) tents were pitched for a Scout camp to begin. Back in the day it was a tradition to bring your pet to camp. Dogs, ponies, chickens or zebras were all welcome. Yes, a very young Scout, his name escapes me, brought his pet zebra "Zippy", the first zebra to attend a camp on the island. Great excitement and much zebra husbandry during a remarkable camp.

Always a badge opportunity with the animal friend badge to be earned. On the last night, after the camp fire, faces aglow and tummies full of hot chocolate the whole camp retired to their tents ready to drift into dreams of scouting fun. There is nothing quite like the sound of flapping canvas in the wind, unfortunately it was more than just the usual wind in a tent full of Scouts. A storm was brewing, The wind blew and blew but they were safe and they loved it.

As day broke the Scouts appeared out of their tents on the sodden grass to find devastation around the camp site and no sign of Zippy the Zebra, he was gone. A shout out was put across the island but to no avail.

To this day there have been rare sightings across the island - many in the woods around Copse Meadow Farm.

Autumn term 2020

A big Aspen welcome to our young leaders, Harrison and Thomas. Both started their Scouting journey in Aspen, good to have them back. Both are up for a challenge and take part and support the Beavers. Andrew has joined us as a regular adult helper, his skills are fire, wood and selling books.

All meetings were held outdoors, giving, in some ways, a very traditional flavour. How exciting is it to be in the woods in the dusk or the dark (and the rain).

As an introduction to the woods at Copse Meadow the Beavers were told the legend of Zippy and sent out to explore. See picture for their discovery.

The Beavers used the woods to create several giant marble runs. The carpet tubes were big enough to take golf balls - very exciting to be building on a large scale.



We built acorn launchers out of lolly sticks, elastic bands, a twig and a milk bottle top.

At the last meeting before half term we said goodbye to Helen who had been helping Aspen for donkey's years. As she is downsizing to a barn it was inappropriate to give voluminous tat as a memento. The Beavers sponsored a Zebra at Marwell in her name and in memory of Zippy. The leaders presented her with a spade as her existing one must be worn out after digging Fiona out of holes so frequently.

Guy Fawkes was celebrated with a camp fire and marshmallows and a modest firework display. The young leaders organised a wide game, this counts towards their YL training but really they did it for the fun.

The end of the term we organised a fire on the beach with camp fire songs. It was freezing but good fun.

### Spring 2021

All meetings were held on Zoom. Our thanks to Linda for controlling the technology for us. Attendance wasn't good, sometimes for technical reasons and often because of "Zoom fatigue". On line meetings are difficult for Leaders, Beavers and Parents so our thanks for those who were supportive.

The most successful were the cooking evenings. The Beavers cooked along with Fiona producing delicious pizzas, muffins, scones and chocolate rice crispy cakes by the end of the meeting. As you can see we had a bespoke camera mount involving a ladder and bulldog clips.



We tried craft, origami, scavenger hunts and a pet show.

We are looking forward to face to face Scouting. We want to meet all our Beavers and see if any are bigger than the 3cm screen size! We welcome a new adult helper named Ryan restarting his journey with 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scout Group.

This brings to an end what has been a difficult year for Scouting throughout the world. Aspen leaders are looking forward to the challenge of 2021 and beyond.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen

# Redwood Beaver Colony

Redwood has emerged a stronger Beaver Colony and Scouting on Hayling has defied the odds and is growing!!!

When Scouting and almost everything stopped as we knew it in March 2020 nobody envisaged a year like we have had. When we couldn't meet I decided to use the power of Facebook and post fun things on our Redwood page for everyone to do if they wanted, as families were juggling work, home and schooling.



Joe Wicks came to the rescue with his workout every morning and so Redwood Beavers and family joined him, posting videos and writing about their attempts. The facebook page became a source of fun and educational information. With the click of a button you could be transported to zoos, museums, space and beyond. Creative ideas and fun and silly games were shared in abundance.

In May I started posting badge work for those who wanted to do a bit extra. Evidence was posted in the form of photos and videos.

For VE Day they took part in making bunting and holding family parties on their driveways and gardens some dressing up, singing war time songs and learning about why we celebrate VE Day. Birds of the World involved making bird feeders, recording the number of birds and species in their gardens or on walks, drawing pictures and learning facts about birds. Camp at Home was very popular as they needed to make dens in their houses and sleep in them for 2 nights. Hold a camp fire, cooking, singing and washing up to finish. Hike to the Moon was a sponsored walk, some walked around their gardens lots of times, one did a bouncing session on a trampoline and some ran up and down their stairs then they donated to charity. Earth day was all about the environment.

We also celebrated St Georges day by standing outside our homes in uniform and renewing our promise. Remembrance Sunday saw everyone in uniform again on their doorsteps for the 2 minute silence. These were wonderful ways for the community to see Scouting was still active, even if only at home.

Some Beavers completed all of the badges whilst others did bits and pieces, dipping in and out when it suited them, others did not join in at all.

I spoke to the parents regularly and made sure I wasn't overloading or putting pressure on them and everyone was happy with what I was offering. Each family were at different points in dealing with life and this was a way to stay connected. I was totally overwhelmed with the reaction of parents who very much appreciated the ideas and information posted even though they didn't always reply or comment. They loved the odd phone call too just to have a chat and it made me realise that we all need someone to just show interest every now the then and to offer a listening ear.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July Redwood held our first zoom meeting. We held a badge presentation evening and had a general catch up. I delivered the badges before hand and they all showed them off to each other. Zoom was a huge learning curve for everyone but as F2F couldn't happen this was the way forward.

Zoom commenced in September for 2 weeks then 'Happy Days' on the 29<sup>th</sup> September our Risk Assessment was approved and we met up for the first F2F for a Beach walk and Irish Road Bowling. It was a fantastic evening and although Beavers and adults all had to distance from each other everyone stuck to the rules and had a wonderful time. Clementyne Barrett joined us as a Leader and Matthew Bailey as Young Leader. Karen Locke continued as a parent helper too.

For the following few weeks we continued outside and things did seem very positive. On a very windy evening with the sky black we did a cycle ride along the Seafront. We had pelting rain, sunshine, 2 rainbows and a flypast by a spitfire! One of our Beavers fell off his bike into a huge puddle and to our astonishment and delight he just picked himself up and carried on. We were so proud of him as it showed that children really are totally amazing and resilient. We met for 2 weeks at Copse Meadow Farm, Northney for adventures in the woods, building dens and exploring. Halloween was spent around a campfire toasting marshmallows, listening to scary stories and eating hotdogs with hot chocolate. Beavers arrived in fancy dress and it was a struggle for them to carry their chairs, decorated pumpkins and bags across the field in the dark whilst trying not to trip over their costumes and stop bits falling off like clawed hands, vampire teeth and masks. We made it through the evening and each Beaver was given a Halloween goodie bag that I had made up with craft activities and sweets, they also took a small pumpkin to decorate at home. The brief was to paint not carve the pumpkins. The photos were fabulous. Later one of the mums posted a Thank You and said this will probably be the only Halloween activity they get to do this year and it was great for them to dress up. It really made me think about the effects all these restrictions were having on children and just why Scouting was even more important in these times.

Our last f2f meeting was held at the gun site on a particularly cold, dark evening. We ran a campfire trifle adventure where Beavers were sent across the field in small groups to find leaders with the next trifle ingredient. They did look funny clasping their bowls and spoons and wandering around with torches. It was a hugely successful evening ending up with everyone sat on the pathway socially distanced eating their trifles. We also had sparklers and presented a Bronze award. I posted later thanking the parents for sending their children out on a very dark misty night to muck about Scouting.

Then we were back to zooming but this time we were joined by Aspen Beaver Colony.

On our first evening we ran Remembrance activities including making a poppy from items around the house e.g. books, saucepan lids, socks etc. We showed a video and ran a quiz from the 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Scouts Facebook Group. The group was a lifeline to myself and several leaders on Hayling. It had ideas and information from Scout Leaders all over the world who like us were facing restrictions and people shared their ideas and knowledge. It truly was and still is an inspirational group and confirmed my faith in Scouting worldwide.

We ran a raft/boat building challenge where they recycled items from home like plastic bottles, straws, containers. Parents really engaged with this and then they floated the vessels in water. The game 'Would you Rather' was played and they loved it.



Fiona (Aspen Leader) led on two baking session's cheese scones and muffins. Fiona is now the Queen of zoom cooking demonstrations.

Then Whoopie back to face to face for our last evening on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Redwood met behind the Tourist Info Centre for a Christmas Party I for one will never forget.

We had music, fairy lights, party food and fizzy drinks. Everyone brought a chair and sat around in a semi-circle socially distancing whilst eating, drinking and chatting. We played very energetic games to keep warm and Beavers went home with some sweeties.

It was a fabulous evening and I will remember it as one of my Beaver highlights. Honestly it was so cold and misty damp that evening and the grass was frosting over as we set up. I did say to wear fancy dress but I was the only daft one to turn up in my elf costume which made everyone laugh.



2020 was seen out and a new brighter 2021 began.

Zoom was still our only option so we set about trying to find fun things to run. Both Colonies had new Beavers so we decided to run separate zoom meetings.

We ran two evenings covering the Disability badge. Clemmy ran sign language and Matt discussed what disability means. We learnt our promise in sign then for homework they had to sign their names. They also spread a piece of bread one handed, filled a glass blindfolded and drew pictures using only the mouth or feet.



Other evenings were making robots out of scrap materials, a pet show and tell where cats, dogs, rabbits, soft toys and some unusual pets shrimps, fish and stick insects were shown. We joined Aspen for a line dancing session led by Claire Harrison which was fun and a drumming session with Saturn Cub Pack and Aspen. That activity was super noisy and rather chaotic but excellent. Clemmy led our baking

evening and almost took Fiona's crown but not quite!! The biscuits were yummy though and Matthew excelled in demonstrating the art of mug cake cooking. Everyone loved these. Clemmy also ran an escape room session which was excellent and the parents really got involved too.

We ran lots of games including alphabet scavenger hunts, quick fire pictures, paper hole exercise, bingo and my personal favourite the pooh quiz. I never realised examining animal pooh could be so fascinating. Whale pooh is extraordinary.

Over this year we have endeavoured to cover lots of badge work as well as have fun and learn new things. Zoom has been hard as the children had been online for so much of their school work and were exhausted from looking at a screen. However, once we got into the flow and they realised Beavers was definitely not school then they joined in with gusto. Parents had to be present in the room so they just joined in too and were so engaging and I believe it helped them to see what we in Scouting can offer and how much as adults we can get out of it.

This will be my last Annual Report for Redwood as Clementyne and I are swapping roles in September. I am sure she will be excellent. I will still be hugely involved in Scouting and Redwood but it is time for me to step down. I have run Redwood for 20 years and I can honestly say it's been awesome. This last year hasn't been quite as I had imagined my last year being but despite the initial apprehension it has been FAB U LOUS.

I LOVE SCOUTING its part of who I am. This year has reinforced my commitment to the Scouting Movement and confirmed my belief of the huge value it offers to young and old alike.

I want to thank my present team for their help and support but also everyone from the past 20 years who has stepped up to the mark and committed time and energy to Redwood and myself. THANK YOU.

Parents play a massive part in keeping Scouting going and Redwood have been blessed with lovely people who have helped and supported me too.

My biggest thank you goes to my family. My husband Leigh who has been my steadfast hero, helping, supporting and jumping to my rescue more times than I can say. Shona my daughter who over the years has helped at sleepovers, camps and all manner of scouting events and Joshua my son who has always encouraged me and understands how important Scouting is to me I am truly grateful.

The future is bright and we can make wonderful things happen for children and young adults alike.

Yours in Scouting

Linda Hunter (Badger)

# Jupiter Cub Pack



I start my report every year with something along the lines of wow what a year! But this year it really has been a year to remember! When writing my report last year we had only just entered the world of socially distanced Scouting. I was proud of the Cubs for joining an online St Georges Day promise renewal, and keeping in touch with them with photos and activities such as VE day celebrations.



By May half term when it became clear we wouldn't be meeting face to face again that term we had a go at using zoom. It was new for me, and other than the wrong password, wrong meeting time, and laptop batteries dying it was a success! We enjoyed a visit from the Blue cross, the Cubs proudly showed us their array of pets, something we definitely couldn't do all together as we had snakes, stick insects, dogs, kittens and new baby brothers. We escaped an escape room, played guess who and lots and lots of bingo!

In the Autumn term after many hours of writing risk assessments we were back together - with a difference. Trying to encourage 8 -10 year olds to social



distance was a challenge! We braved the wind and the rain (nearly every week!!) And met with the Cubs in 2 back to back groups so that they could all have a Cub night each week. After a few weeks it was clear Jim needed to add welly boots and waterproofs to his Christmas wish list! We explored the beach with a scavenger hunt, were kindly allowed to pick and carve pumpkins at Stoke Fruit Farm, we completed the Communicator activity badge and enjoyed paper airplane relay races. October half term meant that

we would be saying goodbye to some of our eldest Cubs. They were to move up to different Scout troops. We were so proud to award Oscar Perry and Isabel Kennard with their Chief Scout Silver Awards. They both spent many hours at home over the lockdown completing different challenges to complete the award. Oscar spent several nights in a homemade shelter in his garden, and taught his younger sister how to play chess! Isabel learnt about different cultures and created a poster to share with us.

Spring term was completed all on zoom. We had got the hang of it this time so decided to try and tick off some badge work. We welcomed several new Cubs so decided to go back to basics with the Jungle book story, and who was Baden-Powell. We learnt how to bake biscuits, make cups of tea, wash up, do the

hovering and change our bedding for our Skills challenge badge, we made boats out of junk to see if they would float, and our most enjoyable evening (mostly for the leaders) was playing online Pictionary together! During this lockdown Oscar Len-Poulton also completed his Chief Scout Silver Award, he worked hard to complete his school work and his Music staged badge for his Personal Challenge.



This term we also tried our first virtual camp. We had most of the Cubs log on at some point or other over the weekend and join us with different activities. We had a campfire on YouTube and sang campfire songs, 2 of the Cubs had a telescope and shared with us all the moon and stars outside their window! We built dens to sleep in, practiced first aid on our teddies, built a flag pole and designed our own flags, and worked together to escape a Scout themed escape room!



The last week of spring term we were allowed to meet again! So we took full advantage of the sunshine and met for an Easter egg hunt. We lost our voices encouraging the Cubs to social distance but we had a fantastic time and cannot wait to be back properly for the summer term! We also used this as an opportunity to give out 60 badges earned over lockdown! 60! A special well done to Joshua Paul who earned



himself majority of these by showing commitment to Scouting, turning up every week and going above and beyond at home.

As always Cubs would not run without the help of our leadership team. So a huge thank you to Francine, Jim and Clem. They have provided countless zoom hours planning and running evenings, whilst trying to home school their own children. They have stood in the wind and rain for hours each week to give each of our Cubs the same experience. I couldn't do it without you, so thank you again.

But this year a special thank you to all my parents. We always value your support, but this year you have outdone yourselves! You have sat with them and listened to my ramblings and joined in with our activities. When a Cub is invested we ask that they try everything with a smile, and parents, you have most definitely done that this year!

Abi, Francine, Jim & Clem

## Mars Cub Pack

"Hands, face, space" not the usual wording we would associate with scouting, ours would be "get stuck in, eat loads and be a team player."

So - here we are in April 2021 a full year on dealing with coronavirus. We are all getting used to new experiences, lives and technology.

As with many organisations we have had to diversify in scouting as well. Who would have thought talking to 8-10.5year olds over the internet via zoom would work and be successful? Well we did and have enjoyed it.

Let's go back a year. March 2020. We decided to not zoom in the first lockdown so everyone could adjust to the new way of life, home schooling and just coping with everyday living.

Then in October we were able to go back to face to face scouting albeit for a short time. We met half the Pack each week to comply with number restrictions, so the programme was repeated. We complied with the strict government guidelines for meeting outside and for a short period of time played socially distanced games, cycled up the Billy line and organised cub activities suited for outside - which were quite varied and involved running around and getting back to nature. This was a new challenge for Leaders as we had to ensure the Cubs were all 2 metres apart from each other and us and they were self sufficient with their own equipment, drink, wet weather gear and coats. We had to remind the Cubs that the Scouting rules were different from the school bubbles and the children could not stand next to one another.

Then came the second lockdown and we moved to zooming. I must firstly send out a huge vote of gratitude to the parents of my Cubs - as they were instrumental in the smooth running of every evening for 12 weeks from their homes. They helped, assisted, sorted out cooking equipment, ingredients, activities, junk, investitures, Lego and most of all the technology! SO, THANK YOU PARENTS - our evenings wouldn't have run without you.

So, what have we been up to on zoom? Once we got over the technology issues with internet connections and working the concept of 'zoom' we have been making mug cakes, pizzas, watching science experiments, doing science experiments, taking part in poo quizzes, scouting quizzes, junk modelling boats, scavenger hunts, Mother's Day crafts, Christmas crafts, peeling vegetables, making cups of tea, bring your pet night, games, ironing your neckerchief and mega Lego construction - our most popular night I think followed by mug cakes.

Even though we have not been scouting face to face we have managed to achieve a number of activity badges throughout the year. We have awarded animal carer, chef, scientist, book reader badges. I have invested 2 Cubs via zoom and managed to have 2 Cubs Awarded their Chief Scouts Silver Award when we were meeting face to face with covid-19 compliancy in place.

I would like also to thank my Assistant Leaders and Young Leaders for their continued support and commitment to Scouting over a challenging year and their adaptability to a new system and experiences.

So for Mars Pack we have had an interesting year.....lots of new experiences, learning and gaining new skills to take forward for the future. Most of all I am ready to return to outside face to face scouting just as much as the Cubs are and eventually back to camping, sleepovers, days out and getting stuck in, enjoying team games and cooking around a campfire.

Jan Allgood



# Saturn Cub Pack

## 2020-2021 A YEAR TO REMEMBER

I would like to start this year's report by saying a massive Thank you to my leadership team Kate and Pippa and to our fantastic young leaders Eric and Ashley you have all been totally amazing in which has been an exceptional year in Scouting.

In March 2020 we had what we did not realise would be our final night in the hut taking part in face to face activities. We knew we would need to adapt quickly to a new way of Scouting. Saturn decided to "Keep calm and carry on scouting" So we continued with Cubs the next week virtually on zoom. Something I know most people had never heard of until the last couple of years but it has been invaluable to keep the cubs involved in some great opportunities.

Over the past year we have really been amazed how well the Cubs have adapted each week, they returned to their computers with smiling faces eager to see what crazy plans we had come up with.

I will give you a little snippet of some of the things Saturn have been up to.



We have had many cooking nights over zoom making all sorts of creations. We have made mug cakes, pizzas, bum sandwiches, chocolate cookies, hot cross buns and the cub's favourite arm pit fudge - messy but surprisingly tasty. We had a pet evening where we met some blue tongued lizards, kittens, a hamster, Indian runner ducks and we also even had a goat in one of our member's kitchens which the cubs found hilarious!

During the year we took part in quite a number of online TV game show evenings - Who wants to be millionaire, Catchphrase, The price is right, Name that tune and the Generation game. Watching the cubs try to remember all the items scrolling past the computer on a virtual conveyor belt was very amusing. The game shows nights definitely improved their team work skills.

We have had many online craft evenings we have made tin can candle holders, poppy wreaths, Christmas decorations, Mother's day cards, some fantastic robot creations during our Robot make competition.





We had an evening of science experiments watching explosions and making some of our own. We also celebrated 75 years VE day by making bunting and singing songs. Lots of our evenings also involved scavenger hunt which was always good fun especially when the leaders got involved!

One of the best things about meeting virtually we have managed to partake in evening's which never would have been possible face to face. We have been very lucky to invite visitors from around the world to our sessions. We invited the Beavers to join us in a drumming session with "Drumming's cool drumming school" we learnt some drumming skills from an expert. This was a very noisy evening! During our St Patricks day evening a leader joined us from Ireland to speak about scouting in Ireland. We had a member of staff from the Norfolk CO-OP who spoke to us about Fairtrade during Fairtrade fortnight. Historical Huzzahs ran a workshop about "Tommy" who gave us First World War experiences about the horror of the trenches. Tom one of 3rd Hayling Scout leaders gave us a tour of the Local Lifeboat station. One of our most memorable evenings was when we met "Space Dave" from the Te Awanutu Space centre from the other side of the planet in New Zealand. Dave was absolutely amazing and kept all the cubs and parents glued to their computers the whole evening teaching us so much about space that even the adults did not know.



We have taken part in two Virtual camps at home this year. One that was run by Northumberland Scouts in April 2020 where we joined 25,000 other scouts and camped at home. We also had a two night Pirate camp in February 2021. We jointly managed to climb up flights of stairs the total distance of Kilimanjaro. Took part in London Monopoly run, Pirate virtual escape rooms, Desert Island packing challenges, spaghetti pirate ships, pizzas from scratch, pancake breakfasts and camp fire songs this was just a small part of the weekend. I am convinced that a virtual camp is more exhausting than a face to face one!



During the year we have tried to stay involved with the local communities and the also District Scouts we have painted stones for the local nursing homes to brighten their gardens. Evie won first prize for this. Greta also won a Hampshire Scouts bunting competition and it will be displayed at Ferny Croft when they re-open.



Some of Saturn also took part in "Hampshire Cubs got Talent" with dozens of other Cubs from Hampshire they all did so well and I am really proud to say Blake was the overall first prize winner!

The whole year has not all been focused on virtual during the summer holidays we dropped summer lockdown packs with a booklet of activities to keep them busy and still Scouting. We also made two virtual water fight for videos. One for all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling leaders and also one for Saturn Cubs.

During the autumn term we did have a few weeks Face to Face when lock down was eased for a while. We took part in some traditional fire lighting skills. Hikes that involved making a Trifle as they walked. Lots of wide games. As an end of term treat we were very lucky to have an open air cinema evening at the Farm all returning home with a pumpkin to carve.

This year has been challenging but very rewarding. I am so proud of how resilient the Cubs have been and how well they have adjusted to change. I would like to say Thank you to all the parents for your support over the last year we could not have done it without you. Finally a massive thanks to all the Cubs thanks for making each evening so fun you have been amazing!

Looking forward to another year in Saturn

Sarah Bailey

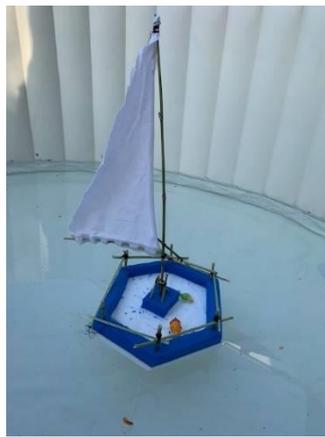


# Eagle Scout Troop

When life gives you zoom... make zoominade.

The scouts and leaders of Eagle Troop have always been a strange collection of individuals who come together for the common goal of doing awesome things. The typical scouting year sees scouts learning camping skills, working as a team and challenging themselves in new situations. The global pandemic quickly closed our headquarters, shut down the scout campsites and said a great big "no" to everything that made up our normal scouting year. Below is how Eagle Troop managed to still find the awesome in the strangest of years...

The remainder of the summer term from where the last section report left off consisted of a series of home tasks and challenges. A huge thank you to Pete and Barnabas for making these happen. These included: Micro rafting, code cracking, scrap heap marble runs and many more. The challenges weren't just undertaken on a Tuesday night, instead emails came in through the week with photos as scouts (and their families) found the time to give them a go.



Summer camp had to be cancelled. We were very concerned when Broadstone Warren fully closed down. Thankfully, we have since found out that the Scout Association has plans to open it back up again. We don't know if we will be able to camp this summer. If we are, we will, even if only for a few days.

We decided for the Autumn term that we were going to go for a 100% outdoor programme. Whilst many of the skills that are best developed in the hut would be missed, we would have a greater focus on adventure. We settled on 5 locations around Hayling and Queen Elizabeth's Country Park. We normally do a fair number of outdoor evenings in the summer term, this far exceeded this. Surprisingly, the cold didn't stop us, and we adapted quickly. Many of the activities were similar to normal, fire lighting, wide games, mountain biking and cooking. All just had little tweaks to allow everyone to give each other space. In the second half of the Autumn term the country went into an increased 4 week lock down. We took the plunge and ran our first virtual scout meetings using Zoom. Our favourites were cooking mug cakes and pencil pioneering.



The spring term saw face to face scouting stop for the whole term. We set about planning an entire term of online evenings. We decided from the outset that we would come up with evenings that worked well over webcam, rather than try and change our usual sort of evenings to fit the format. The other decision we made was that we wouldn't set an end time - the evenings finished when they naturally finished. The evenings were brilliantly weird. What they lacked in camping skills, they made up for in sheer hilarity. The weirder evenings included: Guess who (sketching), murder mystery, the riddler, science in the kitchen and escape rooms.

We have just started the summer term and we are back to another 100% outdoor programme. It was great having the scouts back together in person and looking forward to doing some proper scouting skills in person.

The last year has seen a very different version of scouting to usual, including many things that we will take forward into future years. We are



in a weaker position in terms of the camping skills the scouts have, and we haven't been running a patrol structure that is usually a crucial part of what we do. That said, we have a great bunch of scouts and the desire in Eagle troop to spend a week in a forest is stronger than ever.

At the start of this term, Dave Eacott spoke to me about retiring from scouting. When I took over Eagle troop, Dave was a parent helper who would come along to evenings here and there. He said he would continue for a bit to help us get used to being leaders. That was 16 years ago. In that time he has rarely missed a Tuesday night. His crowning achievement has been planning 3 cycling expeditions along the Normandy beaches. As summer camps go, these were unforgettable. His scouting career predates Hayling, rumour has it he had a ponytail when he led his first troop up north. My massive thanks to Dave for

his hard work, the fun he brought to scouting, helping me get my first job and bringing chaos to the calmest of situations.

Finally, my thanks to all the Eagle troop leaders and scouts for making the most of this year. May it not be too long until we are back at the scout hut planning our next camp.

Edd Harrison - Section leader of Eagle Troop.

# Lion Scout Troop

It's that time again and in that time we have achieved so much. The section is still on the low side with 7 scouts in June 2019 but at the end of March our numbers have increased to 12 Scouts.

Over the year we have awarded 4 Chief scout Gold award, 10 Challenge badges, 10 Activity badges and 15 Staged Activity badges.

We meet on Thursday evening's 19:00 until 21:00, our section leaders are Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln, with assistant leaders: Mervyn Haines, Michelle Lynch & Liam Holden.



The last year has been a very different and challenging experience for us in Scouting, trying to actively do activities at home and meet weekly via online meetings. We are all very proud of our scouts who committed to attending our meetings on top of their online and at home school work. We have seen a great response from the parents too in supporting the scouts during the activities we've been doing and for that we are grateful for their help as well.

We started off basic, as we didn't know what it was going to be like having the Scouts all talking at the same time. The Scouts were great and it helped that we only had a small troop of 7 at the time and that they had already had the experience from School.

A few of the activities that we managed were: A scavenger hunt where we gave them a requirement like "find something yellow" and they had to go off and bring something back to meet the description, we also had a go at origami, learnt a bit of sign language for deaf awareness week, cooked a pizza to have a meal together and an activity where scouts had to guess what the camera had zoomed in on.

In July Davy managed to finish his World challenge badge in his back garden during the lockdown meaning he had met the requirements for his Chief Scout Gold award, the first to be awarded in our troop over a video meeting. Well done Davy, you have earned this award!

In September Scouts gave us the amber light for outdoor meetings in small groups and luckily as we a smaller troop that meant we could all meet in one group. During this time we got the chance to go crabbing for our first evening back, it was great to see the scouts outside and being able to get practical with scouting again even if this was difficult keeping to the distancing requirements. We also managed to do Archery, Fire lighting, Tomahawk throwing & Pumpkin carving. After the half-term break we where unfortunately given the red light again meaning we were back to online meetings only. Again we decided to offer a family activity this time round "Family fire starters" where they decorated cupcakes to see who could build the best campfire?



In February we had 3 scouts gain their Chief Scouts Gold award, they were able to complete the final bits at home during the various lockdowns, they all did very well and thoroughly earned it.

The spring term was still held online, we got the scouts talking about their Christmas and how it differed from normal, We also had the former Lion troop leader Jim Simpson join us to talk about Burns night as he is Scottish and then the following week we had them making their own tartan. For the last week, we were allowed outside again so the scouts decided they wanted to do fires with marshmallows. It was great to see the scouts again and getting that face to face practical experience before the Easter holidays.

Unfortunately and understandably due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the two camps we were due to attend, our troop Summer camp and Gunnell camp were both

cancelled. In March 2021 we decided to give a virtual camp a go. Throughout the day we met online and did a couple of activities with the scouts sleeping in dens they had to build.



We have now broken up for the Easter holidays and plan to go back face to face indoors and outdoors next term, we'll update you next year to see what we got up to and if Zoom returned to our scouting life once again.

***Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln***  
**Scout Leaders, Lion Troop**

# Shark Scout Troop

Well this past year wasn't quite what we all had planned. Despite all these challenges, what a fantastic year Shark Troop has had.

We met for the very last time in March 2020 after being closed down temporarily due to COVID. We originally planned for just a few weeks of not meeting but with no sign of the end we sadly cancelled all meetings until September.

True to the scouting way, we overcame and adapted to each challenge we were faced with and throughout each stage of lockdown we did what we could to keep Shark Troop going.

The summer came with the great socially-distanced leaders water-fight which you can watch on our facebook page. Chris was not impressed with being drenched at his barbecue!



We managed a few weeks of face-to-face meetings through September and October where we did orienteering and went for a very, very windy bike ride along the seafront.

Unfortunately we found ourselves back in another lockdown but we continued to meet every Monday night virtually over Zoom. Since then we have done cooking, bridge building, soap carving, science experiments, played bingo, battleships and learned about map reading. The rock cakes we baked were delicious and the mug cakes definitely looked the most interesting!

We are now back meeting face-to-face outdoors and it has been fantastic meeting all of the Scouts that we have not been able to meet yet in person. Our first evening back consisted of fire lighting and backwards cooking. The toasted marshmallows and chocolate filled bananas were delicious! We have so many exciting activities planned into the summer and we look forward to meetings becoming a bit more normal. Hopefully we will soon be able to start camping which I know is definitely one of the favourite activities that we do.

Jamie spent his time as section leader putting so much time and effort into building Shark Troop into what it is today. It is an honour to take this Troop over as Section Leader and I am so grateful for the fantastic leadership team we have today. Welcome to our new leader Dom who is joining us from Cubs and thank you to Chris, Jamie, Ed, Matt and Tom for all the work you have put in over this past year, I couldn't have done it without you.

The Chief Scouts Gold Award is the end goal for many Scouts. Their time in Cubs and Beavers sets them up to complete this difficult award. Only a small percentage of Scouts ever achieve the Chief Scouts Gold Award as it consists of completing a huge variety of challenge and activity badges, as well as requiring at least 8 nights away camping with the troop. As leaders we can provide the opportunity for each Scout to achieve this but it really is down to the young person to have the right attitude and desire to earn this award.

I am delighted to say that we are due to present Matthew with his award. This award requires determination, perseverance and lots of hard work to complete and Matt has well and truly earned this. We as leaders love being part of every Scout's journey through Scouting over the 4 years that they are with us and we all wish Matt the best of luck moving on forwards. I have no doubt that he will continue to achieve great things in Scouting and that this award will be just one of many great achievements. Due to COVID we have not yet been able to present his award in person but we are hopeful that we will be able to do this very soon. Well done Matt!

We have a number of other older Scouts incredibly close to achieving this award for themselves and I'm excited and hopeful to see them achieve this in the year to come.

It is not only young people in Scouting that can earn awards and I am delighted to say that Chris and Jamie have achieved their wood badge and wood beads, a recognition of the hard work and dedication to 3rd Hayling Scouts. Well done!

Thank you to the fantastic group of Scouts who continue joining us every week despite the challenges of the last year and thank you also to our leadership team, we couldn't have done it without each other.

Looking forward to this next fun filled year!

Hannah  
Section Leader, Shark Troop

# Nexus Explorer Unit

2020/21 the COVID years

In March 2020 we were asked how Covid would affect scouting, we didn't think it would and we would just carry on as normal but we were almost completely wrong. It did stop us meeting face to face but within weeks of being stuck inside we adapted and changed our approach and went online . This presented challenges for us as leaders but after many phone calls back and forth we managed to set up a meeting between ourselves to plan a program for the explorers. After a few weeks of online meetings, we were almost experts at having quiz nights and bingo. Cooking was interesting with everyone in their own kitchens and we didn't have to clear the mess up afterwards.



In Summer 2020 we Received the go ahead to meet outside. Everyone was so happy to be back, but we still had to adapt to new rules and keep to social distance rules so we went cycling and walking . A walk out on the sandbanks was popular as was a walk up to Mick's burger van on Portsdown Hill - there are always explorers where there is food. Open air cinema was a great evening and something no one had experienced before. We have also been making good use of Rob's field on Copse lane, lots of cooking on open fires with each person bringing their own equipment to avoid sharing. Jacket potatoes in the camp oven were also popular, again with each person bringing their own fillings , and cooking

whilst games were being played. We had a large bonfire and fire works for bonfire night , birthday cakes for celebrations and a unseasonal, ultra violet Easter Egg hunt. After Christmas we were back to online meetings with quizzes, cooking and murder mysteries with the Explorers getting into the spirit and running their own evenings.



Our 2020 Kandersteg trip has been postponed twice, but we are now hoping to travel out there next year when everything will be back to normal (?). The Duke of Edinburg's Award has been much modified to enable people to continue with their sections but expeditions have had to be postponed until after Easter and even then no overnight camping will be possible but we do hope to get back out there into the countryside, all be it limited to Hampshire and our local area.

James , Leigh, Terry & Colin  
Nexus Explorers

# Project 19

## THE ROAD TO ADVENTURE

### USA



In July and August of 2019 we (Luke, Ethan, Arthur and Tom and leaders Sarah and Pippa) took part in a 1420 mile road trip beginning in New York and ending in Florida.

The first camp site was called the Alpine Scout Camp and we had our first opportunity to meet American scouts. We took part in activities such as shooting, climbing walls, swimming and archery. We also spent two days in the City exploring the sights such as Times Square, Central park, the 9/11 Museum and view from the top of the Rockefeller centre. The speed boat trip around the harbour to see the Statue of liberty was awesome. We also saw fireflies, spiders and bears at the campsite!

After a great week in New York we had a long coach journey to West Virginia. One highlight of the trip was visiting the World Scout Jamboree with thousands of scouts from around the world. We spent the day taking in the atmosphere, trying out activities and exploring the cultural food tents. We met up with Jack and Jason from Hayling and spoke to them about what they had been up to. We were sad to leave but continued our journey to Knoxville where we stayed in a motel and went on a midnight canopy high ropes tour. It was a challenging but amazing sight as it was all lit up with fairy lights.

We then took another long coach trip to Georgia and stayed at a campsite called Sidney Dew where we would spend the next week of our amazing adventure. The scout leaders in Sidney Dew were amazing. We took part in many fun activities like canoeing and paddle boarding on the lake, clay pigeon shooting and tomahawk throwing. During our stay in Georgia, we visited a small theme park called Lake Winnie that had the fastest wooden roller coaster in the world. We also went white water rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee (it had long, difficult and narrow level 4 rapids!). The night before we left to continue our journey we saw an impressive ceremony of the order of the arrow which is the highest rank of scout in America. It involved fire, boats, costumes and storytelling; we were very lucky to see this.

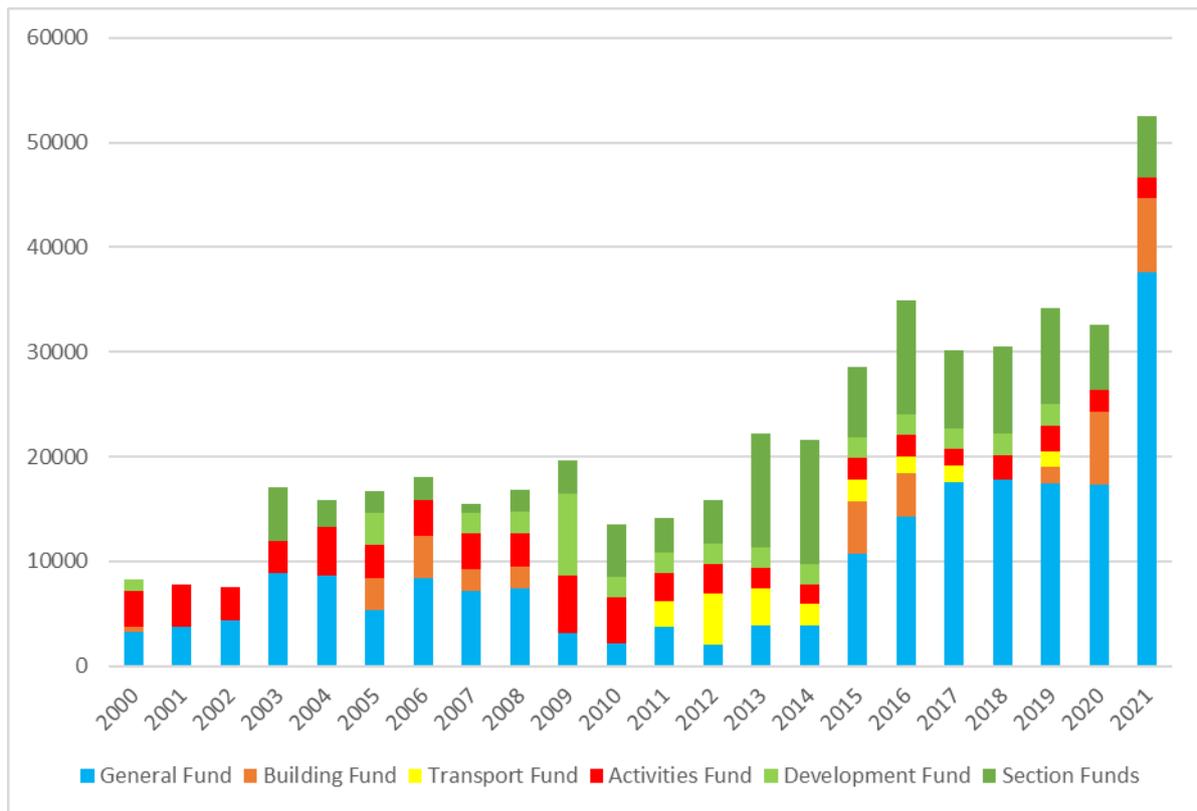
On the way to Florida we had a few pit stops: one to Atlanta to see a baseball game, another to a shopping mall in Jacksonville and a couple of hours at Daytona Beach for a swim and a cool down. For the final week of the trip we camped in the LaNoChe site. It was extremely hot. There were storms every day where we had to take cover when the alarm sounded. We met many more American scouts here and spent the days cycling, climbing, kayaking and trying to avoid snakes and alligators wherever we went! We also spent a couple of days in Universal theme park which was fantastic. The end of the adventure was celebrated with a beautiful beach party and a lakeside firework display with marshmallows, singing and dancing.

We would like to thank everybody for your support and help to make this surreal experience possible. Seeing scouting in other parts of the world and meeting and making friends with another one hundred scouts from Hampshire was a great scouting experience.



# Statement of Funds

## at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021



**Notes:**

1. The Section Funds include money currently held on behalf of those taking part in the “Suisse Adventure” that was postponed from 2020 until 2022.

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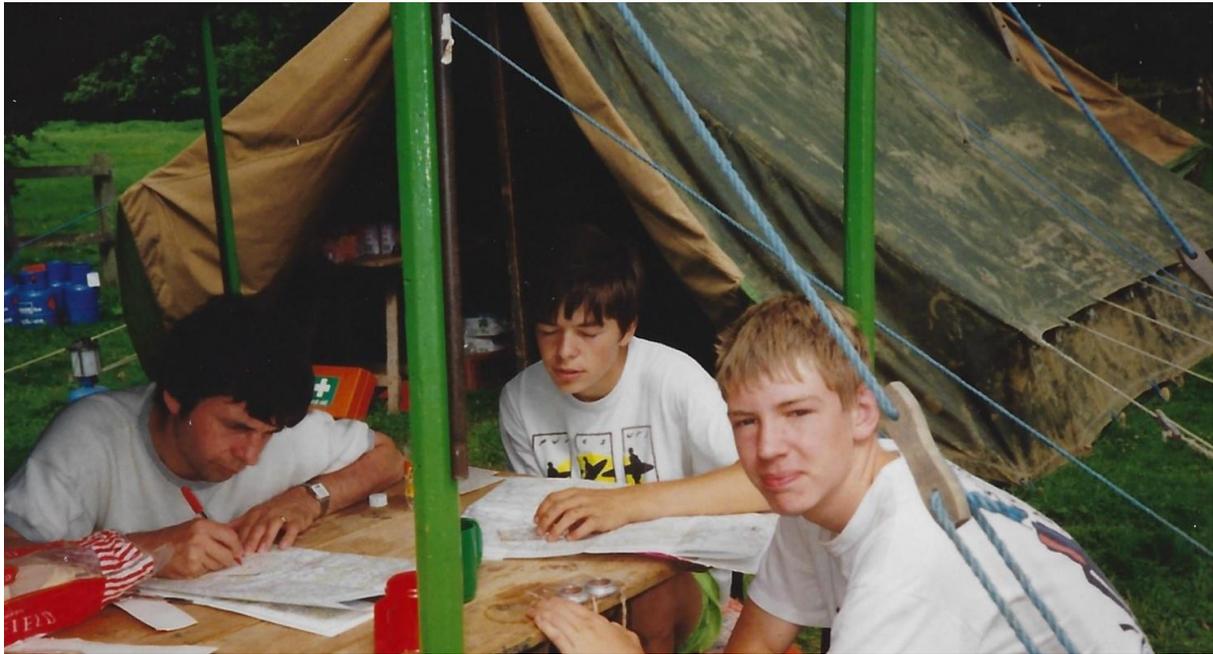


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This photograph was taken at the Hayling Eagles Summer Camp in the late 1980's.

- James Perfett (right) is now acting *GSL* for Hayling Scouts
- Tim Pike (centre) is now interim *Group Chairperson*
- Pete Goddard (left) was helping James & Tim through route planning for a 2 day hike. Pete is now the *Group Quartermaster*.

Not in the photograph are:-

- Dominic Howell, who was an *Assistant Scout Leader* at the time and is now the *District Chairperson* for Havant Scouts
- Ian Hawke, who was *Scout Leader* and now supports the Hayling Leaders with their training.