



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

1st Upton St Leonards Scout Group

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Group Overview

This year has been a year of change and challenge for the 1st Upton St Leonards Scout Group, with all sections growing and providing good balanced and most importantly fun programmes for the young people in the Group so that at this year's census we were recorded as the largest Group in Gloucester Scout District. However, we have struggled to support our front-line leaders with the necessary backstage people who we need to allow the Leaders to concentrate on planning and delivering the programme.

The last year has also been a period of change and I have decided to step down from the Group Scout Leader role. I will now focus on developing the Scout Troop and have handed over the reins as GSL to Paul Trott, who I am sure will help the Group to grow and meet its potential over the coming years.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me and helped to run the Group both in weekly leader roles and those in the background who have worked tirelessly to support those in uniform, often unseen and unrecognised but without whom we would not be able to continue.

I would also like to thank all the young people and their parents who make up the Group as without them we would not have a Group or even be Scouts.

Chris Patterson



Monday (Coopers Edge) Colony

During the last year we have completed a good programme and moved four of our Beaver Scouts up to Cubs. We started with 19 and ended on around 14 with more moving up in the New Year.

Beavers have had the chance to gain the following badges:

Personal Challenge; Skills; World; Book Reader; Builder; Disability Awareness; Experiment and Safety.

We also enjoyed some great activities, including the safety walk to buy chips from the local chip shop and the annual Remembrance Parade.

For the coming year we are currently down to a smaller number of around 7 Beavers with new ones starting each week. The original intake were all of similar age so moved up to Cubs together leaving a bit of a gap. We have planned a good programme to cover more badge work with the new intake and also intend to have a sleepover around Christmas as well as a summer Nights Away weekend.

Mervyn Silk
Beaver Scout Leader

Wednesday and Friday (Upton St Leonards) Colonies

We now have about 25 Beavers on a Wednesday and a Friday and a lot of younger children waiting to join. The Beavers progress so well and most achieve their Chief Scout's Bronze Award before they move to Cubs.

We have a few new leaders on both nights but it would be good to have a few more. If you are interested, please let me know. It is great fun and I know you would really enjoy it.

This year we have completed many badges and have been to Dowty model engineers, the fire station, played skittles and gone on our annual torch walk. We are planning a sleepover in December and I am hoping for a good turnout. The Beavers have all worked on their challenge badges and are progressing well.

I would like to thank the leaders and parents who come along and support the activities we do.

Next year we will try and keep the Beavers busy and hopefully help them gain confidence and learn lots of new life skills.

Linda Atkinson
Beaver Scout Leader



Two Packs – another busy year

We have had a busy year in our two Cub Scout Packs. The Cubs have taken part in all the events that the District has offered us. This included Cub Fun Day and the Artists Badge activity day.

Our summer camp last year was at Conygres camp site near Wotton-Under-Edge which was very hot. Later in the year, In December, we took 28 of the Cubs to Go Bananas in Stroud. We arrived there after the centre had closed to the public and then had unlimited use of the play equipment until it opened again on Saturday morning. The Cubs took great delight in deciding which ball pool or piece of equipment they were going to sleep on/in.

In February we made our bi-annual trip to London. We stayed at Paccar Scout Camp just outside London. On the Saturday we took the train into the capital and spent the day sightseeing and travelling on the Tube and various buses. On the Sunday morning the Cubs greatly enjoyed using the go-karts and indoor caving system at the camp site.

During Pack meetings the Cubs have completed several of their Challenge badges and several Cubs were awarded their Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award that they can earn in Cubs.

My thanks must go to all the Leaders that have helped with the Cubs during the year; Teresa Patterson, Rishona Steward, Sarah Goodman, Nicola Bradbury and Nick Peet and everyone else who has helped us at Pack meetings and behind the scenes. Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

Rosemary Trott,
Cub Scout Leader.

SCOUTS

This year has seen another year of consolidation and forward movement for the Troop. Numbers are growing but are now starting to be limited by the number of Leaders we have available to run the Troop. On the plus side the Scouts have spent the year gaining and working towards their Challenge Badges which make up their Chief Scout's Gold Award and for the first time in a few years we should have some to celebrate in next year's report. The Scouts have also spent time at various County events including Stomp, an overnight hike on Rodborough Common, The Cotswold Marathon, which is a 10-mile night hike in February, and Strategy, a weekend event in Cirencester Park with 2000 other Scouts and Guides from all over the country. Unfortunately, we were unable to arrange a week's camp this summer that had enough available Scouts and Leaders at the same time to go away but we did have a successful winter camp over winter half term.

Our plans for the coming year are to build further on last year and provide more good Scouting for all of the Troop, building both the numbers of young people and adults, along the way.

Chris Patterson
Scout Leader

1st Upton St Leonards – our aims for the year ahead

More sleepovers, camps and expeditions



We know that what young people enjoy most is getting away from home for a few days to try new activities and learn new skills. This year we will offer more Nights Away opportunities for our young people.

A working Executive Committee



To comply with the rules of the Scout Association and the Charity Commission we need to re-establish our Group Executive Committee to provide support and leadership to the Scout Group and take care of its finances and other assets.

Active involvement in the community



Scouts are committed to being active members of their communities. We intend to raise our profile in Upton and Coopers Edge by encouraging members to take an active part in local events and initiatives working with others to improve the areas in which members live and meet as Scouts.



The 1st Upton St Leonards is an established Scout Group that offers young people of all backgrounds and abilities fun, friendship and adventure while developing their skills for life. With three Beaver Scout Colonies, two Cub Packs and a Scout Troop our friendly leadership team (all volunteers) is kept very busy and is always open to new members joining it.

We meet at the Village Hall in Upton and at The Edge Community Centre in Coopers Edge. Enquiries from prospective members – young people and adults – are always welcome.

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Contact Us

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