



WARMINSTER



Scouts (Thur) AGM Report Scouting Year May 2019 to May 2020

May 2019

With the arrival of lighter evenings, May saw the Scouts undertake a range of activities focused on developing outdoor skills to prepare for summer camp at the end of the month.



27th May to 1st June saw the Scouts under canvas at Corf camp, Isle of Wight. This was a new adventure for us, venturing further away with hired minibuses and a ferry ride which led to a warm fun-packed week with evenings spent around the campfire.

This year a pirate themed camp, complete with fancy dress, pirate language and a varied activity programme including archery, rifles, hill-walk, survival skills and body-boarding in the sea.



June 2019

The Scouts made the most of the longer summer evenings with evening hikes to practice navigation skills, sharp skills and rifle-shooting. The last weekend of June is traditionally an Armed Forces Weekend camp at Stourhead - this time open to Patrols and with a lot of newer Scouts it gave the more experienced Senior Scouts an opportunity to develop their leadership qualities. This was an extremely warm weekend and the Scouts hiked, practiced sharp skills, cooked in patrols, had a water fight and ate ice-creams a plenty!

July 2019

The Scouts celebrated the end of the year with an activity evening at Brokerswood participating in the daring High-Ropes course and Lazerquest followed by a BBQ and Scout of the Year Awards

September 2019

The welcome back in September saw the Scouts learning pioneering skills earning the badge prior to entering the Warminster Carnival fundraising raft race. Warminster Scouts entered 2 teams winning the wooden spoon award - but were the only youth teams entered!

The end of September saw almost all the Scout Troop under canvas again this time at Jubilee Woods to coincide with the District Target Competitions receiving an excellent result in both Archery and Rifle shooting.

During the patrol camp the Scouts mastered cooking on open fires and building camp gadgets and enjoyed team games followed by a very enthusiastic campfire.

October/November 2019

With the darker nights the Scouts headed inside and achieved both the Global Issues and International Activity badges forging links with American Scouts in Kosovo sending them Warminster Group badges, knacker and videos of the patrols and other scouting items.

The Scouts also tried sparkler photography and made edible fireworks.

The Warminster Remembrance Parade was extremely well supported by the Troop.

December 2019

During December the Scouts completed the Craft Activity badge creating badge baubles for the Warminster Christmas Tree Festival and attended the Minster Church's Christmas Carol Concert.

January 2020

January arrived and during the long dark nights the Scouts held a Troop Forum, learnt about craters, Tim Peake and space exploration earning the Astronautics Badge.

Two Scout Teams bravely endured weeks of practice and planning to enter the District Cooking Competition with this year's theme of 'Olympics - Past, Present or Future'

The two teams worked brilliantly with their honed team cooking and presentation skills but one team 'Chop Suey' came 2nd overall giving them an opportunity to take part in the County competition where they tried their hardest but met stiff competition.

February 2020

During February, the Scouts mastered practical 'Life Skills' learning how to change a washer, unblock a sink and toilet and simple electrical basics earning their DIY badge.

The Scouts supported the annual Jubilee Woods work day learning new skills and gained their Forester badge.

The annual trip to PGL Liddington was extremely well attended and Scouts enjoyed a range of activities including buggy-building, giant swing, abseil and climbing, zip wire and fencing.

March 2020

With the arrival of cooler, wetter nights the Scouts enjoyed being in the shelter of the hut learning about model-making. We were visited by a local modelling expert and with Warhammer packs the Scouts learnt how to make their own models.

On the 7th March, 2 Scout Teams led by Denise and Rick and Russ and Michelle entered the London Monopoly Run. After an invigorating day walking 13 miles around London capturing the game landmarks Denise and Rick's Team were victorious in their game culminating in both Teams plotting next year's tactics.

Sadly, the rest of the modelling badge had to be completed at home due to the ceasing of Face-to-Face Scouting with the outbreak of Coronavirus.

Summary

12 packed months of Scouting.

28 Scouts on the books at the start and end of year.

An increase of 199 total nights away (4 camps/activity weekends).

1st District Rifle Shooting

2nd District Cooking Competition

Warminster Scouts remain committed to continuing Scouting with encouragement to join #The Great Indoors and gain night under canvas at home.

We have launched 'Virtual Scouting' through Zoom and have an exciting programme planned until we can once again meet face-to face.