



# WARMINSTER



## Scouts (Wed) AGM Report Scouting Year May 2019 to May 2020

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A warm welcome from the Wednesday Night Scout Troop, the Leadership team and the New Scouts have enjoyed the first nine months of being involved in Warminster Scout Group.

### September/October 2019

The start seems so long ago, when following the invites to the cubs on the Scout waiting list, nine young people and several parents turned up for the first of six weeks challenge to see if we could get a troop up and running.

Between this first week and the October half term holiday, the six weeks challenge was embraced by both the new Scouts and adults alike.

I'd like to say thank you to Grahame Hiscock and Graham Honey for lending a hand in those early evenings running activities and helping out.

Scientist experiment activities, fire lighting and backwoods cooking were the activities that captured the involvement and excitement.

### November 2019

We invested 10 new Scouts and had Ethan and Edward transfer in from Thursdays, making a Troop of 12 Scouts.

Remembrance Parade was the first parade attended by the Wednesday Troop and a full 12 Scouts turned out nice and smart, baring the old 6<sup>th</sup> Warminster Scout Flag.

Activities included Sparkler photography, which was great fun for both the Scouts and Leadership.

This was followed by the Great Chip Shop Survey, which the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed, and asked to do it again the week after!!! (Won by the Sambourne Fish & Chip shop).

### December 2019

The darker night had us in the Scout hut making Christmas tree decorations for our tree to join the Cubs and the Thursday Troop at the Minister Church Christmas Tree festival.

And craft activities making Pine Cone Christmas decorations and making Christmas cookies.... Both sticky and messy..

The last night of the calendar year was "I'm a Scout Get me Out of here!!!!!" - really messy activities and party food. Highlight being the Egg-Roulette....

### January 2020

During Term3 Wednesday shared the programme with Thursday, (making life easier for the Leadership teams) the Scouts held a Troop Forum for planning the year ahead. And undertook the Astronautics Badge, learnt about how craters are formed, undertaking a "Tim Peake" challenge and space exploration.

### 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.

All Scouts supported the annual Jubilee Woods work day learning new skills laying hedges, felling trees, etc.. gained their Forester badge.

The Wednesday Troop joined in the annual trip to PGL Liddington and it was great to see the two troops working together enjoying a range of activities including buggy-building, giant swing, abseil and climbing, zip wire and fencing. Plus to non-stop all-inclusive food.....

### March 2020

This month's activity was Model Making, with the assistance and support of Barry Statham from the local Model club, sharing his experiences, ideas and models.

The Scouts followed with the assistance of Warhammer gaming, and the resources provided to build, make and play with Space Marines.

Unfortunately, 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

9 packed months of Scouting.

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

5 New leaders

An increase of 29 total nights away (PGL and Isolation Sleep-outs).

Virtual Scouting has started and is, so far, a great success, thank you for helping them get involved and enjoying the sessions.

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

Be Prepared, continue to develop "Skills for Life", until we can once again meet face-to face.