

**Group Scout Leader Report – Autumn/Winter 2021.**

**Summary:**

The Leaders have done a great job of very quickly picking up where we left off and delivering a varied programme of activities still with some limitations and restrictions in place.

The key focus of each section leader was to re-establish the section, ensure that both the children and parents felt safe and supported and to deliver an enjoyable, engaging and rewarding programme between September and the Christmas/New Year break.

I think in general we have done this, with lots of badges being awarded across all sections. – Rachel has so far sewn on about 160 badges (at 50p each) raising funds for the Scouts International Camp next Summer.

Remembrance Day Service/parade was well attended by all sections and those members that who fulfilled key roles such as flag bearer (some at very short notice thanks to COVID) did an amazing job. As GSL I had some very positive and heartfelt comments from the public about how great it was to see the parade again and what a credit the young people were to the group and the local community!

The Bonfire/Fireworks event was huge success, well done to all involved in the planning and prep for this, particularly Lisa and Pete.

**The Group Currently has:**

* • 24 Beavers – 2 have achieved the Bronze Chief Scout Award this term.
* • 20 Cubs – working towards awarding 1-2 Silver Chief Scouts Awards before the

member moves up to Scouts later in the year.

* + - • 21 Scouts - 2 were awarded their Gold Chief Scout Award (1 has left the group the

Other is now in Explorers). – these were featured in the Easingwold Advertiser.

* • 8 Leaders
* • 1 Adult helper (provisional)
* Beavers has a “parent helper rota” which is accessible via OSM to all parents.

A minimum of 2 parents helping each week, this is essential to ensure the safe running of the Beaver section given the number of members and required ratios of Adults/Children.

* 1. 24 children on the waiting list – of which 8 are eligible to join the group at their respective section age. – leaving 16 who are currently too young to join Beavers but would be accommodated within a Squirrels Section?
  2. GSL will liaise with Leaders to enable these new members to be involved as soon as possible.

Capacity within each Section and leader support is the fundamental limitation to being able to accept more off the waiting list.

**Executive:**

* Nick Higgins
* Carl Bilson.
* Sue Scotter – Leaving
* • Sue Scotter – Dawney Project Liaison - Leaving
* • Quartermaster – Rachel Jakulis
* • Fundraising – Rachel Jakulis
* • Fundraising support - Vacant
* • Dawney Facilities Manager –Vacant
* • Chase Garth Scout Hut Facilities Manager – Vacant
* • Web/ communications Manager – Vacant
* • Katie Thorn – Executive member
* • Lisa Harrison (Cub Leader) – Bonfire group, archery guru and Assistant GSL
* • David Waring - (District Training Officer)
* • Pete Jackson (Explorer leader) – Bonfire group and all-round brilliant person for all his DIY and more!

**Leaders:**

* • **Beavers:** Rachel Jakulis (Prov. Section Leader) Katherine Adams, (Asst Section Leader)
* **• Cubs:** Lisa Harrison (Section Leader), Sue Pletts (Asst. Section Leader)
* **• Scouts:** Seb Thomas, (Section Leader) Kevin Tordoff (Asst. Section Leader)

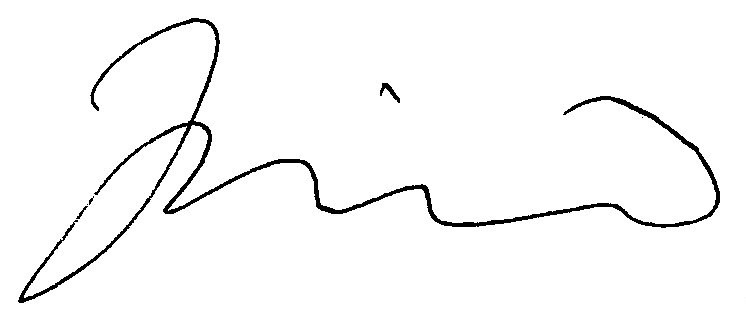
Ian Jakulis (GSL) – helping with support and delivery across all sections as required.

Pete Jackson – helping at Cubs and Scout on occasion due to having children in those sections.

**Development:**

* + - Continue to promote and advertise for additional adult helper/Leaders.
    - Audit of resources/supplies at both Properties to ensure there is a sufficient stock of basic equipment and consumable items to facilitate activities such as cooking without having to transfer items between locations.
    - Develop a plan to improve the woodland area at The Dawney. Such as a nature trail, tree trail, orienteering course, other outdoor activities. ( I have been asked through my work to help with a redevelopment project at The Snowball Plantation site near York, this may have some spin-off benefits for The Dawney).
    - Finish off the rear area at Chase Garth to make it useable/accessible to all or for storage.

Thank you, yours in scouting.

Group Scout Leader (GSL).