

1st SEND (ST. MARYS) SCOUT GROUP

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Scout Group Report to the Church for the year 2020-2021

Like everyone 1st Send (St. Mary's) Scout Group has had a year that has been thrown upside down by the Covid pandemic. However, throughout the period, the Scout Leaders and Executive Team have done everything possible to adapt and continue to provide fun and stimulating activities for our young people in Send area. During this period, we said goodbye to a number of our longstanding executive members and especially to our Group Scout Leader, Neil Freeman. We are still looking for a replacement GSL and we would love to talk to anyone that may be interested.

Beaver Scouts (6 – 8 Years)

Currently we have 6 Beaver Scouts in the Section, with a healthy new intake of 8 for 2021 summer term. The Beavers have been hardest hit by the Covid situation with virtual meetings proving very difficult for the youngest members. The group are looking forward to starting to meet again face to face for the summer 2021 term. The Section is led by Cheryl Locatelli and ably assisted by Sarah, Philip, and Heather.

Cub Scouts (8 – 10.5 Years)

The Cub Section currently has 26 youngsters, 3 of whom are girls. This continue to be our most popular age group – pushing our small HQ to the limit!

Camping and “away” day trips have largely had to be postponed this year, but the Cubs have had a fantastic range of virtual meetings including baking, virtual navigation, building bird boxes and detective nights amongst a range of events. The cubs also joined with the Scouts for an evening with “Space Dave” who beamed in from New Zealand! The Cubs managed a small face to face event rolling easter eggs at Newlands Corner.

Our Cub leadership team does a fantastic job, with Rob Barnes, Max Snapper, Matt Stubbs, Gereint Bruton and John Mansfield.

The Cubs have been busily working on their badges too, with some working towards the coveted Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Scouts (10.5 – 14 Years)

Our Scout Section of twenty-two members (including 2 girls) and has again had a successful year whilst navigating the online reality.

Activities in this last years' programme have included a visit to space with Space Dave from New Zealand, donutting, virtual navigation, detective nights, baking and, of course, badgework! The Scouts also managed a small face to face event rolling easter eggs at Newlands Corner.

Our leaders in the Scout Section are Mark Silcock (Scout Leader), Anya Williamson, Brandon White, George Williams, Jackie Hunt, and Mark Pennells.

The Group

Unfortunately, the Scout Group has been unable to run either of our two usual fundraising events, the Send May Fair and the Send Marsh Bonfire which are always hugely successful and bring in much needed funds. Being unable to run these events this year has left us with a significant financial deficit, and unfortunately, we have so far been unable to secure any of the Covid grants that we have applied for. However, due to the stewardship of the executive committees over the years, we have a sufficient cash surplus to manage through this "rainy day" scenario and look forward to rebuilding our funds through 2021-2022!

Our buildings are now showing their age and we are going to have to start spending the little money we have set aside on extensive refurbishment works. We have agreed to have the main Scout Hut completely re-roofed which has been a long term aim of the group to ensure a watertight place to meet. We expect this work to commence in April 2021 and will use up the majority of our remaining group cash, as it is expected to cost around £20,000. We are always looking for new supporters to help us with fundraising to help continue to protect the future of the group.

Our Scout Group website, dedicated e-mail address and 'Facebook' group continue to raise the profile of our Group and facilities – we feel that it is mainly the website that has contributed to our ever-increasing waiting list ... please try www.sendscouts.co.uk

Despite managing to recruit several new adult leaders this year, we continue to be short of adult help on our Executive Committee, especially our open GSL post, and we are always in need of more uniformed Leaders to work with our young people.

We would like to thank St. Mary's Church for its support over the last year.

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