

1st SEND (ST. MARYS) SCOUT GROUP

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

1st Send (St. Mary's) Scout Group has had a great year of recovery as we have emerged out of the pandemic and got back to traditional hands-on Scouting. Our Scout Leaders and Executive Team have been working hard to provide fun and stimulating activities for our young people in the Send area. In Spring 2021 we welcomed our new Group Scout Leader, Tony Maine, who is a fantastic and enthusiastic advocate for the Group.

Beaver Scouts (6 – 8 Years)

Currently we have a very healthy 15 Beaver Scouts in the Section, and it has been fantastic to welcome them all back to regular in-person meets this year. 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, Angus, and Heather.

Cub Scouts (8 – 10.5 Years)

The Cub Section currently has a very strong 22 youngsters. This continues to be our most popular age group – pushing our small HQ to the limit!

The cubs have undertaken an array of activities this year including baking, building bird boxes, shooting, astronomy and a visit to St Mary's Church. A subset of our Cubs also took part in the Woking District Sports Day, that involved skills including trampolining, karate and swimming. The Cubs are planning a camping weekend in Summer 2022 to round off the year.

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

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

Scouts (10.5 – 14 Years)

Our Scout Section of twenty-six members has again had a successful year with loads of fun and challenging activities.

This year's programme has included Navigation, a Burn's Night, a Chinese evening, rocket building, pancake making, kite making and Strava painting at the Recreation ground. And, of course, lots of badgework!

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

The Group

This year we have been able to return to running our traditional fund-raising events. Although we were not able to run a May Fair in 2021, we did manage to put on a fantastic fireworks display at Send Marsh in October. This was a very well supported event which really felt like it brought the local community back together for some fun after the events of the last couple of years.

Planning is now at an advanced stage for a Send Jubilee Fair (which will take place on 3rd June 2022 and replace the traditional Send May Fair this year). With a promise of live music, BBQ, cakes and bar, plus all the traditional fun of the stalls, a jumbo inflatable and fairground rides, we are looking forward to a fantastic celebration of the Jubilee!

Last summer we took advantage of the lack of physical meetings to replace the roof on the Scout Hut, at a cost of nearly £20K. This was a major undertaking after years of dedicated fundraising by the group, and ensures that the Scout Hut is once again a safe, and dry, place to conduct our meetings.

Our Scout Group website, dedicated e-mail address and 'Facebook' group continue to raise the profile of our Group and facilities... please see www.sendscouts.co.uk

We are always in need of more uniformed and Executive Leaders to work with our young people and run the Group, so if you have an interest in helping out please contact us for a chat.

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

Andrew Robertson
Group Treasurer