

Scouting



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14th Hove (St Andrews, Portslade) Scout Group



St Andrews Portslade is 100 Years Old

The Group Executive have recently discovered, with the help of David Schildkamp that the St Andrews, Portslade Scout Group is 100 years old. Due to changing boundaries we were renumbered a few times before we finally became the 14th Hove. We are working hard to uncover as much as possible about the Group and would like to create a time line or something similar to record our history. If anyone would like to get involved please let me know also if you know anyone that has been involved with the Group at any time over the past 100 years please can you let us have their details.

We are planning various events to mark the centenary. The first event is to mark Founders Day and will be on Saturday 22nd February. Looking back through the minute books of the Group it quickly became apparent that the Group always celebrated this date. We are planning on holding a 'Scouting Skills' day at Hillside for all members of the Group. We are also planning a party in September which past and present members will be invited to.

We have created a Group Badge to be worn on the back of the scarf as well as a centenary badge which can be worn on the uniform for one year.

Our Plans and Achievements

Each year we set ourselves various targets and for the current year the targets have been to increase adult numbers and to get the hall floor revarnished. We have been very lucky to recruit Lucy Akehurst as Assistant Cub Leader and Gaynor Morgan and Matt Gander as Assistant Beaver Leaders. Ash Holland and Tommy Lloyd have both progressed from the Scout Section and become Young Leaders. We also managed to recruit some parents onto the Group Executive including James Mulgrue who has taken on the role of Group Treasurer. We now need to recruit two more members to replace parents who have left the Group including the Group Secretary. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the executive committee. We are hoping to get the floor revarnished over the February half term although this is proving to be a lot more expensive than we had originally thought.

We are also working hard to ensure that as many members of the Group as possible achieve Chief Scout Awards. Congratulations to the Leaders and parents who have helped to make this possible for the following members.

River Banks, Reuben Child and Felix Burrows all achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award

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Dates for your Diary

January / February 2014

- 11 Jan Pioneering Aternoon for Cubs
- 19 Jan Cub & Scout Chess Tournament
- 28 Jan Cubs Campfire at Hillside
- 8/9 Feb Cubs Indoor Camp at Hillside
- Feb Cub Football Tournament (date tba)
- 22 Feb Founders Day Celebrations

March / April 2014

- 21/23 Mar Scout Camp at Hillside
- 29 Mar Beaver Hike

May / June 2014

- 10 May Celebration of Scouting - All Members
- 13/15 June Cub County Camp at Broadstone

Don't forget to check the notice board and the website for additional dates



Harry Carter, Harry Newrick, Tabby Burrows, Zaria Burrows, Alex Uridge, Sophie Balcombe, Kelsey Ward and Harrison Hughes all achieved their Chief Scout Silver.

Tommy Lloyd, Ash Holland, Joshua Hassett & Connor Price all achieved their Chief Scout Gold Award

Well done, we are extremely proud of you all.

Group Census

Every Scout Group in the Country is required to collect and send certain information to the Headquarters of the Scout Association. The information relates to everyone registered as a member of a Scout Group on the 31st January each year and covers age, gender, ethnicity and any disability or long term illness. This information enables the Scout Association to monitor it's progress and to ensure the movement is continuing to grow and meet the needs of all members of the community.

If you completed a form last January you will not need to complete another form, however if you joined the Group during 2013 you will be asked to complete a form that has been designed by the Scout Association. Please can you complete and return your form asap. Please be assured that the information provided will be treated as confidential and will only be read by the Group Scout Leader. Once the details have been extracted the forms will be securely shredded and the information will be aggregated and submitted anonymously to the Scout Association.



Fundraising

As most of you already know we hold various fund raising events throughout the year including 3 jumble sales and the May Fair. If anyone would like to take over the organisation of the Fair or any other fund raising event including organising something new please let me know.

As always we need lots of adult help to make these events happen. Please spare a few hours a year to help raise funds for the Group.

Don't forget that we can take jumble and tomola items at any time during the year. Please let your friends and family know that we are always in need of clothes, toys, bric=a=brac etc to sell at the jumble sales and we are also able to get money for old clothes, shoes, handbags, towels etc which we can sell by weight.



Uniform

The Leaders have been very pleased with the general turn out of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the weekly meetings. However there are still quite a few members who do not have the correct trousers. All members of the Group should wear Navy Activity Trousers, preferably these should be the Scout Association Trousers but dark navy activity trousers are acceptable if it is not possible for you to purchase the Scout Association ones. What is not acceptable are jeans, leggings and tracksuit bottoms.

Please remember to let us have any items of Beaver, Cub or Scout uniform you no longer require. We can sell these to raise funds for the Group or we can sell them on your behalf.

Camping

For many people an important part of Scouting is camping. We always try and give each section plenty of opportunity for camping each year and include indoor camps for the Beaver section and at least one indoor camp for the Cubs. For Cubs that are nervous about sleeping in a tent the indoor camps provide a taste of what they can do at a Cub Camp but with the security of sleeping indoors (usually for one night only). Cubs also get the opportunity to attend either a District or County Camp. Scouts get the opportunity to take part in a week long summer camp in addition to at least two weekend camps.

It is important that the young members attend as many camps as possible as there are some badges that can only be obtained at camp. Camps are also an excellent opportunity for the young members to get to know each other a bit better and for the Leaders to get a better understanding of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Leaders are always happy to talk to parents and carers prior to any camps and we will endeavour to provide you with any assistance you require.

District & County Events

As in previous years all sections of the Group are committed to supporting District & County events, however we can only do this with your support. These events are always fun and provide opportunities that are not always possible at Group level.

Please sign up for as many events as you can. Our own Group events also need lots of support to enable them to be a success.

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