

Annual General Meeting

Financial Year: 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020



Scouts

Blandford

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Executive reports:
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer approval of accounts
 - Group Scout Leader
 - Section Reports
5. Elections of the executive
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Bookings Secretary
 - Executive Committee Members
6. Any other business



Sybille (Billy) Maddock
Group Chairperson

Joined as Chairperson at last year's AGM.

Billy leads the Executive Committee, and ensures it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group. Billy works closely with Sam to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.



Sam Elliott
Group Scout Leader

Joined as a Beaver Leader in April 2013 and stepped into Group Scout Leader role in October 2017.

Sam manages and supports the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.



Jonathan (Jon) Bowell
Group Secretary

Joined as Secretary at last year's AGM.

As Secretary Jon supports Billy to ensure the smooth functioning and sound administration of the Scout Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.



Amy Dennis
Group Treasurer

Joined as Treasurer for the Scout Group in February 2018.

Amy provides sound financial administration, support and information to the Executive Committee and Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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Minutes of the last AGM

Here is a copy of the minutes from the last AGM held on the 7th June 2019.

Any matters arising from these can be discussed during this AGM.

If the minutes are a true record they will be approved and signed.



**Annual General Meeting
Minutes for 7th June 2019**

Present: Sam Elliott, John Kerley, Sybille Maddock, Jonathan Bowell, Amy Dennis, Rebecca Rodwell, Alexis Tanner, Kevin Elliott, Shelley Gamble, Jon Massey, Nicola Borley, Tim Quance, Adam Masters, Katie Roberston, Chris Minchella and Emily Bullman.

Apologies from Sharon Jones, Pete Warrington

Welcome and introduction from Sam Elliott in the absence of an incumbent chair.

Minutes of the last AGM verified and signed by Sam Elliott.

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

Reports:

As there was no incumbent chairman there was no chairman's report.

Treasures report was given to all present to read.

Group Scout Leader and Section reports were all handed out in a booklet.

Elections to the Executive:

Group leader Sam Elliott appointed a new chair, Sybille Maddock.

Amy Dennis agreed to stay as Treasurer nominated by Nicola Borley and seconded by Katie Robertson.

Jonathan Bowell was elected as secretary nominated Adam Masters and Seconded by Jon Massey.

Committee members returning were Becky Rodwell nominated by Shelley Gamble and Chris Minchella nominated by Tara Jacobs.

John Kerley, Deputy District Commissioner spoke of the commitment of the leaders of Blandford Scout Group that makes it the jewel on the crown of local Scouting. John praised the group for all the activities it undertakes up to and including the Scouts visit to Ireland. John thanked everyone involved, from Sam leading the Group to the young people who help make Blandford scouting what it is. He also passed on the thanks of the County Commissioner and the District Commissioner.

Sam Elliott closed the meeting.

Group Chairperson Report

Sybille Maddock

New to the role of chairperson, I feel I have learnt so much in the past year and it has been a pleasure to work with Sam and the committee. They have all been very welcoming and helpful during my first year.

The committees main aims this year were to repair the Scout Hut roof and the road around the hut. The roof made the hut nearly unusable, with various leaks in both the ladies and gents' toilets and the main part of the hall. The roof has been repaired, is now watertight and should last us for years to come. A great achievement by all.

We are now looking at repairing the road; the potholes and uneven surfaces are quite unsafe. The committee decided to create a few more parking spaces at the front too.

A contractor has been chosen and will commence work soon allowing safe access for all.

New flood and outdoor lights have been installed and a thorough survey of the trees has been carried out thanks to some generous support from parents.

I would like to thank all leaders, committee members and volunteers who give up their valuable time to make Scouting so special.

Group Treasurer Report

Amy Dennis

It has been another successful year for the finances of the Scout Group.

Following discussion with the committee it was decided that we would separate out each pack's income and expenditure so we can easily see where our resources are being spent.

I have continued to develop the methods for dealing with payments and receipts and now have a large number of the leaders passing receipts for reimbursement directly to me which are then paid by bank transfer making it much easier for both myself and the leaders.

The collection of subs has improved greatly with the majority of parents making their payments by the deadline and I thank you all for this.

I have also been able to make a back claim for Gift Aid on the subs payments which was for just over £3,800 which we have included in our ringfenced funds for works to the hut and grounds.

Our hall hire income has increased a small amount this year on the previous period and we are starting to get some more regular bookings, St John Ambulance being one group to have recently starting using the Hut. Sam is looking into developing the OSM system which will now enable us to put a calendar on our website and will allow the community to book the Hut through the OSM system.

Fundraising continues to do well and a big thanks must go out to all the committee members.

This year we held two Bingo events which raised over £1,200 between them as well as have stalls at the Georgian Fayre and Yuletide Festival which raised £300 and £180 respectively.

We ringfenced £13,500 for works to the hut and in April 2020 completed the replacement of the roof sheeting at a cost of £7,000. We are now working towards have the road and parking areas repaired/replaced.

| | 2015-16 £ | 2016-17 £ | 2017-18 £ | 2018-19 £ | 2019-20 £ |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Hall Rental | 4307.00 | 4410.00 | 7331.00 | 6110.00 | 6212.50 |
| Fundraising | 1745.85 | 1992.00 | 4263.37 | 5150.20 | 9683.44 |
| Hut Expenses | 5507.73 | 9511.02 | 9306.81 | 6855.38 | 7902.72 |
| Sections Income | | 5780.98 | 8175.62 | 19492.89 | 25086.65 |
| Sections Expenditure | | 3158.62 | 8706.53 | 14287.19 | 30603.38 |

Annual General Meeting Group Treasurer Report

Full copy of the treasurers report
can be downloaded [here](#)

I must thank Colin
Westbrook from the
Gillingham Scout Group
for providing the auditing
service again this year.

BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP Balance of Accounts - Financials 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020

Scout Income

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Deer Park Beavers | £ 2,478.15 |
| Riversdale Beavers | £ 2,471.44 |
| Portman Cubs | £ 3,905.77 |
| Shottsford Cubs | £ 4,753.79 |
| Stour Valley Scouts | £ 6,689.05 |
| Tuck Shop | £ 343.30 |
| Scout FR | £ 446.91 |
| Gift Aid | £ 3,800.24 |
| Misc | £ 198.00 |
| HQ related | £ - |

Totals £ 25,086.65

HQ Income

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Float | £ 695.00 |
| HQ FR | £ 9,236.53 |
| Hall Hire | £ 6,212.50 |
| Charity Donations | £ - |
| Misc. | £ 1,090.41 |

Totals £ 17,234.44

Scouting Account

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | £ 11,986.66 |
| Income Total | £ 25,086.65 |
| Expenditure Total | £ 30,603.38 |

Balance £ 6,469.93

Combined Accounts

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | £ 16,833.16 |
| Income Total | £ 42,321.09 |
| Expenditure Total | £ 38,506.10 |

Balance £ 20,648.15

Scout Expenditure

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Deer Park Beavers | £ 1,841.61 |
| Riversdale Beavers | £ 1,761.12 |
| Portman Cubs | £ 2,459.64 |
| Shottsford Cubs | £ 3,120.41 |
| Stour Valley Scouts | £ 6,341.34 |
| Winterbourne Whitechurch | £ 11.20 |
| Tuck Shop | £ 145.31 |
| Scout FR | £ 382.10 |
| Badges | £ 485.83 |
| Supplies & Misc | £ 1,111.74 |
| Capitation | £ 6,210.00 |
| Transfer to HQ account | £ 6,733.08 |

£ 30,603.38

HQ Expenditure

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Float | £ 695.00 |
| HQ FR | £ 76.44 |
| HQ Expenses | £ 232.57 |
| Grounds Maintance | £ 693.48 |
| HQ Maintance | £ 2,376.13 |
| HQ Projects | £ - |
| Equipment | £ 44.00 |
| Insurance | £ 1,180.20 |
| Power | £ 1,907.50 |
| Rates | £ 385.57 |
| Water | £ 311.83 |
| Misc | £ - |

£ 7,902.72

HQ Account

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | £ 4,846.50 |
| Income Total | £ 17,234.44 |
| Expenditure Total | £ 7,902.72 |

Balance £ 14,178.22

Reviewed By


C. Westbrook

10 May 20

Group Scout Leader Report

Sam Elliott

Annual General Meeting Group Scout Leader Report



The annual census for the Group shows that once again membership has grown with 168 members this year including leaders, the highest since records began in 2001.

I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of leaders who have once again put in a great deal of hard work and freely given up a lot of their time to provide quality Scouting for all your young people this past year, and also to all the members of the Group Executive Committee without their hard work and support the Group would not be able to run.

Not only have Leaders been planning and running weekly sessions of Scouting, many of them have also been:

- attending (or undertaking online) training courses
- organising and running International trips
- helping with community and fundraising events
- organising and running many sleepovers and camps
- helping with headquarter clean ups and sorting of equipment

The committee members have been amazing this year in pulling together to rescue the hut's roof and get some urgent jobs attended too. They have organized some really successful fundraising events and have been busy applying for funding from various sources.



This year has again been a very busy year for our Group with all sections taking part in many exciting activities and events, the leaders have included details about these in their section reports.

We have held many Group events this year:

- **Big Spring Clean** - of our hq
- **Bingo** - fundraising events
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – fundraising community event
- **St Georges Day** - at our hq
- **Horrible Histories Event** – fundraising community event
- **Georgian Fayre** – fundraising community event
- **The Grand Tour Cape to Cape Rally** – community event
- **ABW summer fair** - fundraising community event
- **The Bourne Free Parade**
- **Fun in the Field** – supporting a local event
- **Table top sales** – fundraising events at our hq
- **Remembrance** – day of activities and parade
- **Christmas Tree Festival** – community event
- **Yuletide Festival** - fundraising community event
- **Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Trip**



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Beaver Section Reports

Deer Park (Monday) Colony

A busy year reflected in photos..



Deer Park Beaver Colony Badges & Awards



**Chief Scout
Bronze Awards** **6**

Other badges awarded:

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Challenge Badges | 40 |
| Activity Badges | 118 |
| Staged Badges | 34 |
| Investitures | 13 |

Kirsty Taylor-Gallop - Beaver Scout Leader

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Beaver Section Reports

Riversdale (Wednesday) Colony



Summer Term

We made a start on the Gardening badge and we cleared an area to make a little garden, we grew some pumpkins and put some flowers in old welly boots for pots, we also made a bug hotel and found out what would be good to make for a sensory garden, the beavers also designed a garden and what they would like to put in it.



not stop us having a great evening and we had a few crabs caught.

We fished off the term by having a joint evening having a drive in move night, the beavers made the week before with a large box a car that they could sit in.

Summer Camp

This was our first two night sleepover that we had done in tents so we thought that we would do our first one at the Scout Hut. It was also an event

that I could gain my Nights Away Campsite Permit, which means that we now have two Beaver Leaders in Blandford with permits. This was a great weekend and a very hot one as it turned out. The theme for the weekend was Camp Craft, we did things like archery, knots, wind chimes, a hike in the afternoon and a great evening fire. For breakfast on one of the mornings we had a great spread of pancakes with a selection of healthy fruits and yoghurts which was enjoyed by all.



For Father's Day we did the very popular crabbing down at Poole Harbour, for us this year we got wet, it rained on us for the whole evening but it did



Autumn Term

After the summer break we had a varied program working on lots of badges:

- Cyclist
- Navigation
- Animal Friend
- Disability Awareness

We also had a joint evening where we went and played Foot Golf at Gorcombe Farm Activity Centre, that was enjoyed by all until it got wet!

We also did Remembrance Sunday with a whole morning of activities before going in to town to do the parade.

Sleepover

Our Christmas sleepover was a great weekend we themed it on the film 'The Nightmare Before Christmas', our Christmas sleepovers our great for the Christmas dinner which is loved by all the Beavers.



Spring Term

Then the last term we had a really good program of activities, we tried some Hot Sauces for 'Hot Sauce Day' we had different levels of hot and went through them and the Beavers could drop out when they found the one that was hot enough for them, we were surprised at how many got to the hot one!

We did camp blankets where they designed their own badge for a camp blanket and then we gave them their own blanket that they can start putting their own badges on.

We went out to Morrison's and got items that we could donate to the local food bank as a thank for letting us come over and see what they are all about.

We had a joint skittles night and fun was had by all. We cooked Welsh rarebit for St. David's Day and had an evening on random acts of kindness and celebrated St Patrick's day.

Sleepover

Our Spring sleepover was themed 'Camp Festival' and we made it like it was a music festival, we had lots of activities like that you would find at a festival like free expression art, making music sticks, learning to be a D, learning about what happens to your waste when it's not dealt with properly. We had a catering van as well to give them the experience of ordering their own dinner and paying for it! This was a great weekend

Chris Barlett
Beaver Scout Leader

Riversdale Beaver Colony Badges & Awards



Chief Scout Bronze Awards **3**

Other badges awarded:

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Challenge Badges | 24 |
| Activity Badges | 64 |
| Staged Badges | 35 |
| Investitures | 11 |

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Cub Section Reports

Shottsford (Monday) Pack



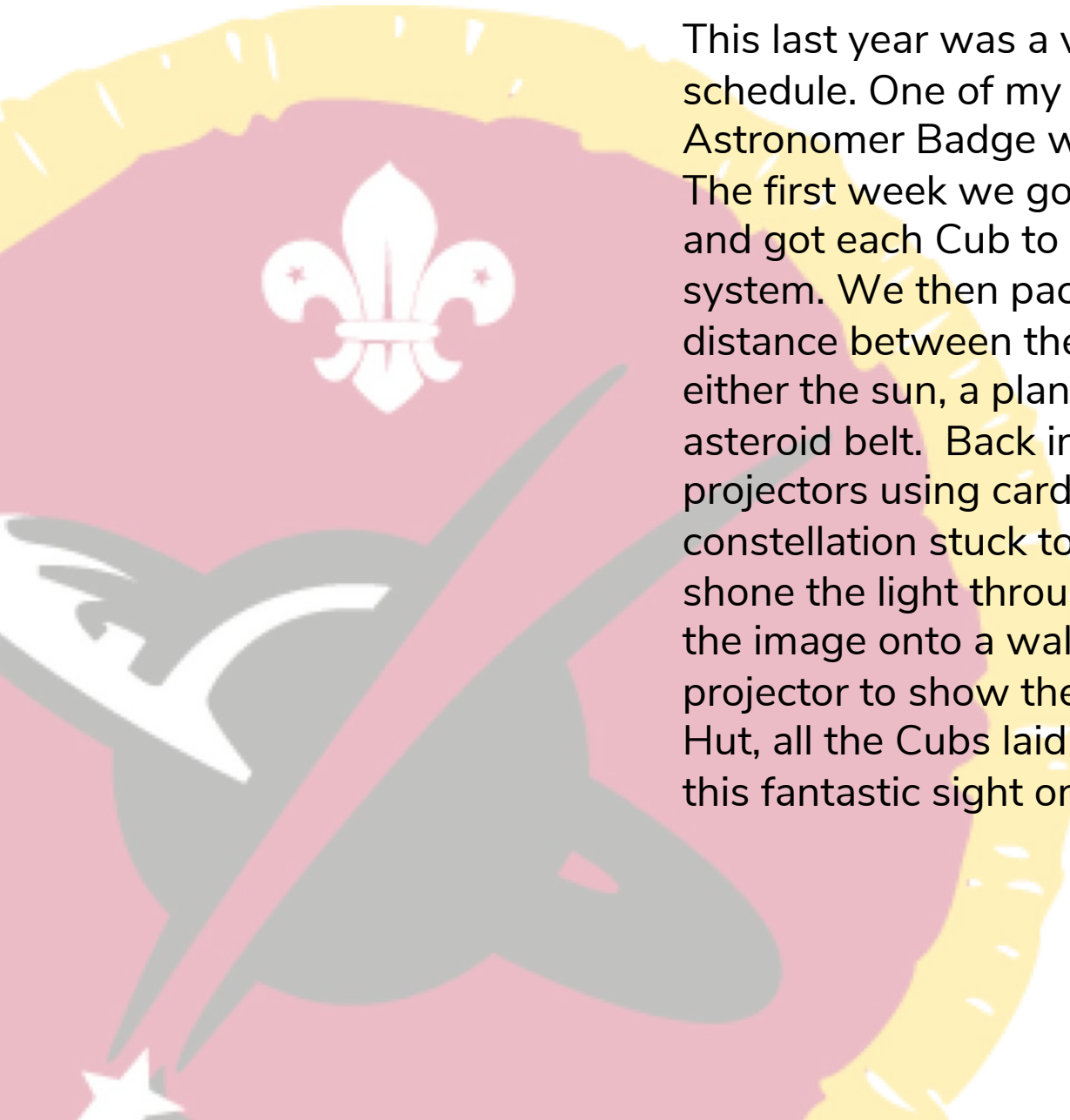
DIY Badge

Back on 10th June 2019, as part of the DIY Badge, we asked the Cubs to build bug hotels that they could take home. We asked the cubs to bring their dads, grandads, uncles or guardians with them for help. Myself and Shere Khan planned the evening and gathered the materials. The Cubs had to assemble the hotels out of old cut down pallets that we'd been collecting over the previous weeks. We gave them basic instructions to follow and they had to use basic tools, measure out, drill and fix the wood together. The Cubs then filled the boxes with moss and bamboo canes.

We asked the helpers to bring tools so we had plenty to go around and to make sure everyone got to finish their hotels. It was a brilliant evening, helped along with plenty of tea and biscuits. All of the Cubs worked together very well and the evening was a fantastic success with plenty of valuable life skills learnt. I look forward to planning more building projects like this in the near future.

Chil (Tim Quance)
Cub Scout Leader

Astronomer Badge



This last year was a very fun packed and busy schedule. One of my favourite subjects was the Astronomer Badge we split over two weeks. The first week we got the Cubs outside the hut and got each Cub to represent part of our Solar system. We then paced out a scaled down distance between the planets. Each Cub was either the sun, a planet, a moon or even an asteroid belt. Back inside we made constellation projectors using cardboard loo rolls with a constellation stuck to one end, using a torch we shone the light through the tube and projected the image onto a wall. We then used a 3D projector to show the night sky inside the Scout Hut, all the Cubs laid down on the floor to view this fantastic sight on the ceiling.

The second week we met up in Stourpaine to Hike up the Iron age Fort, Hod Hill. At the summit we had a very clear night sky and got the Cubs to spot some of the constellations they had learnt about the week before. Using the stars they worked out which direction North was in and checked their calculations with a compass. The Leaders and parent helpers who came with us used mobile phone star gazing apps to show how to see the shapes the constellations are named after. Back at the car park the Cubs had some biscuits and hot chocolate to warm up after the hike.

Shere Khan (Adam Masters)
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Other Highlights

On Remembrance Weekend 2019 we embarked on a super night hike, many of the Cubs had their stamina put to the test but they remained victorious and achieved their Hiking badges. This was mainly achieved by sticking together and supporting each other. It was lovely to be out with the Cubs at night with head torches on and long chats about what they had been up to. The Cubs were spurred onto the finish line with the promise of hotdogs, cocoa and a warm comfy sleeping bag surrounded by all their friends. So proud of all the Cubs that took part and would love to do it again this year.

Raksha (Lisa Bowles) – Section Assistant

The highlight of my year was inviting the Cubs to come in and share their hobbies and other outside interests. We had a huge amount of Cubs take part and learnt a lot about rock

climbing, fossil collecting, martial arts and even Steam Trains. Along with a guitar recital, explanation of the different types of Golf Clubs and some lovely examples of Aircraft Modelling. It is important to share the knowledge you have with others as they may be inspired to take up a new hobby or you may discover new friends with the same interests as you. Well done to all the Cubs that stood up and spoke in front of their peers.

Mowgli (Laura Cooke) – Section Assistant

I am very proud to have become a Cub Leader. Not only do I get to share scouting with 3 of my children but, I am able to help other children on their journey. I am very much looking forward to getting back to face to face meetings.

Bagheera (Ian Biggs) – Section Assistant

Shottsford Cub Pack Badges & Awards



**Chief Scout
Silver Awards** **8**

Other badges awarded:

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Challenge Badges | 100 |
| Activity Badges | 277 |
| Staged Badges | 110 |

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Cub Section Reports

Portman (Thursday) Pack



Along with the activities Shottsford Leaders have reported on we have also completed Fire Safety, Scientist and the Cycling badge. Cubs looked at cycling maintenance and also went on a 5 mile ride along the North Dorset Trailway.

We also visited Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre in Wimborne for an inflatable fun session.



Bellewaerde International

Last May, Leaders took 16 Cubs on their first international trip to Belgium!

They visited Bruges, learnt how to make chocolate and visited a theme park.

A big thank you to the Dorset Scouts On Coaches team who supported the Leaders and Cubs through the experience.



Thank you

We would like to say thank you to the Blandford Fire Station who showed both Packs around their station back in April.

Cubs (and Leaders) also enjoyed their sessions with the Stour Valley Canoe Club in June and would like to say a big thank to the instructors; Oliver, Grant, Tony and Matt that kept us safe and having lots of fun on the water.



Special thanks to Victoria, a local crafty lady, who came to show the Cubs how to make these environmentally friendly Beeswax Wraps

Shottsford Cub Pack Badges & Awards



**Chief Scout
Silver Awards** **4**

Other badges awarded:

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Challenge Badges | 53 |
| Activity Badges | 170 |
| Staged Badges | 85 |

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Scout Section Report

Stour Valley (Wednesday) Troop

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Stour Valley Scout Troop Report



Scouts have spent the year improving their survival skills; axe and knife safety, firefighting, tripod gadgets and knot practice. All these skills were put into practice on a couple of 'Backwood camp' weekend events. Scouts managed really well on their very long bike ride on one of the hottest weekends last year!

Thanks to Stour Valley Canoe Club all Scouts had a session on the water in Kayaks or canoes.

During the Autumn Scouts completed their DIY badge by making some fantastic bird boxes. They also had a really interesting visit to the Gurkha Temple on Blandford Camp as part of their International and Faith badges.

In the early part of this year Scouts shared their hobbies with the rest of the Troop and began working on their Entertainer badges.

No doubt the highlight for Leaders and Scouts was venturing over to Ireland for a week in August. They met up with Scouts that Blandford had hosted at the 2018 Jurassic Jamboree. Scouts (and leaders) took part in many activities, on land and water, throughout the week.



Stour Valley Scout Troop Badges & Awards

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Challenge Badges | 76 |
| Activity Badges | 180 |
| Staged Badges | 38 |

Special Mentions

Mayor's Scout

Last June Abigail, one of our Scouts, became Blandford Town Mayor's Scout and has been doing a fantastic job attending many community events alongside the Mayor. During many of these events Abi has had to do readings in front of big audiences which she has done very clearly and confidently.

Abi's role has been extended for another year due to COVID-19 so we wish her well for any engagements / events that may happen in the next year.





Thank You

During the last financial year the Scout Group were kindly donated money from:

- St Leonard's Chapter Rose Croix (Masonic Society)
- Mr & Mrs White

Thank you to all the hirers for their continued support of the Group and assistance in looking after the HQ:

- Blandford Railway Group
- Islamic Group
- Weight Watchers
- St John Ambulance

Thank you to the contractors that have undertaken work at really reasonable prices for us:

- Reece Adams (Ampalpha Ltd) for the lighting
- Clark Construction for the roofing

Thank you to Chay Webb for helping with repairing the toilet ceilings

Also a huge thank you to many local businesses that have donated prizes and/or vouchers for our fundraising events and in particular Damory Vets for sponsoring our Bingo event

Elections of the executive

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Bookings Secretary
- Executive Committee Members

Any other business

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Thank you for joining us