

29th June 2021 – Group AGM Cub report

Arctic Wolf Pack

Leaders	3	– Andy, Paul, Amber
Cubs	7	
Young Leaders	2	- Jules, Miriam

Timber Wolf Pack

Leaders	3	– Naomi, Jules, Donna
Additional support	1	– Andy
Parent Helper	1	– Karen
Cubs	16	
Young Leaders	2	- Finn, Josh

Totals

Leaders	6
Cubs	23

Whilst membership has remained consistently good over the past year despite the challenges of Covid, no face to face Scouting and online meetings. Current numbers are, however, slightly lower due mainly to the natural movement of older Cubs moving on to Scouts and the understandable delay of Beaver migration as they catch up on the completion of Bronze Awards prevented by lockdown restrictions. But we do note that a couple of members have decided to leave Scouting. I have spoken to the families and I am confident that these decisions have been based purely on external factors and do not reflect on the quality of either the leadership or the programme provided. The (non traditional) Monday night session continues to be the weakest with only 7 members. We have changed the programme delivery slightly for this group by focussing less on the more formal aspects of Scouting concentrating more on one to one development of skills and personal achievement. We also hold more forum type discussion groups where the Cubs have the chance to talk about any issues or personal challenges they face generally in Scouts, School or social situations. The idea being that the smaller group still feel that they are getting benefit from coming to Cubs.

As reported in previous meetings throughout the year, despite all of the challenges, I believe the Cub Team has excelled in putting together another excellent programme for the young people. As an example, I include below for you the programme for this Term only which I'm sure you will agree shows an excellent degree of versatility and interest and a high level of involvement and planning:

Programme

Meetings Bades Covered Risk Assessment

The programme allows you to plan your regular meetings.

Date	Name
21/04/2021	Kite Making
24/04/2021	Virtual Camp 2021
28/04/2021	Co-ordinates and Map Reading
05/05/2021	Martin Down AR
12/05/2021	Adventurous - Spears and Butter and cheese making
19/05/2021	Nettle soup & String, nettle pesto
22/05/2021	Day Hike - Local History / Nature
26/05/2021	Fire making - Back woods Cooking
02/06/2021	HALF TERM
09/06/2021	Martin Down - Flora & Fauna
16/06/2021	Obstacle courses & Evie's Personal Challenge
23/06/2021	Water games & intro SPLASH video
30/06/2021	Axe Throwing & Bearings
07/07/2021	Knots with Peter & Bows and Arrows
14/07/2021	Pioneering & AONB Artist Silk Painting
21/07/2021	Make Fire & Forum

A couple of highlights have been the Day Hike and the Natural History visits to Martin Down. These were particularly successful due to the great work done by Naomi in establishing contacts with the Nature Reserve Manager for Martin Down and the local AONB who both supported us on the visits. The AONB also had some involvement with the Day Hike and we are looking forward to working with them on the silk flag painting project in the next couple of weeks. The involvement of these external organisations not only contributes to the success of individual events but also is an important relationship to develop for the group as a whole.

Another particular highlight for me were the sessions on medieval Butter and Cheese making coupled with spear throwing and medieval knight's sword practice. Amazing to watch our young people in the hall, in formation, being drilled in the various sword defence and attack moves.... Priceless. We were one step away from having our own militia 😊. The activity was run by a young couple from Handley (have blanked on their names) who specialise in all things historical. They were amazing at leading the activities and I thoroughly recommend other sections using their skills when possible. We do have contact details which can be passed on.

Ok, there are many other highlights which could be included but none of this could be achieved without the tremendous commitment, effort and enthusiasm displayed by the whole Cub team, which continues to grow stronger every Term. A massive thanks to all for their time and company. We also want to single out our young leaders for special mention – Finn, Josh, Jules and Miriam – who have made an outstanding contribution to the running of the packs over this last year. Their level of enthusiasm, involvement, assistance, and general engagement with the both the Cubs and the Leaders has been a major factor in the success of all our activities this year. We also thank the other section leaders, the exec and committee for all of their continued support.

Looking forward to another exciting year of Scouting!

The Cub Team