

Hampshire Scouts Annual Report

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"In 2019 the number of young people involved in Scouts in Hampshire grew by the largest percentage in our region."

Paul Bell
Chairman,
Hampshire Scouts

Picture:
Portsmouth Scouts District Camp,
September 2019



We're working hard to offer as many young people the opportunity to enjoy the Scouts

BY PAUL BELL

Since June 2019, I have seen that Hampshire is a very good place to be a young person involved in the Scout Movement.

We have a very active leadership team and the opportunities that we offer our young people extend from cooking marshmallows and singing around a campfire, to going abroad for life-changing adventures.

We must ensure opportunities are available to as many young people as possible, in a safe environment, with people qualified to do the jobs they are undertaking, and that we minimise risk, while at the same time maximising adventure.

I would like to thank Peter Moody, my predecessor, for his many years of dedication to this role.

Peter gave me a firm foundation to work from, and over time I will take this role forwards and add my own personal stamp to it.



Paul Bell

Peter was awarded the Silver Wolf in the St. George's Day awards this year, and I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to him.

I have a good team around me and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment.

Anthony Gosden, County Treasurer and Paul O'Beirne, County Secretary have been a fantastic support to me.

Tom Bell, Deputy County Chairman, has been a loyal deputy and is totally dependable and willing to take on and complete tasks.

"We must ensure opportunities are available to as many young people as possible."

The members of the County Executive Committee who have been the voice of the people at the grassroots of Scouting in Hampshire need to be thanked.

We rely on them to ensure that we represent all of our members throughout Hampshire.

I would like to thank Martin Mackey the County Commissioner; he works tirelessly for the young people and

adults involved in Scouts in Hampshire.

You will see in this report that we offer amazingly diverse activities in Hampshire and, as previously mentioned, international activities.

It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure every young person has access to these, and money should never be a barrier to getting involved, nor lack of awareness about what is being offered.

In 2019 the number of young people involved in Scouts in Hampshire grew by the largest percentage in our region; this was partly due to our Growth and Development Team who do a fantastic job.

It is also due to the adults that we have around the County, running Sections, serving on Executive Committees, Mums and Dads that help on the odd occasion and our Young Leaders.

I would like to thank you all. Hampshire Scouts had an amazing 2019, and together we can make 2020 even better as we work together.

Paul Bell is the Chairman for Hampshire Scouts.

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A photograph of Martin Mackey, County Commissioner, interacting with a young boy during a Bug Hunt. Martin is wearing a blue polo shirt with a red and yellow striped scarf and a name tag that reads "Martin Mackey County Commissioner Scouts". He is holding a small green object, possibly a bug, in his hands, showing it to the boy. The boy is wearing a blue cap and a blue shirt. They are outdoors, with green foliage in the background.

**"Our efforts helped to
make Hampshire Scouts
more attractive to
young people and adult
volunteers."**

Martin Mackey
County Commissioner (Lead Volunteer Manager),
Hampshire Scouts

Picture:
Martin Mackey with the 13th
Southampton Hedgehogs on a Bug Hunt

Hampshire Scouts celebrates record growth, thanks to the hard work of dedicated volunteers

BY MARTIN MACKEY

I'm pleased 2019 was another excellent year for Hampshire Scouts packed with loads of amazing activities with more and more young people taking up the opportunity to Scout.

In January, our very own Antarctic explorer, Joe Doherty, returned home having become the first Scout ever to ski to the South Pole and kite-ski back.

Joe is now a Hampshire Scouts Ambassador and one of very few national Scout Adventurers.

In January we also celebrated our 110th birthday at venues in Portsmouth and Southampton.

In May, our new Hampshire Scouts Heritage Centre was opened at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre by the triple Olympic Gold medal winner Peter Reed.

In the summer, 260 young people and

leaders went to the USA for the 24th World Scout Jamboree and our own Project 19 expedition.

These were just some of our many highlights showing how vibrant Scouting is in Hampshire.

The 13th Southampton and 46th Portsmouth Scout groups were selected to participate in the Scouts Early Years Project, a section for 4 to 5-year-olds called Hedgehogs.

"We proudly remain the largest Scouting County in the UK. My thanks to everyone in Hampshire for making 2019 such an amazing year."

Both were set up by some amazing adult volunteers and are going really well.

We'll hear later this year if HQ will introduce a new age section and if so, our groups will have helped to make history for the Scouts.

Our previous County Commissioner, Adam Jollans, was made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the Queen's 2019 Birthday Honours list for his services to Scouting

and young people which was fantastic.

All of our efforts helped to make Scouting in Hampshire ever more attractive to young people and adult volunteers with us breaking through the 26,000 mark, with a total membership of 26,004.

Overall, we grew by 2% (+637) with a 3% growth in youth members (+493) and 2% growth in adult volunteers (+144).

We proudly remain the largest Scouting County in the UK.

My thanks to everyone in Hampshire for making 2019 such an amazing year and my thanks also to our friends, families and community leaders for their help too.

We look forward to everyone's continued support in the forthcoming 12 months. Here's to another year of many stories and success for the Scouts.

Martin Mackey is the County Commissioner for Hampshire Scouts

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Martin Mackey



"As part of our birthday celebrations we launched the Hampshire 110 Badge which hundreds of our members earned."

Peter Marcus
County Youth Commissioner,
Hampshire Scouts

Picture:
Young people enjoy the sights on offer at
the Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth



"We set ourselves the challenge of presenting the most spectacular birthday... and we did just that"

BY PETER MARCUS

Everything we do is shaped by our amazing young people - and that's exactly what happened throughout 2019.

Throughout the year, much of our focus was on the Hampshire 110 celebrations which took place at Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower and the West Quay shopping centre in Southampton.

We were also joined by the Lord Lieutenant and civic leaders from across Hampshire to celebrate the skills and experience we've been giving hundreds of thousands of young people since 1909.

We set ourselves the challenge of presenting the most spectacular birthday, and with the support of Explorer Scouts Joseph Dawson, Rhianna Bromwich and Kat Carswell, we did just that.

Special thanks need to go to Cllr.

Steve Pitt, deputy leader of Portsmouth City Council for helping secure the Spinnaker Tower for us.

As part of our birthday celebrations, we launched the Hampshire 110 Badge which hundreds of our members earned!

April saw our most recent Hampshire Scouts Youth Council which brought together young people from across the County to share their views

"Throughout the year, much of our focus was on Hampshire 110 celebrations."

on what they want to see happening in Hampshire and nationally.

That same month, we appointed three Explorer Scouts to join Team Hampshire and help guide what we do moving forward.

Joseph Dawson, Haydn Allen and Daniel Cooper have done an amazing job representing young people as we make decisions about our exciting future as the largest co-educational youth organisation in Hampshire.

I became the County Youth Commissioner in June, while at the

same time Tom Bell was appointed as Hampshire's Deputy County Chair.

It was positive to welcome Megan Bailey to the team, as our Deputy County Youth Commissioner.

We're focused on ensuring all of our decisions and activities in Hampshire Scouts are shaped by young people in partnership with adults.

Megan and I will also be working in partnership with Districts within the County, and our County Commissioner to lead Scouting across the community.

My thanks go to my predecessor, Emma Hale, who handed over to me at the Hampshire Scouts Annual Review annual event. She completed an admirable 3 years in the role.

Currently, there are 15 District Youth Commissioners, and by working with them, I'm looking forward to an even better 2020.

Peter Marcus is the County Youth Commissioner for Hampshire Scouts.

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Peter Marcus



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Programme

"There are so many exciting activities taking place for Beaver Scouts in Hampshire, and it's great to see."

Michael Collins
Assistant County Commissioner,
Beaver Scouts

The Beaver Scouts section is open to young people between the ages of 6 and 8-years-old. Go to hampshirescouts.org.uk/beavers for information.

Picture:
6th Winchester Scout Group

It's non-stop adventure for Beaver Scouts across Hampshire



BY MICHAEL COLLINS

Hampshire's Beaver Scouts had another bumper year in 2019 with picnics, animal adventures, camps, theme park visits and more.

First up was our second visit to 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park and Farm, North Hampshire.

This park is full of lots of exciting activities including indoor soft play, animal encounters, go-karts, tractor rides and the exciting new doughnut slope.

It is always really encouraging to see Beaver Scouts from across the county experience the adventure on offer.

Around this time, we also made two exciting additions to the County Beaver Team. We recruited our first County Beaver Young Leaders; Harry from Gosport and Anna from Tadley.

They have been great additions to the team and represent the Young Leaders who help us at our events each year.



Michael Collins



The second set of events were our Picnics in the Park, again partnering with Murray Parish Trust to fundraise.

The weather had an impact here, causing our picnic to be postponed twice before we had fun with Beaver Scouts from several districts joining in activities including parachute games, bucket archery and more.

Between our hosted and many leader hosted picnics we raised £735.

"It is always really encouraging to see the Beaver Scouts from across our county experience the adventure on offer."

Next was the highlight of the year, and possibly my time in Scouts, Space Camp.

This was an opportunity for 400 Beaver Scouts, representing 14 districts from across the County, to come together at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre to build upon our first County Beaver Camp.

Coming 50 years to the month since the first moon landing, all the participants and leaders had space-themed goodies and badges as well as

one of the zones being Space with water rockets and extraterrestrial craft.

Other zones covered many activities, some of the most popular being crate stacking and archery. We also had two fantastic campfires led by the impressive Top Awards Team with help from our newly refreshed mascot, Chip the Beaver.

Our final event was our annual visit to Paultons Park, again a weekend of excitement for almost 1,500 participants.

The visit came at the start of the Halloween season. We enjoyed a beautifully spooky park including the Boo Barn as well as the excitement of rides including Flight of the Pterosaur where you genuinely feel like you're flying. Overall, a spectacular 2019! I'm excited for what's next and hope to get every district represented at our events to deliver the adventure to even more of our members.

Michael Collins is the Volunteer Manager for Beaver Scouts in Hampshire.

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A photograph of two young people jumping high in the air on an outdoor basketball court. The person on the left is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, reaching up with both hands to catch a yellow and orange basketball. The person on the right is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts, also jumping with arms outstretched. In the background, there is a large, multi-story building with many windows, a parking lot with several cars, and some trees. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with warm lighting, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

"We'll continue to develop a balanced programme for Cub Scouts - which will teach young people skills for life."

The Cub Scouts section is open to young people between the ages of 8 and 10-years-old.
Go to hampshirescouts.org.uk/cubs for information.

Hampshire's Cub Scouts enjoy a balanced and vibrant programme



BY PROGRAMME TEAM

Cubs have a wide variety of activities to offer.

Maybe it's sleeping under the stars on a summer camp, making a den or a hike in the local wood.

Just because they can't hike to the four corners of the Earth, doesn't mean they can't enjoy their own adventures.

When they're not busy in the outdoors, Cubs learn new skills to serve them well for the future.

Maybe it's learning to cook or save a life or even speaking up with confidence – all help to prepare our young people for whatever life brings them.

Cubs also learn about the world around them, from the local to the global and making a difference.

The Hampshire Cub Scouts team have been, once again, busy organising and providing fun and adventurous activities for our young people.

From indoor to outdoor activities, there have been lots of activities and

events which the Cubs have enjoyed along with all the outstanding events that each District organises.

The Chess Competition, which is always popular for the Cub section, was extremely well supported by many groups which led to the District playoffs, which are always good fun.

The under 9 ½ year-old competition was won by Alastair Harvey, a Cub Scout from Romsey.

The over 9 ½ year-old competition

"Cubs also learn about the world around them, from the local to the global and making a difference."

was won by Bray Stephenson, a Cub Scout from Odiham District.

Many thanks to Sue Eastick and her Cub team for so brilliantly organising this enjoyable event.

We had our County Cub Leaders meeting at the County Leaders Rally in March, and the Leaders were shown

and discussed the new revamped Cub Scouts Activity Logbook and Cub Scout Badge Book.

There was a lot of discussion about this, and leaders were also given a copy of the new volunteer manager role leaflet; this is an introduction to the role with useful contacts. There was also a chance for Cub Scout leaders to network and plan for future events.

In September, a Cub meeting was arranged whereby volunteer managers from Cub sections within Districts across Hampshire were able to meet with the County Programme Team.

This provided a fruitful opportunity to discuss how we'll continue to develop a balanced programme for Cub Scouts - which will teach young people skills for life.

Could you be the next Volunteer Manager for Cub Scouts in Hampshire? Email teresa.ginn@hampshirescouts.org.uk

"As well as making and living by their promise, Scouts work towards the nine challenge awards."



The Scout section is open to young people between the ages of 10 and 14-years-old.
Go to hampshirescouts.org.uk/scouts for information.

Young people start to take the lead on their own adventures

BY CLIVE CLARK
& PROGRAMME TEAM

SCOUTS

Scouts start small but think big.

They stand up for what they believe in and make a difference on their doorsteps, knowing it all adds up.

They're starting to take the lead on their own adventures, building their camps or leading their activities.

It's also a chance to enjoy new activities, adventures abroad and their choice of the skills they learn for life.

Wherever you live in Hampshire, you won't be too far away from one of our Scout troops, led by our volunteer leaders and instructors.

They may have experience helping them, but you don't need to be Bear Grylls to join them.

As well as making and living by their promise, Scouts work towards the nine challenge awards, so they can achieve the Chief Scout's Gold Award, the Top Award.

They also have a choice of over 70 activity badges to develop a specific skill, from angling to writing via geocaching or scientist.

In 2019, the Pro Badge was a popular option for young people to engage in fun activities and achieve.

During the last year, we have run courses for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

This enabled 178 young people to attend during 2019.

This allowed them to achieve 356 nights away and 99 hikes away in addition to the badge for the course they were attending.

Our leaders also achieved over 200 nights away between them.

2019 started with the Pioneer badge for Cubs and the Forester badge for

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Scouts.

The Cubs followed this with the Environmental Conservation, Navigator Stage two and three on different weekends, Chef and Backwoods Cooking badges on the same weekend and the Our Adventure Challenge badge.

The Scouts took part in the Chef badge which they were able to achieve in two ways, indoors and outdoors,

gaining two badges over the weekend, the Pioneer badge, the Navigator Stage three badge, Expedition Challenge badge and the Camper badge, as well as the Forester badge mentioned above.

The Expedition Challenge badge course is a two-weekend course the first weekend is at Lyons Copse.

The second weekend takes place in unfamiliar country, this is the only weekend we run that is not based at Lyons Copse. Explorers took part in the pioneer badge, and we also had several young leaders helping on weekends to help with their training and provide a residential experience.

October was our 30th anniversary, and we had a day of celebration attended by lots of past and current Scouts and Leaders.

It was also an opportunity to award several leaders for their efforts and dedication over the years.

For more information about Scouts within Hampshire, email Chris Bowen - the volunteer manager for the section - at chris.bowen@hampshirescouts.org.uk

"With a new focus on
Top Awards, we will be
looking at promoting the
full range to our Young
People."

Michael Baxter
Assistant County Commissioner,
Top Awards and Duke of Edinburgh



Young people continue to inspire others within their age group to achieve Top Awards

BY MIKE BAXTER

What a year it has been for 14 to 25-year-olds who had a busy programme throughout 2019.

Firstly, hundreds of young people achieved Top Awards in Hampshire which include Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze, Silver and Gold), Explorer Belt, Scout of the World Award, Young Leader's Award, and the highest award available in the Scouts; the Queen's Scout Award.

We had 192 Bronze, 86 Silver and 42 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards – with participants completing volunteering, such as helping as a leader at their local group, doing good deeds in care homes or in the environment; developing skills for life; undertaking a physical activity and completing an adventurous Expedition in the New Forest or in Wild Country.

At Gold level, the young people also have to complete a 5-day residential

with people they don't know - which can range from an Outward Bound expedition to a Cookery course.

The Scouts Platinum and Diamond Chief Scouts awards, culminating in the highest award in Scouting, the Queen's Scout Award are closely linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, with additional challenges of participation in the Scouting programme: camping,

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thinking about the international dimension, undertaking community/environmental projects and thinking about their values and that of others.

This year 12 Explorer and Scout Network members achieved this ultimate Scouting Award.

Each year we run a County Expedition for Silver and Gold Awards.

This year we had 21 young people complete their Silver Expedition in Exmoor, and 25 complete their Gold Expedition in the Brecon Beacons.

With a new focus on Top Awards, we will be looking at promoting the full range of top awards including the Explorer Belt (a ten-day expedition learning about the culture of another country) and the Scout of the World Award (an 80 hour project on a theme of peace, environment or sustainable development).

Chloe Foster, a young person from Alton, completed her award by developing a 'Birds of the World' badge, raising awareness of the conservation, while raising money to build a medical centre in Tanzania.

Chloe will inspire many other young people to do the same and will be presented with her award in 2020.

Thanks to all the Explorer and Network Scout Leaders, District Advisers, County Advisers, Assessors and others who support this important part of our work.

Here's to 2020!

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Mike Baxter

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"The numbers of
participants in
International
expeditions is
steadily growing."

Julian Sore
Assistant County Commissioner,
International

Picture: Fi Durrant



Going underground with Scouts Caving Club

BY TONY HARRIS

Hampshire Scouts Caving Club exists to provide members of the Scouts from Hampshire with the opportunity to try caving.

It runs a number of Caving Days throughout the year.

These are based around Priddy in the Mendip Hills of Somerset.

It also runs adult volunteer weekends to Mendip every year.

The Hampshire Scout Caving Club is an established part of Hampshire Scouts and is affiliated to the British Caving Association.

It is open to anyone over 18 who is a member of Hampshire Scouts.

Best of all, membership is free.

"Altogether, 54 young people were given the experience of caving in 2019."

Currently, we have 15 adult members, all of whom take part in leading trips for young people as well as undertaking independent or club caving.

Last year, the club ran two Scout

caving days in March and May and a weekend in October.

Due to the of availability of qualified cave leaders, the numbers of young people able to participate in caving wasn't as high as in previous years - but that didn't stop the adventure!

Altogether, 54 young people were given the experience of caving underground in 2019.

Tony Harris is the Chairperson for the Hampshire Scouts Caving Club. hsc@hampshirescouts.org.uk

Enjoying an overseas adventure

BY JULIAN SORE

Last year, Hampshire International Expeditions joined the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ), which takes place every four years, seeing a massive increase in participation from the previous event in 2015.

Altogether, we had 27 expeditions. The more 'local' activities were at France, Switzerland, Poland, Netherlands, Austria and Croatia.

The further afield expeditions visited Malawi, Uganda, Mexico, and the USA.

Hampshire had the largest single contingent to the WSJ from the whole of the UK, at 135 young people,

and 15 leaders.

We also ran an alternative expedition for those that had applied but were unable to be in the WSJ teams, which was called "Project 19". Read about Project 19 on page 25.

"International expeditions were up by 50%."

This meant more than two-thirds of those that applied to be part of the WSJ, took part in one of the two expeditions, and both had a three-week expedition to the USA.

Two of the Hampshire expeditions were for the Top Award Explorer Belt, enabling 9 people to gain their Explorer

Belts.

Overall, compared to 2015, the numbers taking part in International expeditions were up by 50%, with 604 young people, and 258 adults taking part.

The numbers of participants in International expeditions is steadily growing, and we always look forward to seeing where in the world Hampshire is going to visit next!

Julian Sore is the Volunteer Manager for International. You can email him at international@hampshirescouts.org.uk

**"A year full of outdoor
adventure with the aim to
encourage young people to
sleep under canvas at least
once every month."**

Andy Chatwin
Assistant County Commissioner,
Explorer Scouts



From one extreme to the next with Expeditions

BY JAMIE KELLY

What a year it was for HSX, with 310 nights away delivered for members of Hampshire Scouts, across 7 trips in 5 national parks.

We had extremes of snow and ice in Scotland, contrasted with one of the hottest Lake District trips we have had, as well as the usually wet weather of North Wales.

We were thrilled to welcome a host of new young members on our trips over the year, a highlight being taking scouts to the top of the Old Man of Coniston, to experience their

first-ever mountain top. During the weekends, young people developed skills in map reading, leadership and teamwork.

"the group runs regular outdoor-based training weekends for its members."

One of the crucial elements of the weekends is always encouraging young people to recognise what they have achieved through sharing their reflections over dinner, and it was inspiring to hear young people talk

about how much they had grown in confidence from their experience.

Hampshire Scouts Expeditions specialises in running international expeditions for Hampshire Scouts.

In order to provide this service, the group runs regular outdoor-based training weekends for its members, so that they may gain the necessary skills to lead such expeditions.

Jamie Kelly is the Volunteer Manager for Hampshire Scouts Expeditions.
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It's never a dull moment for Hampshire's Explorer Scouts

BY ANDY CHATWIN

Our brilliant Young Leaders are Explorer Scouts who support Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

We have more than 700 Young Leaders in Hampshire and have provided training for at least 300 throughout 2019.

We had 60 Young Leaders attend our Young Leader Rally which included developmental workshops in understanding autism, leadership skills, facilitating bush-craft, and how to be an effective spokesperson, along with air rifle shooting and climbing too.

All of this, as always, organised and run by Young Leaders, for Young Leaders, in keeping with our commitment to youth shaped scouting.

"We have more than 700 Young Leaders in Hampshire."

Throughout the year we had the Hampshire Scouts Camping Challenge too. This provided a year full of outdoor adventure with the aim to encourage Explorer Scouts, Scout Network members and leaders to sleep under canvas at least once every month.

More than 200 people signed up to

the challenge in 2019, and it is being repeated again for 2020.

Some participants opted for the 'Extreme Camping Challenge' too, which required more adventurous situations.

This included sleeping in a bivi, pitching 2m off the ground, camping at more than 600m, surviving with only 3 items of kit and having three people in a two-man tent.

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"County camps, like
Space Camp, provide
an unforgettable
experience for these
young people."

Claire Hawkins
Adult Volunteer,
Beaver Scouts Section



Picture:
Hampshire Scouts Space Camp

Non-stop outdoor adventure at Chameleon Camp

BY LYNN TATAVOSSIAN

On Saturday 29th June 2019, the County Team and Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre staff ran the first-ever Chameleon Camp.

The event was specially designed for campers with special needs who could benefit from a total inclusion experience.

The aim of the Chameleon Camp was to give all young people an opportunity to succeed and share their experiences in an outdoor environment, alongside members of their peer group, friends and siblings.

The event was open to all Scout aged young people and participants could bring a friend or sibling to share the experience with them, along with parents and carers.

We had a total of 57 participants on the day, and they enjoyed a wide range of activities, including bouldering, zorbing, zip-wire, archery, backwoods cooking, crate stacking, crazy golf and rifle shooting.

The special guest of the day was Karma the Chameleon, who also took part in most of the activities and sang a really fab song all day long.

There was also a Chameleon

Painted stone hunt and 6 lucky winners received a hand-crocheted soft toy to take home, and 10 runners up took home hand-painted slate keyrings.

It was the hottest day of the year, and temperatures reached 36°C, and we were even warmer when we lit the campfire and joined in with lots of active songs.

Everyone had a fantastic day and went home with a brilliant Chameleon badge.

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Exploring the wonders of Space

BY CLAIRE HAWKINS

The summer saw the second County Beaver Camp at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre.

The event, which took place in July, also fell on the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, so space seemed an obvious choice for the theme.

Beavers and their leaders came from across the County to join in the fun.

The Beavers worked around a selection of bases that covered space, enjoying the outdoors and some traditional Scout activities.

They made and launched rockets,

followed trails, had a go at climbing, cooked on open fires, tried their hands at circus skills and made rather gooey fudge to name but a few.

And then, as is traditional with camp, they ended their day at a campfire.

Many colonies do not get the opportunity to take their Beavers camping so the County camps, like Space Camp, provide an unforgettable experience for these young people.

A massive thank you should go to Michael for all the time he put into planning the camp and to the catering

team for feeding the delegates and staff all weekend.

Plans are already underway for next year's camp - if you have not taken your Beavers camping before, or know of young people interested in this section, then get involved.

Making memories that will last for a lifetime - that's a brilliant thing about the Scouts!

For more information about events similar to this, email programme@hampshirescouts.org.uk

"From the moment we
arrived in America the
experience was packed."

Fi Durrant
Assistant Unit Leader,
Hampshire Aces



Picture: Fi Durrant

Paddleboarding, scuba diving, giant zip lining and more...

BY FI DURRANT

I was lucky enough to be an assistant unit leader for the Hampshire Aces jamboree unit, a group of 36 of the most inspirational young people you could meet, also, some of the funniest!

Our adventure began nearly 2 years before the event, with a host of training weekends spent getting to know each other and develop the skills we would need to survive 3 weeks across the pond.

From the moment we arrived in America the experience was packed; we started in New York City for some sightseeing, before travelling to West Virginia for the jamboree where we were camping with over 40,000 scouts from around the world.

Some of the best bits for our young people were the activities – team paddle boarding, scuba diving, and giant zip-lining to name a few.

There were also some excellent arena shows, with Disney Musicals, lasers, fireworks and drones! However, some of the most important parts of the jamboree were our unit spending time together – cooking together, laughing together, and watching young people grow exponentially in confidence.

After the jamboree, we moved on to Washington D.C. and explored the Smithsonian museums, before our final stop in Canada.

We took the opportunity to take our whole unit for a day out to Niagara Falls, which was a fabulous way to

finish the trip.

The Hampshire Aces held our unit reunion in October, where we recreated some of the excellent camp cuisine (nicknamed “cat sick”), as well as gave a return presentation to parents, and held an auction in which we raised over £700 for Hannah’s Holiday Homes, a charity that funds trips for young people with serious illnesses to access short breaks away with their families.

Our young people chose this charity because in their own words, “we had a trip of a lifetime and we want other young people to as well”.

Fi Durrant was the Assistant Unit Leader for the Hampshire Aces at the World Scout Jamboree.

Memories to last a lifetime on a 3-week American road trip

BY OLI BILLS

Last Summer, 110 Hampshire Explorer Scouts and Leaders, forming 4 units: Squishy, Maximus, GusGus and Mushu, embarked on a 3-week American road trip... Project19!

Camping in New York at Alpine Scout Camp, the first week saw activities on-site and in New York, including the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Times Square, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and the Rockefeller Centre.

Stopping at West Virginia for the World Scout Jamboree to trade badges

and make new friends, the journey continued to Knoxville for the Navitat Canopy Tour: a challenging night-time high-ropes course lit by fairy lights.

Next stop was the beautiful Sidney Dew Campsite in Georgia, with its pool parties, water sports on the lake, archery, shotgun shooting, campfires and an outdoor cinema on-site, along with trips to the Lake Winnie theme park and White-Water Rafting, zip wires and mountain biking. With a stop at Atlanta for baseball, Jacksonville for a mall and a dip at

Daytona Beach, the final stop was Camp LaNoChe in Florida.

Featuring high ropes, kayaking and a zip-wire over a lake, along with visits to the Disney and Universal Parks and Kennedy Space Centre it was an exciting end to the adventure, concluding with a beach and fireworks party at the campsite.

With new experiences, new friends and memories to last forever as well as a chance to explore American Scouting, it truly was the adventure of a lifetime.

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Donna Kerrigan
Hampshire Scouts Training Manager,
Deputy County Commissioner for Adult Support



Picture:
Adult Volunteers at a Hampshire
Scouts training event.

Hampshire's training manager has nothing but "praise, pride and profound thanks" for team

BY DONNA KERRIGAN

One of the 20th Century's greatest leaders, J F Kennedy, planned in his Dallas speech to use the phrase "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

It is in this spirit that the training of our adults in the Scouts, follows the principles of the Scout Association, which means that we aim for all our training to be fully inclusive and fun!

Hampshire is blessed with a strong, experienced and committed team of trainers.

The training strategy for Hampshire is steered by the training management team which consists of the County Training Managers (5), two deputies and two administrators.

The team of trainers stands at 35 members. These trainers usually have other volunteer roles in addition to their training role.

Their job is to deliver the learning required by the adults in order to

ensure good quality and safe scouting for our young people.

Alongside the trainers, we have a management structure which consists of 5 County Training Managers, 21 Local Training Managers and 320 Training Advisers (and around another 40 Training Advisers supporting our Manager and Supporter training.)

Their role is to ensure the adults are able to validate (assess) their learning

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by putting it into practice.

Once this is done, depending on their role, a wood badge may be awarded.

This is our leadership qualification and is worn proudly by thousands of adults throughout the Scouting world.

2019 was an exciting year for the team as we expanded our residential weekend offer, which is always oversubscribed, by adding multi-module weekends.

At these weekends the learners

were able to opt into as many, or as few modules, as they wish in order to complete their learning.

Some weekends we had over 120 learners attend.

By following different pathways, the adults were able to also add some of the mandatory ongoing learning modules, safety, safeguarding and first aid.

Undoubtedly, the social aspects of the residential weekends are still very popular.

There is something special about being part of a 30 or so cohort of people, learning together, supporting each other and having a memorable time whilst increasing their potential as leaders.

Congratulations to all of the adults who completed their wood badge training in 2019.

I have nothing but praise, pride and profound thanks for all members of my amazing team who made this possible.



Donna Kerrigan



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People

"We believe the Scouts changes lives, which is why it is important to for every young person in Hampshire to have the chance to engage."

Martin Rudd
Deputy County Commissioner
(Deputy Lead Volunteer)
Hampshire Scouts



Picture:
Hampshire Beaver Scouts Space Camp

We're continuing to have a positive impact on the young, and adults, within the community

BY MARTIN RUDD

During 2019, Community Involvement continued to develop with initiatives delivered from the County Team, which continues to support the great work undertaken by Scout Groups across Hampshire. This of course, is where the 'community role' really stands out.

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude for the wonderful outreach work of Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals.

Their full report is on page 31.

Sara Sullivan and her team achieve so much in the three locations across the county - I'm proud of them and find it a privilege to look after this section.

As reported in 2018, the Hampshire Young People's Emergency Response (HYPER), previously called Young People's Emergency Response Network, continued to be developed in 2019 in close co-operation with the Hampshire

Fire & Rescue Service, Hampshire Police and Eastleigh District Council's Emergency Planning Officer.

In February, we held the first training session for potential HYPER Response Leaders, and this was well attended by all three organisations.

In October, we put on our pilot exercise at Ferny Crofts, where teams of ten young people from all three organisations undertook a series of

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exercises to establish if the 'deployment, command and control' aspect of our joint vision is workable and above all, safe.

Hampshire Scouts is involved in the Hampshire Youth Network (HYN).

This initiative, championed by our President the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire is to encourage Hampshire, youth organisations to communicate and work more effectively together.

Members of the group include representatives from organisations such as Boys/Girls Brigades, Scouts, Guides, Sea and Air Cadets,

Youth Parliament, Youth Theatre, Hampshire Youth Commission and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Hampshire Scouts are very much involved with Alex Evans, Haydn Allen, Daniel Cooper and Ian Greig on the steering group.

HYN held a successful first event, 'Picnic at the Uni', on 31st August in Winchester attended by young people from all organisations and enjoyed a morning of getting to know each other and talking about their expectations for the future of HYN including designs for a 'logo'.

The challenges ahead is to offer more scouting community opportunities to more young people.

We believe the Scouts change lives, which is why it is important for every young person in Hampshire to have this opportunity. The Scouts in Hampshire has grown, and we want the positive figures to continue.



Martin Rudd



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"Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals continues to grow reaching more young patients and their families."

Sara Sullivan
Volunteer Manager,
Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals



Picture:
Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson
Esq, visits Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals

Smiles all around as Scouts in Hospitals continues to touch the lives of more people

BY SARA SULLIVAN

Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals continues to positively impact the lives of many families across the county and kick-started 2019 with Sibling Specials.

The initiative came about after the realisation about how much young siblings of someone who is unwell can miss out due to the focus on the chronically ill child.

The team consulted with parents and carers about the idea and, following a generous donation from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Freemasons, held the first session at Ronald McDonald House, Southampton.

Members of Chandler's Ford Active Support joined the volunteers to provide an afternoon of modelling, quizzes and activities on a nautical theme.

Later in the year, we provided Halloween activities to the sibling group at Naomi House Hospice, including making bat planes, dressing

ducks for halloween and pumpkin bowling.

We then ran a further event at University Hospital Southampton with a rocket theme and engaged young siblings making rockets, planes and gliders.

Thanks to the generous donation, we were able to provide each attendee with a goody bag of useful items such as water bottles, scout skills handbooks and badges.

"We provided assistance to Dorset Scouts in setting up their own hospital scout group."

In addition, the Nightingale team at Southampton Children's Hospital and Puffin team at Queen Alexandra Hospital continued to provide fortnightly sessions to young patients. This is much valued by staff and patients alike.

We also continued our "Caterpillar Camps" at Naomi House and Jacks Place, building ballistas in the garden and launching film canister rockets.

In May the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and President of Hampshire Scouts, Nigel Atkinson Esq, visited the

Nightingale team and was impressed with the work of our adult volunteers after seeing our work at first hand.

Throughout the year we provided assistance to Dorset Scouts in setting up their own hospital scout group which included arranging for them to visit us, sharing activities with them and meeting staff at Dorchester Hospital.

We were thrilled that in October they launched their own group, the Kingfishers, meeting fortnightly at Dorchester Hospital.

We rounded off the year by receiving a fabulous donation of craft materials from Southampton City Beavers, collected at their Christingle Service, and a further donation from the Freemasons towards our future running costs.

So, we ended 2019 in great shape and we're looking forward to more activities and adventures in 2020.

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Sara Sullivan



"We have continued
our investment in the
structure of the site."

Kerie Wallace
Assistant County Commissioner
Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre



There's never a dull moment for all at Hampshire's Scout Activity Centre!

BY KERIE WALLACE

Another brilliant year here at Ferny Crofts, offering fun, adventure and learning experiences to thousands of Scouts, Guides and young people throughout the year.

Indeed it has again been a record-breaking year for visitors to the Home of Hampshire Scouts, in numbers, this looks like 21,713 young people visiting the site, having 42,189 overnight camping experiences and taking part in over 3,355 activity sessions.

There have been three absolute highlights for the year at Ferny Crofts.

The Chameleon Camp, the first-ever camp held at Ferny Crofts specifically aimed at young people with additional needs, giving them the opportunity to take part in the fun and challenging activities we have to offer.

In all 48 young people took up the challenge, and with their individual carers and over 40 volunteers, they all had a fantastic experience.

Fright Night is Ferny Crofts' second offering of this Halloween themed event with 421 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts taking part in a full day of themed activities, culminating in the truly scary forest fright trail and finishing with Ferny Crofts largest campfire of the year.

In May, the new High Ropes Course was opened by Lieutenant Commander Pete Reed OBE, three-time Olympic

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Gold Medal winner, for rowing, by making the inaugural jump from the top of the 9m structure.

The High Ropes Course is a £65k investment in the site adding four new activities; quick jump, wobbly pole, Jacobs ladder and abseiling, as well as increasing the capacity in other site favourites; crate stack, gladiator challenge and leap of faith.

Ferny Crofts is always reinvesting in our site, and this year we have also

added zorbing to our onsite activities as well as adding new elements to the assault course.

In addition, we have also continued our investment in the structure of the site, so there are refurbished wet rooms in The Croft, increased capacity in the site's hot and cold water storage and new lighting around the buildings and paths.

As well as catering for the young people, Ferny Crofts has provided learning/training courses for Hampshire Scouts volunteers.

They have obtained scouting and national qualifications in first aid, raft building, archery, tomahawk throwing and climbing/abseiling.

Ferny Croft has also hosted numerous Hampshire Scout training team courses.

Kerie Wallace



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"Grandads' Camp is a complete camp site showing visitors what Scout Camps were like in the 1950s."

Brian Calver
Volunteer Manager,
Hampshire Scouts Heritage



Picture: Lieutenant Commander Pete Reed OBE, Royal Navy, Olympic Rowing triple gold medal winner, with Peter Marcus and Megan Bailey, County Youth Commissioners.

Remembering our past with interactive activities for young people and adults to enjoy

BY BRIAN CALVER

Our year started with the knowledge that our new base for Hampshire Scout Heritage at Ferny Crofts would be officially opened on May 11th, by Lieutenant Commander Pete Reed.

His achievements are 3 Olympic Gold Medals for rowing, plus many more international rowing medals.

The High Ropes course was also opened on the same day.

We had a lot of preparation work to do before the big day which was carried out by a number of our members on a regular basis.

Many ideas were put forward as to the layout of the centre, but we settled on a plan and went with it.

On 5th May, members of the 3rd Winchester visited the centre and gave us the thumbs up for our opening day.

After the opening ceremony, many visitors came into the centre and from

the comments received were very impressed with our collection of scout items, with many congratulations received.

We also erected outside what we know as Grandads' Camp, this is a complete campsite showing visitors what Scout Camps were like in the 1950s.

Again, we had many comments from visitors talking about the things

"We have hosted many groups at the Hampshire Scouts Heritage Centre."

they used to do on camps. Great day with great food, served by the Ferny Crofts Staff.

During the year we had displays at the Leader's Rally on 30th March, Andover's Cub Day on 30th June and Eastleigh Remembers on 14th September.

We also hosted many groups at the centre, during the year, including every Wednesday and Sunday in the schools' summer holidays, while they were at Ferny Crofts.

We also hosted New Forest West's active support unit which included making pizzas in the oven.

Towards the end of 2019, we applied for 2 grants for the purpose of buying more glass cabinets, mannequins and other office equipment to include a better computer for our records. We were not successful in either.

We finished the year with the refurbishment of the 2 trek carts that we now own. This work was carried out in a disused Scout HQ in Fair Oak.

On completion, the local Scout Group visited the HQ and were shown the carts and photos of how Scouts used to get to camps.

We hope to display one of the trek carts near the entrance to Ferny Crofts at a later date.

Thank you to all the Staff at Ferny Crofts for all the help that they have given Hampshire Scout Heritage.

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Brian Calver

Perception

"My brilliant team listen, understand, and present the stories our members have to share to the world."

Sam Poole
Assistant County Commissioner,
Media & Communications (Perception)



Picture:
13th Southampton Hedgehogs

A busy year for Hampshire's volunteer storytellers, photographers and videographers

It's time for new leadership with the Hampshire Scouts Media and Communications Team. Ray Noice welcomes Sam Poole to the role...

Being the lead volunteer for media and communications at Hampshire Scouts has been an honour.

Thank you to all of the past and present team members who served over my term.

I am so pleased all the current team have agreed to continue to volunteer with Hampshire's media and communications, as well as being joined by new members to support Sam as much as they did me.

Congratulations on your new role Sam.

From what I have had the pleasure of witnessing in just the first few months of 2020, I am sure the team is going from strength to strength in your very capable hands.

Ray.

BY SAM POOLE

Young people and adult volunteers never fail to inspire me with the stories they share as a result of engaging with the everyday adventure across Hampshire.

The Scouts is all about having a positive impact on the lives of every member, particularly our young members, while giving them the opportunity to build skills for life.

And, 2019 certainly provided this and more.

It's humbling to have a role within Hampshire Scouts where my brilliant team listen, understand, and present the stories our members have to share with the world.

My thanks go to my predecessor, Ray Noice, who led the media and communications (Perception) team for an impressive 7 years.

A positive 2019 also saw the Scouts in Hampshire reach a brilliant milestone - 110 years of fun.

Stories from occasions like our Spinnaker Tower event, where youth members were joined by dignitaries from across the community, played a part in positive press stories peppered throughout the year.

Among other lively events, we welcomed home our Hampshire Scouts ambassador James Ketchell after many months travelling the world in a gyrocopter.

James continues his mission to inspire a million young people to achieve cool things they set their minds on.

It was a pleasure for the Scouts to be a part of his homecoming.

November saw members of our Perception Team drive to Hull, East Yorkshire, to support Humberside Scouts with their first Scouts Speak Up course – one that's popular with young people in Hampshire – to support our former member, Joe Hunter, with its launch.

Joe did an excellent job and it really is wonderful to see the skills he developed near to home (through the Scouts) being used hundreds of miles away.

I welcome many more stories like this as we move into the future.

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Welcome to the team Sam Poole



**"Somewhere a new young
person will take a leap of faith
and try something new."**

Steven Osborn

Volunteer Manager for Training and Awareness,
Media & Communications (Perception)



Picture:
Project 19

The end of a positive year means the start to another for thousands of Scout members

BY STEVEN OSBORN

So, 2019 has been and gone.

The end of a decade that has seen an incredible change in Scouts in Hampshire.

We've been on more adventures, tried more skills and got stuck in.

We've welcomed more people, celebrated our difference and made a difference to where we live.

We've lived by our promise, discovered other cultures and done our best.

But now is not the time to dwell. For the end of one year means the start of another.

2020 may be on the horizon, but we won't know what we find until we get there.

What we do have on our side is the vision to help us succeed, the give-it-a-go attitude of our Scouts and volunteers and a plan B up our sleeve just in case.

That really has been one of the Scouts' biggest successes.

It is not just about knowing how to do something. It's not mapping the route ahead and sticking to it no matter what.

It's about having the confidence to do what is right. It's about taking advantage of whatever life throws at us.

It's about using everything you have ever learned or experienced to make the right choice when it really matters.

**"We lived by our promise,
discovered other cultures
and done our best."**

It's about skills for life. We can't say for certain what will happen in 2020, but somewhere in Hampshire, we're sure of what will happen.

Somewhere a new young person will take a leap of faith and try something new by joining the Scouts.

From shy and nervous, it won't be long before a beam of joy is etched on their face, and they'll want all their friends to try it as well.

Somewhere a bunch of open-minded and big-hearted Scouts will do something to give back to their community, maybe by leaving a place better than they found it or by connecting with those in need.

And they'll do it not for the applause but because it is the right thing to do.

Somewhere a Scout will learn something mind-blowing about someone just like them, and this understanding and empathy will lead to friendship and kindness in equal measure.

And somewhere a new volunteer will discover a new passion and be thankful for that first step.

We can't say for certain what 2020 has in store, but we hope you'll be part of our story.

Join us: hampshirescouts.org.uk.



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