



MERLINS ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Programme Highlights

Merlins Scout Troop currently has 28 scouts (26 boys, 2 girls) who enjoy a wide range of activities. During our meetings we have tried scuba diving, cooking, wide games, kayaking, hiking, ice-skating, communications, science, map-reading, film dubbing, mountain biking and climbing. The scouts have achieved outdoor, creative and community challenge badges plus kayaking, cyclist and dragon boat badges. We got involved in the community by building a bug house at St Paul's Church and took part in the District Cooking competition. This year we were delighted to award the Chief Scout's Gold Award to Harriet Taylor. We will also be saying farewell to some older scouts who are moving on to other activities.

We will be competing in the annual Berkshire Dragonboat Regatta in July. We had a great summer camp in Ross-on-Wye, which included kayaking, rafting and pony-trekking! In May we cycled from Woosehill to Marlow then camped at Longridge.

This summer we are looking forward to camping at Braggers Wood in the New Forest and we plan to visit Brownsea Island, the birthplace of scouting.

Thanks

This year has seen a change in the leadership team. Monika Mändler-Zhao and Clive Taylor have taken a step to the sidelines due to work pressures and I'd like to thank them for all the time they have given to scouts over the last 6 years, though we hope to still see them occasionally. Thanks to Alastair Fairhead, who is now able to help more often, and to Jason Good who has joined us as well as helping with cubs. We would now like to welcome our 2 new volunteers Alex Perry and Craig Koch for stepping up to join the leadership team. We hope they'll enjoy their adventures with us.

Fiona Fairhead (Scout Leader)