



## **KESTRELS ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

Kestrel's leadership team continues to provide a broad range of activities based around traditional Scouting skills and values. We try to offer a wide variety of activities and we ask the cubs what they would like to do. This ensures that the cubs remain engaged for the majority of the time and enjoy themselves. We encourage them to try new skills and enjoy new experiences in a safe environment. We encourage the older cubs to support the new cubs and to develop the skills needed to be a 'Sixer'.

Wokingham District Cubs have given us opportunities to join other packs at several events. Kestrels and Hawks sent a team to the District Quiz and we were very excited to win. Some of the older cubs attended the Sixers Supper along with many other packs from the District.

We enjoyed a Greek Myths themed sleepover in the hut in February. We completed a night hike and played Greek inspired games, made an Icarus who came to a sad end on our camp fire. The cubs cooked their own breakfast the next morning. This event provided a great introduction to sleeping in tents and gave an insight to the new leaders camping. We all had such fun and even managed to get some sleep. We joined Hawks for Pirate camp at 'Runways End' for an energetic fun and safe camp. The very positive feedback we have had from the cubs says it all and we are already talking about camp 2020.

During the last year we have paddled, hiked, cooked, gamed, camp fired, sung, snow tubed, pioneered, met ferrets cycled. We have done mad science, home safety, cooked on cans and made bivvies in the rain, raced cars.....and much more. We attended Remembrance Sunday services and St George's Day Parade.

The Executive Committee our Group Scout Leader and a team of dedicated parents have supported Kestrels this year. The parent rota has worked really well and we have appreciated all their help, particularly with camp fire preparation. Our Cubs, your children were fearless, polite and kind and never cease to amaze us!

Kestrels cub pack continues to be run by a small but dedicated team of leaders with support from parents and Duke of Edinburgh volunteers Connor, Simeon and Charlie. The leaders share the planning and running of pack nights which has made a big difference to the workload this year as new leaders grow in skills, confidence and training. The leaders work so hard to support the cubs. The team this year has been; **Assistant Cub Leaders** Simon Rotherham, Ross Anderson, Sam Pedder, Martina Smith. Audrey Ramsay.

I would like to thank The Leadership Team for their support, sense of fun and good humour in all weathers!

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