



HAWKS ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Well, that was a strange Scouting year to say the least, but I'm pleased to report that despite the challenges thrown at us the Hawks had a fantastic year, be it in person at the hut, on-line or at one of our camps, with lots of fun and adventure for the Cubs, Leaders and Young Leaders alike.

We started the year full on with a camp at Warwick Castle where we witnessed knights fighting, archers firing arrows and a birds of prey display before we embarked on a tour of the castle and the ramparts. We sneaked in our second camp in the Spring just before the lockdown at Gravity Force trampoline park, which was a different kind of camp but lots of bouncing fun all the same. Unfortunately, our summer camp at Paccar was cancelled but we shall return!

Our weekly programme in the Autumn and Spring was full on with visits to; St Paul's Church where the Cubs had a go at bell ringing; games of petanque; and a Christmas pantomime – *oh yes we did!* We focused on our Cycling, Air Activities, World Faith, Pioneering and DIY Badges – with each cub making a bird box. The Summer term saw us switch to virtual meetings where we continued our badge work, even meeting up with a Cub Pack in Canada. We are proud that eight of our Cubs achieved their Chief Scout's Silver award over the year.

Training has gone well with Nicky making fantastic progress towards her Wood Badge and Nights Away Permit. All other training and permits are up to date.

And lastly Hawks Cubs wouldn't exist without the massive help that we receive throughout the year, and so I would like to finish by extending my thanks to; our parents, our superb Hawks Leaders for their never ending enthusiasm and commitment to Scouting: Nicky Hopkins, Paul McShane, Michelle Smith, Steve Kelly, Russ Kenrick, Heba Layas, and three of the very best Young Leaders in Scouting - Adam, Ollie and Will.

We look forward to seeing you in September when hopefully Scouting will start to become a bit more 'normal' again!

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