



MERLINS ANNUAL REPORT May 2022

Programme Highlights

The Merlin Scout Troop currently has 30 scouts (24 boys, 6 girls) who all enjoy a wide range of activities over the last year, thankfully none of which was hampered by lockdowns!

We have been right back to our usual activities, catching up with many of the sessions that we weren't able to do, or had to postpone due to lockdowns.

Over the Autumn term, we built our Pinewood Derby cars, a favourite we do every few years, our traditional chip shop survey, conker tournaments, climbing at Oakwood Climbing Centre, cooking, knife skills, and ending the term with a party of laserquest and bowling.

Over the course of the Spring term, we focussed on our challenge badges, making good progress towards their Chief Scout Gold Awards. This included orienteering, a skills session, and putting knife skills learnt to good use by carving wood sculptures. Our summer term is all outside as usually, with rafting, building bridges over the Embrook, and cycling.

We even managed a summer camp at Youlbury in July, with a great bunch of Scouts enjoying a fairly low key camp based at the campsite for the 5 days we were there.

My thanks go to all the Merlins leaders, Fiona, Alex, Jason, Gavin, Russell and Paul for their valuable and inventive contributions to the troop. Also a well done to the Scouts Shivani, Elisa and John Cameron who all achieved their Chief Scout Gold Award!

Craig Koch (Scout Leader)