



## **5<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar Scout Group**

### **Annual report 2019-20**

#### **The Group**

The Group is still thriving with large numbers of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoying varied activities all year. We still have plenty of Scout Leaders, just enough Beaver Leaders (although we need at least one other Leader), and we have now recruited another Cub Leader Phil Day. Also Peter Durrant is now 18 and has turned from a Young Leader to an Assistant Cub Leader. John Rowley took a step back from the day to day running of Scout Meetings, but is still involved with the Group, and we thank him for all his efforts to help run a successful Scout Troop. All sections helped at King Charles the Martyr Church Bazaar and took part in the Potters Bar Remembrance Day Parade 2019.

Ongoing work has been carried out on the Scout headquarters last year to keep it up to standard and we still have 2 Jays Nursery using the hut every weekday during term time and the income we receive is most welcome.

Many thanks to all the Leaders and the time and effort they put into making the 5<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar a large and successful Group, and all parents who have served on the Executive Committee, and helped the Group fundraise at various events during the year.

Chris Brunning

Acting Group Scout Leader

#### **Scout Troop.**

Last May the Scouts learned about global warming, repaired and repainted the wooden green camp patrol boxes. The boxes were first made in about 1972, so that's good value and good for the environment! Later they brushed up on scouting skills ready for Whitsun Camp which was a Group Camp at Tolmers campsite where the Cubs Beavers and Scouts all camped together.

In June 2019 we celebrated 80 years of Scouting at the 5<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar. The Group was formed in 1939, just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. We held an 80th Anniversary Camp as a family camp, also at Tolmers, and on the Saturday afternoon we help a pig roast to which many former members and parents came. Summer Camp was in the Lake District on a farm on the shores of Ullswater where they went canoeing, swimming, rock climbing, and visited

an agricultural show. We attempted an overnight hike but the weather was so wet we returned back to our main campsite.

In the winter we held an overnight pancake hike, where the ingredients were collected as problems were solved en route, 6 of our older scouts completed the requirements for the Chief Scout's Gold award, they will be presented with their awards soon. We entered 3 teams in the County Green Beret Competition in the autumn and managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup>, from 126 competing teams! Very well done to all those who participated.

In November we attended the town Remembrance Parade and helped at the KCM Church Christmas Bazaar. Two Scouts went with the cub leaders to collect the Peacelight from a service in Luton and then brought the light into KCM for our own Peacelight service and the light was used to light the candles at the Christmas Eve Christingle service.

In the spring 2020 term we had a visit to the church and learned about the Christian faith, did origami, a night hike, learned items for the navigator's stage 3 badge and had a cooking evening.

### **Cubs**

We have been very busy in the last few months with cubs enjoying and our Hike camp nature trail. We have done lots of badge work investing 10 new cubs and welcomed two new leaders, one of who has been with us for 3 years as a young leader. We have been cooking and produced lots of campfire food including cakes cooked in oranges and making our own dough. we attended both Family and group camp. We were also thrilled to win this year's Shepard cup and ready steady cook competition as well as coming second with our carnival float celebrating public services . We have lots of run events meetings and camps planned for this year also.

### **Beavers**

Beavers have run their usual activities during the year.