

Bampton Beaver Scout Colony

Annual Report 2020

Up until March this year, several Beavers have had the excitement of joining our Colony as well as several more learning about Cubs through their Moving-on Award and then swimming up to them at their final Beaver meeting.

Chief Scout Bronze Award

The last part of the award the Beavers work towards is the Personal Challenge, as by the this time the Beavers character and ability is showing more, and they may have something that just needs improving on before moving onto Cubs or something that can be repeated at a more advanced level to give them that little bit more of a challenge. It is a 2-part award – both the leader & the beaver themselves give a challenge for the badge.



The Beavers have set several different one's for themselves, including – make bread, learn all the prime numbers, keep their bedroom tidy for 3 weeks. The most unusual one was where 3 of them, as a team, made a miniature woodland park. They had to make all of the arrangements themselves... where they would meet, draw a plan, who would do which task, and co-ordinate with their parents.

6 awards have been presented since the AGM at the end of September last year:

2019 – Noah Moorhouse, Zach Woodfield, Molly Melmoth, Natalia Edginton.

2020 – Holly Rayner, Eddie Weston

We look forward to many more being completed.

November 2019



We visited the Heritage Centre up at St. Michael's Church where the Beaver's had fun playing games with touchy-feely boxes to guess the historic item and a board game that taught them about Bampton town and the Pack horse Way, followed by a torch trail through the graveyard.

The following morning we had an outdoors day at Wildside Experience in Hemyock led by Richard Whiteside & his wife Alison; we roasted marshmallows, drank hot chocolate & squash, looked for animals in the woodlands, made mud creatures & dens, went down a zipwire and the Beavers were given the task of following a rope guided trail on their own across a couple of fields to find their way back to us. Great teamwork and leadership from the Beavers during this trail challenge as well as a lot of encouragement for those who were unsure of themselves at the zipwire.



January 2020

Do you remember those 'old fashioned' games we used to play as kids before computers took over? Tiddly Winks, Pass-the-Pigs and card games. This was our first meeting back after the New Year, as requested by one of the beavers the previous term. Holly Rayner taught the card game as her part of her Personal Challenge Award to complete her Chief Scout Bronze Award.

February & March 2020

February, we went on the Heritage Centre's Family Trail; dark, damp & interesting – though we didn't finish it the trail books did go home with the Beavers to finish with their families. March, we dug out and weeded the raised planters at the edge of the campfire area, insects of all types and many shouts of "Look what I found!" were heard. This also went towards their gardener's badge and World Challenge Award.

As family and working lives change & evolve, so does the availability of Leaders. In October 2019 we said goodbye to Silverback (Dan Rayner) and welcomed Mike Bradley (Panther) as a new Assistant Leader, and now as the world has changed its outlook and approach to many things we took for granted, such as the availability of work, school and face to face Scouting we are also saying goodbye to Panther and thank you for all your help and support.



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