

Report from the Group Scout Leader 2019

I take pride in leading the team that is Bampton Scout Group and it is my pleasure to express gratitude to many people through this report.

To the executive committee, in particular: Tony Weiss, chairman who also works hard maintaining the Scout hut and equipment. Debbie Woollacott, secretary who keeps us informed and on track, Ann Barrow, treasurer who has worked so efficiently after taking over from Hazel Tucker, who kindly took time to show her the ropes and Trev Hallett, assistant GSL who works especially hard at the Scout census time.

To our section leaders, their assistants and parents who work so hard to provide an interesting and enjoyable programme of activities for all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. We hope they will have fun while they learn and will grow into well balanced, valued members of their community. Three of our leaders have achieved long service awards: Andy Crowe, 5 years, Chaya Rose, 20 years and Trev Hallett 25 years. Congratulations and thanks to them.

Highlights over the last 12 months include:

Sending Bampton's first Scout to a World Scout Jamboree. Congratulations Flo Jones.

A good number of Chief Scout Bronze and Silver Awards.

The Cubs winning the Derrick Knill Challenge Shield at a district event.

Involvement in the community is an aspect of Scouting I'm keen to promote. We've participated in church services at Bampton and Morebath, helped a little with Bampton in Bloom, keeping our town litter free and delivered Christmas cheer via the card delivery service.

In June we were delighted to invite many friends and supporters to the official opening of the refurbished kitchen. When the opening ceremony was proudly performed by Hugo Whitton who had raised a huge sum towards it through his own initiative. We're now well on our way into the next project - refurbishment of the toilets and installation of a shower to enhance our facilities.

That's a few of my highlights, there were many others that the section leaders have outlined in their reports. Well done and thanks to all concerned.

Our facilities, the hut with spacious grounds are envied by many. We are lucky to have them. We are very grateful to Bampton council for renting the grounds to us. However, they have to be maintained. My thanks to all who help and support fundraising events: Bampton Fair car parking, the bonfire party, bingo, Christmas card delivery and the next event a sponsored walk, on Saturday October 19th.

Finally, I've thanked many adults, but I've saved this to last. My thanks to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. It's their enthusiasm and willingness to do their best that drives us older folk on to work so hard for the Scout Group. Well done and thanks again to all of them. Keep it up!

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