

## Scout Section Report 2022-2023

The Scout section has retained steady membership over the past year with an average weekly attendance of 12 Scouts.

Following the pandemic and resulting disruption to youth members attendance at Scouting activities, it has been important to focus on core skills such as teamwork and upholding Scouting values. Particular efforts have been made in the understanding of the Scout Laws, and how we can uphold those values during our day to day lives, as well as on Troop nights.

An abundance of badges have been handed out, some which were earned pre-pandemic and others which have been earned since. We introduced a patrol activity night which gave each patrol ownership of the evening activities. As a result of this we achieved the Astronautics and Chef activity badges, and had a taster session of various martial arts which Scouts participate in.

We marked the celebration of the Queens Jubilee by participating in the village scarecrow competition. There were a few shocked faces as they came over the railway crossing to see the Queen toasting marshmallows with a Scout!

We were thrilled to welcome new leaders to the Section – Jon, Ian, Gavin and Chris have fitted in seamlessly and are now well underway with their training which will enable us to plan overnight experiences once more, something which has been sadly missing from our programme over the last year.