

TARTAN TIMES

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As we approach the spring and summer, our programmes move outdoors, with sleepovers, camps and many other events coming up!

Welcome to a volunteer special edition 😊

In this edition we are taking the time to recognise all our adult volunteers. Every one of the adults involved in running our group is a volunteer (from the leaders you see each week to our Treasurer and Secretary). We are paid nothing financially for volunteering (aside from out of pocket expenses), however we are rewarded with the enjoyment of seeing the young people develop and enjoy what we offer.

Family Camp 2024

Family camp is a fantastic event to see our volunteers in their 'natural habitat'! You may often see our volunteers at the start and end of each session/event (most likely busy or stressed!). On family camp you will see them in their element working with our young people. This year is a record attendance, it's going to be fun!

Volunteer vacancies

Do you see and hear what your son/daughter has been up to, jealous and want to get involved?

We are looking for additional adults to support the delivery of our youth programme in all sections. This doesn't need to be each week, maybe just once a month or when you have the time?

No prior experience is needed, training is available to all.

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop can only open when there is a parent volunteer signed up to man it. Can you spare 15 minutes every couple of months and help? Rota is on the noticeboard.

Who are our volunteers?

Overleaf in this and future editions you can learn more about our volunteers, their home life, employment and why they volunteer with us.

Turn over for details of coming events...

Leader profile - Kerry, Beaver Leader

My day job - teaching assistant in a primary school. I started helping in 2016 when my daughter started in Beavers. I used to sit in the car and wait as there was no point me going home! I was invited in as a parent helper and haven't looked back since. I get as much out of Scouting as my children do. I've made some great friends in the leaders, I love seeing my Beavers learn new skills and telling others about it and watching them grow through the sections. My first beavers are about to start linking to explorers! I now have 3 children going through Scouting and we have all enjoyed every part of it.

Leader profile - Kate, Squirrel Leader

The Squirrels know me as Tufty. I am an ex primary school teacher now working at St John's Primary school as a Teaching Assistant. I became involved in scouts by volunteering as a parent helper, then became a Beaver leader and eventually a Squirrel leader. I have enjoyed over 10 years as a volunteer and have really enjoyed it. I have two sons, one who has been through all the scout sections and is now an assistant leader in the Beaver section. Scouting gives you so much, so it is worth taking the plunge and volunteering! So, what are you waiting for!

Squirrels news

Squirrels this term will be visiting the fire station, doing a walk at Aldridge Airport and working on their All About Adventure badge. We are planning to make regular visits to Alrewych Court assisted living as part of our work in the community. The residents enjoyed it so much when we visited recently and it was lovely to see the children talking to them.

Beaver Business

In March we held a 'book cafe' session it was really well attended. It introduced parents to badges and showed them some of the activities we do during Beavers. In April we went to the fire station and pets at home.

Cub Chat

Our sixers and seconders held a sleepover in February to develop their leadership skills.

The cubs went to Dudley zoo during April, followed by a sleepover and are now looking forward to their camp in May.

Scout Social

The scouts held an indoor weekend in February and now looking forward to a weekend on a narrowboat in June.

Plans are also well underway for their summer camp in August!

Explorer Events

The Explorers held an indoor weekend in January, taking part in plenty of adventurous activities while brushing up on their scouting skills. There was even an explorer investiture upside down while on the climbing wall!

Don't forget you can always check our website for details of upcoming events and the latest news and pictures from camps.
The easiest way to stay up to date is to follow on Facebook!

