

1st Burley in Wharfedale Scout Group

Report for AGM June 2016

This report covers the period of April 2015 until May 2016 and celebrates all of the fabulous achievements of the youth members and leadership team.



The Beavers have had a busy year starting with a fun day at Curley Hill last summer. The theme was 'Knights of the Roundtable' and Burley hosted the jousting! The first Chief Scout Bronze Awards were presented to five Beavers. This is the highest award available to Beavers. Thanks and goodbyes were said to two leaders and an additional leader has been recruited.



Watson Pack (Monday) has presented the Chief Scout Silver Award to 7 Cubs. All cubs are now on the new badge programme and some are well on their way to achieving the award. The pack won the district 5-a-side football competition and one Cub won the county Cubs100 badge design competition.

A pack holiday in autumn focussed on basic scouting skills. Activities throughout the year have included water fun at Reva, day and night hikes, church visit to St Mary's, litter picking, fire station visit, clip n climb and a visit to see the new Jungle Book film.

Forster Pack (Friday) has presented the Chief Scout Silver Award to 10 Cubs and have said goodbye to the 16 original members of the pack who have moved up to Scouts.

Activities throughout the year have included a water fun at Reva, fire station visit, archery, climbing, a 'Forster Fest' sleepover at the hut, Burns Night with the Explorers, thank you party, rope making, pioneering, fire lighting and outdoor cooking.

This year Cubs celebrate its centenary and both packs have been involved in the many adventures organised throughout the district.



Scouts have had a busy year of fundraising for their planned trip to Kanderstag (Switzerland) which is due to take place in July this year. This has included a Halloween trail in Middleton

Wood and making and selling bird boxes and bug hotels. Other activities have included go-cart making, fire station trip, district camp at Curley Hill and the torch race.



Explorers have welcomed a new leader and have been successfully growing the youth membership with the welcome addition of girls. Two members have completed their Bronze DofE Award and there is a silver award qualifying expedition planned for July 2016. Activities have included an adventure camp in Northumberland, a cycling weekend to Wike, clip n climb, more climbing at the Cow and Calf, archery and golfing. There is an adventure camp planned for July 2016. There is a strong leadership team within the Explorer section who, in addition to their commitment to the section, are only too willing to share their scouting expertise with other sections within the group.

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Beavers, Cubs and Explorers were involved in the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations within the village and an Explorer Scout was involved in the colour party.

All sections took part in the St George's Day parade which was hosted by 1st Burley. Both of these events were well received by members of the community and it was wonderful to see so many members involved.

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The leadership team within 1st Burley are hardworking and dedicated volunteers and there is much to be proud of. We have said goodbye and thank you to our Group Scout Leader after three years of commitment to the group.

The scouting family in Burley is evolving and leaders commit a lot of time and energy into developing programmes which are fun, stimulating and challenging to our youth members. Two leaders from Watson Pack and two scout leaders have recently completed their leadership training and will receive their Wood Badge very soon. This is an achievement to be celebrated as the additional time and energy required to complete this training is challenging. Two leaders from Forster Pack have completed their Archery Instructors Permits and each section has been supported by a number of section assistants and occasional helpers.

Thank you to all leaders, assistant leaders, section assistants, occasional helpers and parent volunteers without whom the scouting family in Burley could not thrive. Thank you to the Executive Committee who supports the on-going development of the group and, last but not least, thank you to our youth members. We hope that you enjoy your time in scouting as much as we do!

We have a new Group Scout Leader email burley.gsl@gmail.com and a twitter account @1stBurley for sharing of our activities.