



Scouts

Mildenhall



Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Beavers Update

Chloe Mitchell – Beaver Scout Leader

Beavers have had an action packed first half term back face to face scouting after what seemed a break that lasted far too long!

A big welcome to the 7 new Beavers who have joined us since September, it's been great to extend the group and you've all done so well with getting to grips with our new way of Scouting.

We started off the term with an arts and craft session making name plates for when we do our socially distanced table activities and played our first lot of socially distanced games.

We then worked on our disability awareness badge playing some games where we couldn't use our voices and an obstacle course where someone was blindfolded, and their partner had to use good communication skills to guide them through the course.

We then finished the first half term with back to basics campfire cooking, campfire songs and investitures for our new Beavers and our Leaders as well as lots of badges given out! Well done Beavers!



New Website

I am pleased to announce that our brand-new website is now live! Please check it out at <https://mildenhallscouts.org.uk>

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Cubs Update

Kevin Drane – Cub Scout Leader

Cubs started the term with zoom meetings where they made a no cook tray bake that included plenty of chocolate.

They also took part in a virtual tour of Mildenhall as part of their local knowledge badge.

The face to face meetings commenced with some science related to their heart beats before and after exercise and their recovery rates and some fire safety, ready for the following weeks fire lighting and cooking camp twists.

The first half term was finished with a campfire that included singing hot chocolate awarding some of the badges earned during lockdown and most importantly an investiture of a Mildenhall Beaver into Cubs.

It has been great to return to face to face Scouting even with the new rules relating to social distancing etc. and the Cubs have adapted well to the new way of Scouting.



Scouts Update

Nick Adams – Scout Leader

This half term, the Scouts have been busy completing parts of the Outdoor Challenge badge.

They started off learning about and making campfires and cooking using cavemen methods. They then learnt how to carve wooden spoons and they made their own whittled spoons to take home.

We have done some pioneering skills including building ballistas and learning about and using some traditional lamps and stoves.

We've been really happy with the ability to go back to face to face meetings and have an exciting programme for the next half term also.

We also celebrated one of our Scouts achieving her Chief Scout's Gold Award and was presented with her award during our return to face-to-face Scouting. It was a fantastic achievement and I wish her well in Explorer Scouts.



Explorer Scouts Update

Karen Pettitt, Explorer Scout Leader - Endeavour Unit

After a spring and summer meeting via Zoom, it was fabulous for Endeavour Explorers to have their first face to face meeting in October at Mildenhall HQ.

The weather was very kind to us, as it had been raining all day, and we had a delightful (and dry) night paddle along the River Lark in various craft (single kayak, double kayak, sit-on kayak and canoe).

Two of our members joined with Stour Valley Explorers for an expedition at the end of October so are well on the way to completing both their Bronze DofE Award and the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.

Unfortunately lockdown has prevented us from our having our outdoor film night in November – but we look forward to seeing everyone again for a festive meeting towards the end of December.

Remembrance Sunday

A massive well done to everybody who wore their uniform on Sunday 8th November and observed the minutes silence. It was disappointing that there wasn't a Remembrance parade this year, but Mildenhall Scout Group was represented, and a wreath laid at the war memorial.

It was fantastic to see the Cubs had decorated pebbles and placed them next to the war memorial. They are beautifully decorated and shows that we will not forget the sacrifices that have been made.



Situations Vacant!

Scouting is brilliant fun for adults as well as young people, and tremendously rewarding too. If you think you might be able to support the group in any way, or know someone who might be interested, get in touch. Many hands make light work, and we always need help with: maintenance; painting and decorating; fundraising; community engagement; applying for grants; looking after equipment; maintaining records, activity instructors (training provided); section assistants...the list goes on!

Visit our website to find out more:

<https://www.mildenhallscouts.org.uk/support-our-group>

4 Week Lockdown Challenge

The Scouts Readiness Level in England has gone back to Red. This means that face-to-face Scouting cannot go ahead.

To embrace the November lockdown, the Group are going to be running a 4-week lockdown challenge. Each week your son/daughter attends virtual Scouting on Zoom, they will get a badge. Over the 4 weeks, the 4 badges will form one big badge! Attend each week and collect them all. If all 4 badges are collected, they will get a very special gift...

Amazon Smile

Alfie Foster-Green, Group Scout Leader

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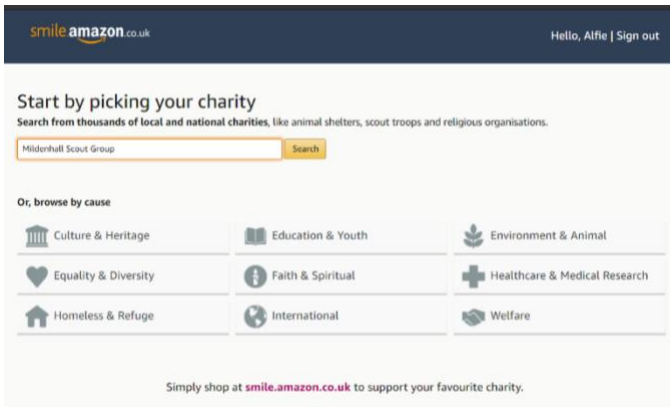
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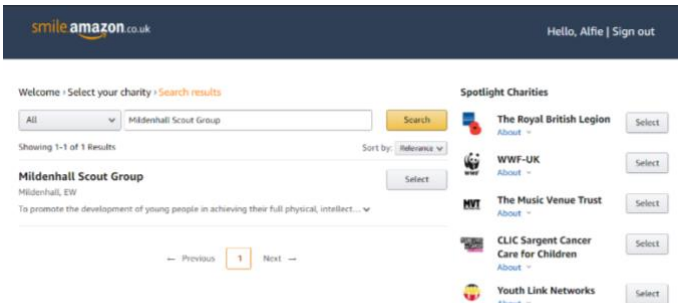
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