

## **1<sup>st</sup> Willingham Scout Group**

1st Willingham Scout Group has grown over the last year, with 8 new volunteers and 7% more children, taking our numbers to well over 100 children spread across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. The Scout group caters for boys and girls aged 6 to 14 from Willingham and surrounding villages, however we continue to have a significant waiting list, in addition we also host the Explorer Group sessions.

We are looking at a long-term plan for our premises as the Public Hall which is over 120 years old needs significant work.

We are currently unable to offer some key experiences for the young people in the community because the facilities aren't up-to-date. There are currently no cooking and catering facilities in the building and this really limits what we can offer in terms of a complete venue which could be used for a much wider range of events for both scouting, and the wider community.

As with previous years the group offers a wide range of activities and experiences, from outdoor cooking and orienteering to archery and cycling safety and many more, as well as outings, longer hikes and overnight camps.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Willingham Scout Group continues to be actively involved in community events in Willingham, including running the BBQ and stalls at the Fen Gallop/school summer fun day, holding their annual Car Wash at the Ploughman's Hall, and running a well-attended Fireworks Night in November.

When we aren't out and about on night hikes, scavenger hunts or playing wide games at the recreation ground we continue to use the Public Hall as our base on weeknights and some weekends for our meetings and also special events, and we appreciate the continued support of the parish in allowing us to hire this venue through the Public Hall Users Committee.

All parts of the Scout movement, locally and nationally, are being adversely affected by COVID-19, both in terms of the financial impact but more importantly the loss of social amenities and support that the Scouting offers to young people in the area.

As volunteers, we are best placed to help adapt programmes so that young people stay safe and keep learning, and we can continue to recognise their hard work and achievements. Currently, Government advice is that everyone in the UK should avoid non-essential travel and contact with others. Given this guidance, all face-to-face meetings, activities, expeditions and events remain suspended until further notice.

As part of a National organisation our children and volunteers are taking part in a 'Hike to the Moon' which has already raised over £30,000 for BBC Children in Need and Comic Relief. We asked young people, volunteers, parents and carers to hike 240,000 miles to the Moon. If we all hike just one mile each (about 2,000 steps or 20 minutes walking on the spot) at home or in the garden, then together, we can complete the incredible challenge.

**Eleven of the twelve people to walk on the moon were Scouts!**

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**Financial Year 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020**

		Income	Expenditure	P/L
<b>Opening Balance 1st April 2019</b>		<b>£17,909.85</b>		
<b>Subscriptions</b>		£7,185.18		
<b>Gift Aid</b>		£0.00		
<b>Grants</b>		£0.00		
<b>Camps</b>				
	Beavers	£485.36	£58.48	£426.88
	Cubs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Scouts	£3,103.98	£3,481.31	(£377.33)
	Group	£2,123.44	£6,512.00	(£4,388.56)
	<b>Total Camp</b>	<b>£5,712.78</b>	<b>£10,051.79</b>	<b>(£4,339.01)</b>
<b>Outings &amp; Activities</b>				
	Beavers	£0.00	£71.76	(£71.76)
	Cubs	£302.12	£465.53	(£163.41)
	Scouts	£791.65	£1,211.96	(£420.31)
	<b>Total Outings</b>	<b>£1,093.77</b>	<b>£1,749.25</b>	<b>(£655.48)</b>
<b>Uniform / Badges / Books</b>				
	Beavers	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00
	Cubs	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
	Scouts	£0.00	£22.00	(£22.00)
	Group	£0.00	£950.95	(£950.95)
		£40.00	£972.95	(£932.95)
<b>Fundraising</b>				
	Fen Gallop	£1,353.75	£447.50	£906.25
	Carwash	£136.10	£0.00	£136.10
	Fireworks	£4,313.29	£2,485.62	£1,827.67
	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		<b>£5,803.14</b>	<b>£2,933.12</b>	<b>£2,870.02</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Miscellaneous / Consumables			(£1,028.97)	
AGM			(£32.50)	
Rent			(£1,319.60)	
Admin and Membership			(£3,809.50)	
Insurance			(£323.89)	
Training			(£80.00)	
Equipment Repairs and Renewals			(£1,300.98)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£19,834.87</b>	<b>£23,602.55</b>	<b>£14,142.17</b>
				<b>Closing Balance 31st Mar 2020</b>