

Objectives of the 1st Willingham Scout group for 2021/22.

- 1) Minimise the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the aims of the group, provide some form of continuity for our services during lockdown periods.
- 2) Support our members through the challenges associated with the covid-19 pandemic.
- 3) Minimise impact of covid-19 pandemic on our financial stability.

Our work this year has been dominated by huge uncertainty as a result of the pandemic, we are indebted to our volunteers for finding ways to offer alternative provision for our members at times of incredible personal and professional pressures.

Achievements

Despite the massive disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, our volunteers have done amazing work in providing alternative provision through online scouting and other initiatives. Throughout the lockdown periods we have managed to offer some form of provision to all of our sections.

We have also managed to maintain a good level of financial stability despite the cancellation of our largest fundraising event due to the pandemic. We are grateful for our members' support and the assistance of the Public Hall Users committee who were able to waive rent and utilities payments as a result of a local government Covid grant.

One of the outstanding achievements early this year was Scout Lana Haigh being selected to represent our Scout group and village by attending the World Scout Jamboree being held in South Korea in 2023, it will an excellent opportunity to promote not only the Scout Group but also the youth groups in Willingham.

Challenges & next steps

The measures introduced to control coronavirus have significantly impacted our ability to deliver a programme for young people this year. Although autumn 2020 saw a brief return to face-to-face meetings we were unable to re-establish a full programme before restrictions increased again over the winter which have continued into the remaining part of the year for this report.

Our key challenge is to build up opportunities for young people under the framework for controlling the spread of coronavirus. Many of our core activities such as nights away are currently not possible. As a result, young people in the group decreased by 20% this year to 76 and it will take considerable effort to restore our capacity back up to previous levels.

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Chair of Executive Committee
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