



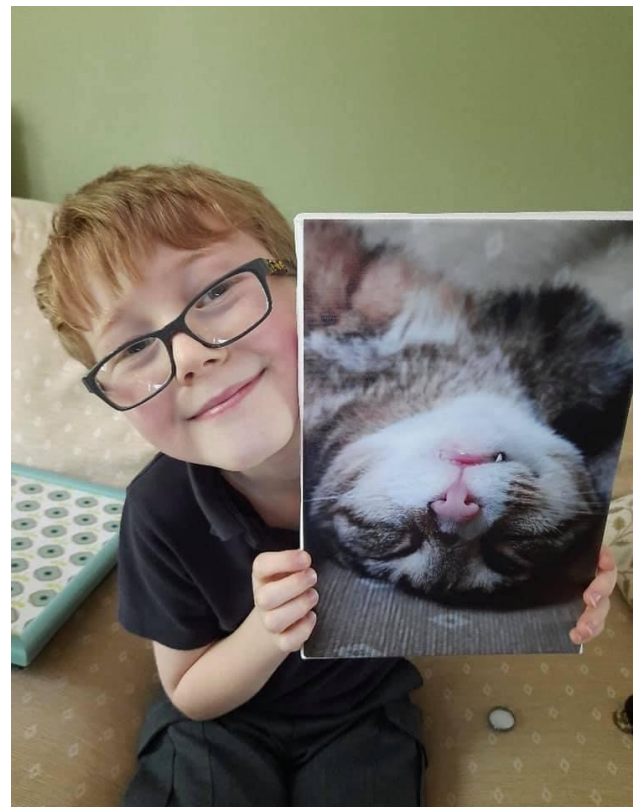
**A little insight to what some of the groups have been getting up to over the past 18 months.**



**District Camp at Home, Badge Design**

### **Mulbarton Scout Group**

The Group has grown over the last year with our new Scout Troop starting in September and is now full with over 30 Scouts in it. We have two Beaver Colonies feeding into two Cub Packs feeding into the two Scout Troops. Our Leadership team has also grown not only with the new Scout Troop but also with the other sections. Prior to lockdown all sections have either been camping or had sleepovers both at our HQ and further afield. Since we went into lock down all sections were running Zoom meetings over the summer term and we all took part in the Giant Sleepover, the District Camp at Home and also our own Camp at Home weekend.



**District Photographic Competition Winner.**

### **Earlham scout Group**

Earlham enjoyed a group Christmas carvery and we had our group camp just before lockdown. During lockdown we joined in on the district camp where we tried to do a sing along session, and we took part in the great indoors where we made smores. We have enjoyed zoom scavenger hunts, had a magic lesson, carried out online cooking lessons and escape rooms. It has been a very interesting time and we have learnt lots with the young people and their families.

### **Cringleford Scout Group**

It has been an exciting year for everyone at Cringleford. The Beavers had an action packed weekend camp with climbing, zip lines and of course a campfire.

The Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a camp together at Hautbois where they tried stand up paddle boarding.

The Scouts and Explorers spent a week in the Lake District sailing, wind surfing, canoeing and hiking. The leaders put on a great range of activities every week including archery, shooting, crafts, cooking, canoeing, DIY skills, cycling, bowling, skiing and much more.

When face to face activities were suspended, they made a great effort to continue delivering and excellent programme online.



### **Bowthorpe Scout Group**

September 2019 took us along to the youth forum at Eaton Vale, a great day was had by all and it gave us the inspiration for some new activities including voting for activities.

The Scouts through one of our leaders ran some international activities, they wrote to Scouts in Norway, made some Norwegian food and did some traditional Norwegian crafts. When Beavers trip to Pets at home was cancelled Nicky our treasurer stepped in and bought in a few of her pets from home; chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and her dog.

February saw us as a group stay over at Eaton Vale for the weekend, a great time was had by all, we did climbing wall, catapult shootout, archery, assorted crafts and a campfire to name but a few activities on offer.

As soon as lockdown was announced we took to online scouting using Facebook live for the first week until one of our Scouts Luke Prior enlightened me to the wonders of Zoom.

While in lockdown I set a weekly challenge, which were always met with enthusiasm. We did Lego mazes, made flags, completed photo challenges. We've ran 4 virtual camps, our own, District, Scout association 'great indoors' and County's Box Jam. The parents have been amazing, they've got involved in all the activities, they've supported their young people in our absence as leaders. We've had Scouts camping in their gardens for 30 nights straight, we've had two scouts making dens all over the house and sleeping in them for 48 nights and we've had younger and older non-scouting siblings joining in with all the fun. We've met once face to face, a wide game at Southern park which was great fun. The young people all followed the rules brilliantly and to hear a scout say to another scout 'its lovely to see you in the flesh' was all I needed to hear.



### **Brooke and Poringland Scout Group**

The group has had a very busy year with a summer barbecue and activities inviting the local community to come and meet the group. Last July we had a group camp at EVAC, we joined in Remembrance parades in November, held an open afternoon with mince pies and mulled wine, raffles and rifle shooting in December for the community. We all joined Norfolk scouts via zoom to remake our promise for St Georges day followed by the clap for carers in April.

The beavers and scouts both went carol singing at Brooke House, the Cubs had a weekend camp at Herringfleet and the scouts camped at Mike Thurston Centre and took part in a 20 mile cycle ride.

### 33rd Norwich Scout Group

Here at the 33rd Norwich it's been another busy year from Summer 2019 right up to the end of this reporting period of March 2020. As a group we have grown from strength to strength with an increase in youth membership of 6% on previous year and 5 new volunteers. All sections have been incredibly busy of the year with amazing programmes and activities! Some highlighted would be. The Scout section summer camp to Kibblestone International Camp they did a week of amazing activities, also the Christmas camp as well as many other camps throughout the year. Within Cubs the programme covered so many different activities including food tasting night, team building activities, halloween activities. Within Beavers it's a similar story of lots of great programme activities and badges which covered cooking, art, gardening, book reading - here is just too many to mention!

We have held several fundraising events including a hugely successful Christmas Fair, Christmas tree recycling and also successfully applying for grants from Tesco and Coop. This fundraising has allowed us to replace tired & old kit and also move forward our Jessopp Road home. At our Jessopp road site we have completed some major projects including re-decorating our hall, moving a building/ wooden shed as well as general improvements too!

As March 2020 marks the end of the year for this report it is also important to touch on the impact of Covid-19 in these early days of March. We were of course sad to see face to face Scouting stopping but also delighted how quickly we leaped into action. Immediately the Scout section started meeting online and within a few short weeks all sections where meeting online. We were delighted to retain 90% of young people, who attended regularly online! This is a testament to the flexibility and commitment of our volunteers but also the resilience of the young people! Well done all!!

### 34<sup>th</sup> Saxlingham Nethergate

All sections have had a positive year with Summer Camps and events during 2019 (Beavers Sleepover @ EVAC, Cubs @ Bradfield Park in Suffolk, and Scouts / Explorers at Gradbach in the Peak District). Youth numbers remain stable with waiting list for Beavers & Cubs being well managed by Helen Arnold, Beaver Leader. All sections continued every week during lockdown, and participated in District and Group virtual camp. Top awards continued to be earned throughout.



### Cooper lane

Following a period of little use, new enthusiasm has enabled significant improvements at Cooper Lane, the district's campsite.

The grass has been mown regularly, various damaged and dangerous trees have been removed and the central area has been cleared and greatly expanded. Reseeding should be completed by the end of September.

A development sub committee has canvassed members' views and intends shortly to submit a planning application for a toilet block. The toilet block will be progressed as soon as funds allow.

Thanks are due to the band of volunteers who have got us this far and also to those who have offered their services in the future, please don't think your interest hasn't been noted.

The site is available to use now, subject to restrictions in place at the time, with a plan that it will reopen fully as soon as possible.