



# The Request

## G.S.L. Report



I wonder what 'inclusion' means to you? For me it is really simple. It's not about being politically correct, or 'hitting targets', it is very simply that I believe passionately that Scouting changes young people's lives for the better and has the power to improve society and the world we live in.

It concerns me that, as an organisation, many just don't get why we need to act a little differently to be more welcoming to others. We may believe the 151 is 'open to all', but does it feel like that to others?

Getting different people involved – both as adult volunteers and as young people – tends to make our Scouting more varied and inventive. Just as Baden-Powell first thought, getting to know other people and their lives and aspirations can help us to gain a better view of the world around us.

But, here's the key, inclusion is not just about finding people who are different from us. It is about helping everyone to join in – people who are the same as us, similar and different.

What we are trying to do, following B-P's lead, is to join people together and to share experiences. Just think of the endless possibilities for fascinating programmes as we show others an activity or interest that some may take for granted but others have never experienced before.

It always takes time and effort to make good Scouting work, but making Scouting more inclusive of the local community will bring rewards and experiences that might never have imagined.

Of course, the 151's Leaders are all volunteers and not necessarily specialist in embracing 'Inclusion', particularly when it comes to managing challenging behaviour. All the Sections have 'Codes of Conduct', these having been drawn up by our young people as patterns of behaviour that they would like to see others present to them. Sometimes these 'Codes of Conduct' are challenged and it is then that Leaders have to engage with parents to develop a solution that both encourages 'Inclusion' and at the same time, makes it clear that there are consequences when these 'Codes' are broken.

### When we meet

- BEAVERS, Mondays  
5.15pm—6.15pm
- CUBS, Mondays  
6.30pm—8.00pm
- SCOUTS, Tuesdays  
7.45pm-9.15pm

### *A word from our Chairman Ron Brooks*

Congratulations to Jenny Turner our district Commissioner who has been awarded the **Silver Acorn** for her service to scouting. Jenny has been a member of 151 over 30 years, she was responsible with other leaders for starting our Beaver colony in 1985 and has served in many positions in the Group. You may remember her as SAS Manager organising us on many occasions with fund raising events and arranging the back up support for many of the Group Scout and family camps.

Later she was asked to help District and became assistant District Commissioner and later became District Commissioner the position she is now holding, supporting 20 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer units around the District, beside supporting her husband John our Group Scout Leader. Many thanks from us all for all you are doing for scouting.

## *Group Camp SBH 2017*

For the last 2 years the 151 has been camping at District (BJAM15) and County (AJAM16) events so this year it was a case of back to the Group Camp format.

We camped at the Wiltshire Scout Centre near Devises over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, Beavers visiting on the Saturday and Cubs and Scouts camping from Friday to Monday.

Friday evening all the tents were soon erected (thanks to the advance party who arrived in the morning) and after hot chocolate everybody settled down for the night. However, it was not going to be a quiet night! Soon there were rumbles of thunder getting closer and closer but luckily the centre of the storm missed us so apart from some heavy showers all was well

Saturday Beavers joined the camp and were soon involved in pitching their tent for the day and exploring the campsite. In the afternoon, they all tried basic fire lighting – great fun, followed by some games in the field. Before leaving we held a campfire where the Beavers sung the songs that they had been learning (?) for the past few weeks. After hotdogs, it was into the minibus for the trip back to Fishponds.

On Saturday, Cubs and Scouts tried more advanced fire lighting techniques, using flints and fire sticks to get fires going. Some Cubs discovered that sticks which had been in the fire were hot! The day ended with a joint campfire with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Bath Cub Pack and hot dogs. Sunday everybody went on a hike to the Caen Hill locks on the Kennet & Avon Canal. After a rather tortuous route taking in overgrown paths and fields with frisky sheep in they all arrived to help the narrow boats traverse the locks.

After some games on the Monday morning, camp was ‘struck’ after lunch. Unfortunately, this coincided with the only daytime rain of the weekend so we had to take some wet tents home. This is always a nuisance as the Leaders have to spend time putting the tents out to dry and then coming back to pack them away.

The Camp was marred by some unacceptable behaviours from a few Scouts, The Scout Section Leadership team are addressing this in order to determine what consequences may result and how issues such as these will be managed in the future.



**A reminder that the Scout Association has an arrangement with Go Outdoors where all members can get a further 10% discount and Leaders can get 15% so if you talk nicely with your Section Leader they may be able to help you save even more money! <http://www.gooutdoors.co.uk/online-scout-manager-leader-coupon> Go Outdoors also have from time to time special offers for Scouts so you may be able to get a bargain here <http://www.gooutdoors.co.uk/scouts>**

## Beaver Bits



The Beavers have been busy working on their World Challenge Badge and their Space Activity Badge. Activities included an Australian themed evening, designing their own flags and learning about our solar system. We also enjoyed a Circus Skills evening and a visit to Kingswood Fire Station.

We said a sad farewell to Fiona at Easter, she has stepped down from her Assistant Beaver Leader role to focus on adopting, we wish her all the best and I'm glad to report she'll be a member of our SAS team so will still be helping out occasionally.

It's been great getting to know all the Beavers and parents better this term, a big thank you to those who have come and helped at a meeting, it makes a real difference. Here's to another great term.



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# Cub Capers



Cubs have been very busy this term some pictures below of their many activities . Some of the badges they have been working for: Astronomer, Archery, Climbing , Campfire skills and DIY !



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# Scout Snippets

Some of the Scouts activities included: Archery, First Aid Training, Cooking skills, gravity challenges with eggs! and lots more!



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# *Also at the 151...*

## *Ramblers*



## *Leaders keeping up to date with their training!*



# Events for your diary



## 151 Group Calendar to August 2017

19<sup>th</sup> June – Church Parade Service 10.15am

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June - Family Camp (Mafeking Hall, Coalpit Heath)

12<sup>th</sup> July – Colliers Gardens Summer Fair (Raising money for the Care Home)

5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Aug (tbc) – Scout Camp (Pembrokeshire)

4<sup>th</sup> Sept– Autumn/Winter Scouting term starts

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 151 Birthday celebration

*Full details of these will be sent out well before the date of the event*

## SAS Scout Active Support



### 151 Scout Active Support Unit

Our Group SAS (members of which are members of the Scout Association and wear SAS Neckerchefs), continue to support the Group. In particular our SAS members have been active as follows:

- Planning and organising the recent Christmas Bazaar (which raised £996 for Group funds)
- Organising walks
- Repairing and maintaining equipment
- Running the '151 Club' fund raising initiative
- Helping out at section meetings
- Preparing rotas for bag packing
- Providing refreshments at events
- Taking advantage of Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers (this is being relaunched in January)
- Gift Aid
- Fund matching
- Preparation of a Database of 151 friends and supporters
- Production of the Request Newsletter



### *Group Council Executive Committee*

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