



Saxilby Scout & Guide Association



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Annual Parish Meeting Report - Saxilby Scout and Guide Association

It has been another busy year for all our sections, all sections are now up to full capacity and operating a waiting list system.

Our paper collections have continued with our 2 monthly kerbside collections round the village as well as continuing with our two paper recycling bins in the village hall car park throughout the year. We have also raised funds from Leaflet Drops and Marquee hire, this funding is vital to our finances and allows us to offer affordable Guiding and Scouting to the young people of Saxilby. We are exploring other fundraising avenues in order to keep subscription fees at a sensible level for our young members.

We were advised in the early part of 2024 that our HQ roof was getting to the stage where the felt and tiles would need to be replaced within the next couple of years and so a separate Fund-Raising Account was set up. We have been actively looking for grants and making people aware of our plans. The response we have had from the Saxilby Community has been tremendous with numerous Donations being made both by local organisations and individuals. We thank everyone for their generous support all these Donations are very much appreciated.

On The Spring Bank Holiday weekend 24/5/24 to 27/5/24 all Scouting sections attended the District Lost World Camp at the Roman Stone Campsite near Norton Disney. There was a large range of activities to suit all ages, from 'water wars' to a mountain bike track, archery to a fabulous zipline built as a pioneering project by a Saxilby Leadership team and bungee trampoline to a vast craft tent.

In June and July, sections enjoyed Kayaking and Rafting sessions on the water under the instruction of Saxilby Scouting water sport team. Despite the weather Beavers Cubs and Scouts all got onto the water at some time to enable badges and challenges to be completed

We attended The Saxilby Funday on Saturday 31st August, with Scouting and Guiding sections taking active parts in the event.

In November all our sections paraded to the Memorial Gates on William Street to take part in the Annual Parish Council Service of Remembrance This was followed on the Sunday with a number of sections attending and parading their colours at the Church Remembrance Service.

On 24th November Scouts, Cubs and Beavers sections all attended the chiller event at Walesby Forest campsite with climbing, caving, crate stacking etc. all on the agenda. The younger sections then came back to Saxilby HQ for a sleepover.

During November and December the Scouts Continued with their Operation Goodwill collections of food items for the Homeless at Christmas. The items went to the Nomad Trust (now part of the YMCA) who also ran their shoebox campaign (as last year) The final total of food items collected was 1798 and the shoe boxes reached 14, with a number of extra items for the boxes, as well as cash donations.. Many thanks must go to the people of Saxilby for their amazing response to this appeal, it was really appreciated by the Nomad Trust. Also a Big well done to the Scouts for enabling it to happen.

In March this year sections attended the Mothering Sunday service at the Church, with the usual Simnal cakes being available after. This was followed by a successful St Georges Day Parade (21st April) at the Cathedral where Scouting and Guiding Groups were able to parade their colours. Sections have also played active parts in both the 80-year D day and 80-year VE day events during the year.

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