

FOLKESTONE, HYTHE & DISTRICT SCOUTS SECTION REPORT 2016



We now have a new Scout troop opened on a Thursday evening for St Georges Scouts at St Paul's Church hall in Sandgate. Well Done to Chris Kellers and his team for making it happen. So we now have ten troops spread across Folkestone, Hythe & District containing 153 Scouts. The Scout section has seen a very slight decrease in numbers of -0.6% or 1 young person, compared to 2015. I know since the census information has been submitted we have had some more linking Cubs and new scouts start, so let's hope the numbers keep increasing.

So what have the Scouts been up to over the last 12 months, in addition to their weekly meetings, camps, hikes, adventurous activities and other fun activities?

JUNE 15

Paintball Day. This event was held at Mayhem Paintball Games, Harbledown, Canterbury and attended by 23 Scouts. The Scout played a series of different paintball games over the course of the day.

JULY 15

Athletics Badge Day.

The day was all planned to run at Pent Valley Leisure Centre, with help and support from one of the schools PE teachers and some students. But unfortunately due to heavy rain and thunder storm the event had to be cancelled. We had 23 scouts booked in to attend from the district.

NOVEMBER 15

Remembrance Parade. This event was attended by all sections who paraded through Folkestone's town centre with the armed services young people and the guides.

APRIL 16

District Wide Game. This event was held at Port Lympne Grasslands car park, Hythe. The Scouts were put into teams and sent off to find the 10 bases spread out across area. At each base the team had to complete a simple challenge, if they completed it they were given a token towards the parts of a water rocket. The event was attended by eight troops made up of 80 scouts and 23 adults.

District St Georges Day. This was held at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone. This was more of a traditional event that was attended by all sections. The young people attended a service and presentation and then paraded on a short route around part of the town and the Leas and back to the Leas Cliff Hall where they were dismissed. Great to see so many young people, showcasing Scouting in the District.

I would like to end by thanking all the Scout leaders, helpers and Young Leaders for all their hard work in putting together an endless programme of badgework, Camps and fun activities for the district's young people to take part in. Also to all the parents who have helped & supported their young people and troops over the last year.

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