



## 1<sup>st</sup> Rustington Scout Group

### **Pathfinder Cubs Report – Year 2022-23**

We have had another fun packed year at Pathfinder Cubs. Here are some of the things we've been up to.

In the Summer months, we tried to hold most of our meetings outdoors. We went to Woodland's recreation ground to practise our athletics skills and to play some team games from other countries.

We held a pack forum in Mewsbrook park, followed by ice cream (always a popular choice!) we organised a litter pick/hike along Littlehampton beach, with the council providing the litter pickers. We didn't find much rubbish, but we explained to the Cubs that this was a good thing! We spent several evenings up at the district campsite on Dapper's Lane in Angmering, with our last one held in October just before Winter set in. During our time at the campsite, we carried out several investitures, played lots of wide games and practised outdoor skills, including pitching tents, fire lighting and backwoods cooking. The Cubs learnt how to cook pitta pizzas, baked bananas, and chocolate orange cake. They even made their own lemonade and of course ate loads of s'mores!

In July, we went on our Summer camp with Kingfisher Cubs. We camped at Lodge hill activity centre and our theme this year was David Walliams and his books. There were lots of themed activities and games to keep the Cubs busy throughout the day, and in the evenings, we sang songs around the campfire. They also enjoyed having a go at two of the activities run by the centre: tunnelling and snow tubing. Our Summer camp is always one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception.

During the Winter, we were back in the hall learning new skills, playing games, and having lots of fun. One of the Cubs favourite evenings was when we asked our Explorer helpers to run the meeting for us. They came up with a pioneering challenge, where the Cubs had to use knots and lashings to build their own 'chariot', which they then used to race each other around the hall. The Explorers are invaluable to us, and we really appreciate all their help.

The Cubs had a great night out at Laser Tag in November, as an early treat before Christmas.

During the year, we have worked on lots of different Activity and Staged badges: including Navigator, Emergency Aid, Scientist, Chef, Pioneer, Backwoods Cooking, Athletics, Home Help and Artist, to name but a few. We have had 7 of our Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver awards, congratulations to them, and we've awarded 258 badges in total. Well done to the Cubs for all their hard work.

Unfortunately, in December, after 7 years of volunteering, Akela Ats decided to leave Cubs. We are grateful for all the time he gave and wish him well. This leaves Nigel and me to continue running the pack. Thank you to Nigel for all his commitment and enthusiasm. We look forward to recruiting some new volunteers very soon and, in the meantime, we have a parent rota in place so that we can continue to provide a fun and varied Programme for the Cubs.

Finally, we would like to thank both the committee and the GSL team for all the hard work they do behind the scenes to support all the sections and to help our Scout Group continue to grow.

Kind Regards  
Akela Steve