

GSL Report

Another busy 12 months has flown by and after two and a half years of laying the foundations for the long term stability of the group whilst embracing the change of the Scout Association, I am pleased to say that we are still riding high with membership hitting capacity earlier in the year with all sections full.

Rustington continue to offer an enjoyable, satisfying and fulfilling programme to all our young people and as we continue to modernise and develop our Leadership team, we can all be proud that once again we have written a further fantastic chapter in the Group's history book.

Our numbers and reputation for offering fantastic Scouting opportunities are testament to the tireless efforts of all our leaders. Their dedication is second to none and always goes that extra mile. We sadly said goodbye to Gary Cooke from Pioneer Scouts this year who has moved on to new challenges at District. A big thank you for all you have done and don't be a stranger. Accordingly, Pioneers has been left in the very capable hands of Andy and Amy who are picking up the reigns brilliantly.

The weekly programme provided to all sections continues to amaze and showcase the creativity of the team. This year we are particularly proud that all our sections have offered nights away opportunities as well as some exciting activity days. The strong praise and appreciation from parents on the WhatsApp group echo our thanks and the great job you are all doing.

HQ continues to be a hub of the community with growing number of Hall Hirers. There are plans afoot to refurbish the toilets and in time the kitchen. We continue to build an increased social media presence and have replaced and renewed many items of equipment that enable the group to run the programmes that we do so well. The website remains very interactive allowing uniform sales, hall hire, new joiners, enquiries and even donations to be managed at the touch of a button or two.

There has been a greater focus on our sections and camps this year alongside the usual District & County Events we once again held a wonderful Christmas Carol Concert in St Peter & St Pauls Church with just shy of 200 group members and their family attending. Fundraising events have included two very successful Comedy nights, Street Collections as well as securing the Top Tesco Community Award voted by the local community.

Our Trustee board steered by Sarah have continued to support us in all we ask for and they are incredibly committed to helping us give our young people the best scouting experience we can. We have some 'big ticket items' on the wish list coming up and their consideration and acceptance for what we request is always gratefully received; We look forward to another prosperous year.

At this point I would like to highlight a few individuals whose contribution has been key to the success of the group this year. Firstly Peter Bunce for all his help in the upkeep of the hall, Chelsea for her dedication in growing our hall hirers. And Jon Harris for his continue support to the GSL Team and taking on the 100 club. Thank you one and all. The individual section reports this year are available on the website, and will tell you what the sections have been up to throughout the past 12 months.

Thank you to the District team for their support under Ian's guidance and finally a huge thank you to all our own leaders, explorers helpers, friends and supporters. Your generosity and commitment make 1st Rustington is what it is. Let's make this coming year equally successful and enjoyable offering the best Scouting we can with lots of fun along the way.

Thank you,
Dan, Martin, James, Matt