

9th Sevenoaks (Seal) Scout Group

The Seal Scout Group have a Beaver Colony for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years, a Cub Pack for 8 to 10½ year olds and a Scout Troup for 10½ to 14 year olds. The Beaver Colony meets on Mondays during term time and the Cubs and Scouts on Thursdays.

The Group currently has 50 young people (17 Beavers, 18 Cubs and 15 Scouts). There are four Assistant Leaders (Beavers) and one Section Leader who manages all three sections with the support of the District Commissioner, Jo Brookbank. We also have volunteer help from two young people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award and occasional parent support. We are desperately looking for additional leaders.

The state of repair of the Seal Scout Headquarters in Jubilee Rise is such that meetings cannot be held there. Meetings have been held at the 4th Sevenoaks (St John's) Headquarters in Mill Lane, which has extensive grounds for activities.

We have undertaken a range of activities to enable the young people to work towards gaining badges, including hikes and camps, building dens, making pancakes over a candle, craft work and much more. We have also had talks on gardening, a visit from a Kenyan Scout Leader who gave a talk about Kenya and helped us to make bead bracelets, a visit to Stonepits for strawberry picking, grass sledging in Greatness Recreation Ground and a visit from Birds of prey at the groups AGM in July.

St Georges Day Parade comprised a parade along Sevenoaks High Street and a ceremony followed by and activities in Lady Boswells School Field.

The Group took part in the Village Christmas Fair in November, running a stall and assisting Father Christmas. We were represented at the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christingle Services in the Church. In December we held an outdoor activity day, including Santa's grotto which was enjoyed by all , and went carol singing at Lavender Fields Care Home.

Our thanks go to all those who have supported us in the village as well as the parents who have given their time and help.

Helen Davies – Beaver Scout Leader

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