



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



The Autumn Term programmes are well under way, and what packed and varied ones they are:

Depending on which Colony they attend the Beavers have either had sessions of science and space, or on senses and disability awareness. Both Colonies have also been looking at health and fitness.



Some Cubs have had an evening of orienteering on Southampton Common, others have “Walked the Walls”, learning about some of the city’s history. Both Packs have put their imaginations and creative abilities to work with evenings of junk modelling, with the most inventive team from each Pack going forward to the District “Scrapheap Challenge”.

Scouts have mixed traditional skills such as knotting with games, including an evening at Flipout.

Following a wet Cub camp our luck with the weather continued to desert us, when a couple of teams of Scouts endured a wet weekend in September – one of them at the County camping competition and the other on an Expedition Challenge, hiking and camping in the Forest. OK, so we didn’t win the trophy, and the hike didn’t go exactly to plan, but any sort of completion of the tasks needed a good deal of perseverance and resilience and I salute them for that. It was good to see the hikers still smiling as they were rewarded with hot soup at the end.

The Explorers, meanwhile, have also been cooking: they seemed to find sausages easier than brandy-snaps! They also had a session of tomahawk-throwing. Yes, it’s a recognised Scouting activity, using special throwing axes.



Leaders, together with a few parents and young people, worked hard during a maintenance day at the HQ. Besides the routine hedge-clipping and tidying, teams put a new floor in one of the outside storage containers and replaced the fence that separates the car-park and the path. Many thanks to all who help keep our HQ fit for purpose.

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