



## 21<sup>st</sup> Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



The summer term ended with the sections having a number of barbecues, water-fights and games. Phoenix and Taurus Cubs joined forces for their annual pilgrimage to Lepe Country Park, enjoying the scenery and the simple pleasures of exploring the sea-shore, skimming stones and playing in the park. The Scouts held a bug-hunt in the grounds of St John's church, noting the range of species represented there. River Beavers had a couple of sessions with sports-related themes and Wood Beavers completed their term with a picnic in Itchen Country Park.

The other sections had their summer camps earlier in the year, so July was the month of Cub camps. Taurus started with a sleepover at our HQ, but a couple of weeks later they joined Phoenix and some other Packs from around the District for a few days camping in the glebe field at Lockerley. A lot of fun was had by all, with activities including building of dens, archery, hiking and map-reading, pioneering, fire-lighting and cooking twists; all this interspersed with games and other merriment. The weather was good so a water-fight again ensued, with many leaders showing that they were good sports as the children ensured they were the wettest of all.



Our Group HQ is a great asset but does need constant upkeep, so we were delighted and thankful to welcome a team from HSBC who, in authorised work time, spent a day on various maintenance activities. Being the start of the school holidays, some brought their children along too! Everyone worked extremely hard and cheerfully at strimming, hedge-clipping and painting, and also erecting some tall posts that will hold the safety backdrop when our Rifle Club shoot outside. Thank you HSBC for supporting community charities in this way.

As I write this an on-screen notification has popped up confirming that I have donated £2 to the Scout Group, simply by doing some on-line shopping via EasyFundraising. If you'd like to do the same just follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1N98LK/>, where you'll find more information. Basically many retailers will donate a proportion of what you spend with them to your chosen charity (us!). The individual amounts are small but they add up, furthermore it's no hassle and at no extra cost to you.

More traditional fund-raising efforts continue: on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September from 1.30 to 3.30pm we will be holding a table-top sale at our HQ in Joe Bigwood Close. Refreshments and a tombola will also be available, so come along for some bargains. This replaces our normal jumble sale.

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