

Chair's Report

Thank you to all the **leaders and supporters** who help to make 1st Wormley a fab group for young people and the wider community.

The 2019 **group camp** was again great fun – thanks to all involved, especially Rookie for being an excellent camp cook (ably assisted by Pete and Vicky, thanks to them also and all those who helped make the weekend a success for everyone). **Parents** - come and join us next year – [details coming soon](#) – all welcome.

This year we changed the format of the Christmas celebration and over 70 young people enjoyed entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas and some snacks. Feedback welcome on this change!

On Good Friday this year we painted the top hall and new curtains for that hall are planned. Thanks to those who came on Good Friday – lovely to see many 'old faces' – new ones always welcome. We are hosting another event with BBQ and sleepover on 28-29 Sept – please come and help keep Wormley looking smart.

Once again the 2018 **fireworks** event was sold out – get your tickets early for the event this year!

This year the scouting sections were involved in the **Hoddesdon Poppy Project** to commemorate the 100 years since the end of World War One – we made 100s of poppies which were used to create a display in Hoddesdon as well as our wreath for the service on 11 November. Well done Fay for getting the group involved.

Hall bookings by other people and groups remain a good source of income for the group – aside from the Scouting and Guiding meetings, we have babies, dancers, keep-fitters, gardeners and artists here most weeks: everyone from toddlers to 80+!

Thank you to all on the **exec committee** for their support, help and for volunteering. I know we all fit it in around busy lifestyles, families and jobs but it is all appreciated by the young people and their parents. Special thanks to Mark, Joy, Les, all the parent reps on the committee, Rookie (minutes secretary) and Hayley (treasurer). Ad hoc help and input is always welcome – it's quite a big job looking after the site and grounds so if you'd like to get involved in supporting the group, please ask your leader or email me.

Best wishes, Ann Troll Group Executive Chair chair@1stwormley.org.uk

THE GROUP COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 23rd June 2019 at 2 p.m. AGENDA



1. Apologies for absence
2. Review and approval of minutes of the last AGM held on 24th July 2018.
3. Matters Arising
4. Election of officers and Group Scout Leader
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts
6. Nomination of parents from each Scout section, to serve on the Group Executive Committee
7. To co-opt leaders and parents from each section of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, to serve on the Group Executive Committee (this is a technical administrative requirement to enable us to run as a combined Scout and Guide group).
8. To receive and approve the Annual Group Accounts and report from the Treasurer
9. To receive the annual reports from each section
10. Any other business

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FIRST WORMLEY SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

Beavers and Cubs reports



1st Wormley Beavers



Beavers have had another busy year in 2019. We're looking to increase Beaver numbers from 15 to 24, to ensure there is a steady stream of children making their way to the older sections. Fay is now the Beaver Leader (we are no-longer a section full of Assistant Beaver Leaders!) and we have Mandi joining Graham and Wes as a uniformed leader. Mandi is taking on the waiting list to help us achieve the increase in attendees. We've had to say goodbye to our regular non-warranted helper, Denise, as her workload has changed. Her son Adam continues to be a valuable young leader, as does Kathryn, who, having completed her D of E Award is carrying on with us.

We have continued to try to get as much badge work into our weekly programme so we can tick the boxes for the various badges. Our aim remains the same – to ensure the evening is a mixture of the old and new Beaver mottoes “Fun and Friends” and “Be Prepared”, with some element of badge work (either Challenge or Themed badges) and, of course, a few noisy games. I think we succeed most evenings. Our evenings have included many of our old favourites (“if it ain't broke, don't fix it”) and some new variations. We continue to decorate and eat biscuits, to go on nature walks, to toast marshmallows round the fire, make trails, carry out simple science experiments, make junk models or draw imaginative ideas for the future. Some Beavers attended and very much enjoyed camp at Belchamps Scout Camp. We're looking to do an overnight camp at Wormley in August and also more off-site events. Since last year we held a successful East Herts summer party with well over 100 Beavers in attendance, been part of a Halloween walk and a trip to the London Science Museum. We will continue to be a part of other county and district wide activities as and when they are planned.

The Beaver Leaders

1st Wormley Cub Scouts



Over the last year the Cubs have been involved in many exciting activities, with a particular focus on the Our World challenge badge.

A highlight of the autumn term was participating for the second time in the Rotary Christmas shoebox appeal, with donations being sent to children and families in need across Europe. In the Spring term we worked towards our artist badge, creating junk models from recycling and clay pigs to celebrate Chinese New Year. Another key project was creating bug hotels out of recycled materials for our environmental conservation badges, as well as learning how to separate recycling and reduce waste, water and energy at home.

This summer we have been working towards our gardeners badge by growing herb seeds. We are looking forward to making the most of the good weather with shooting and archery, wide games, slip n' slide and a kayaking activity at Herts Young Mariners Base coming up before the summer holidays. In addition, ten Cubs took part in the annual Group Camp, with a fantastic time had by all!

Earlier this term we welcomed five Beavers moving up to our pack by holding a Scouting traditions evening, where we found out about the connection between Cubs and the Jungle Book and learnt about the meaning behind some of our Cubs customs. We tried on old uniform and examined old photos and artefacts from the 1st Wormley archives. We also took part in a quiz identifying the original Cub badges from 100 years ago!

This term we were pleased to welcome a new young leader, Malachi, who will be helping out as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. As our pack size rapidly approaches maximum capacity, we will be looking for an additional adult leader to assist on a regular basis from September 2019. We'd love to hear from anyone who may be interested in helping out! Big thanks to Lisa, Nathan and Adam for all they do.

Christopher (Akela) and Virginia (Hathi)

1st Wormley Rainbows



We have had a very busy term, we have been trying to slot the new program into our hour long Tuesday meeting. The Rainbows can now work on badges at home.

We have looked at people that help us and made them thank you bookmarks. Someone visited us from the 999 call centre to explain how to make an emergency call.

We have made pizzas, a homemade marble run, had fun with giant bubbles and experimented with ice and paint.

We are working on the Amey construction badge. So far, the girls have designed an egg pod, to protect an egg falling from a first floor window, no eggs were harmed!, and they have looked at, and designed a safety sign.

We are visiting Tolmers in June, and the Rainbows want to visit the fire station and do some cooking.

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We will be having a party on Sunday 8th September at 1st Wormley HQ. 2-5pm. Anyone previously involved in 1st Wormley Rainbows is more than welcome to come along.

Regards Sunflower and Poppy



1st Wormley Brownies --- 1st Wormley Guides --- Broxbourne District Ranger Guide Unit

All units have had an active year. They all attended the District Remembrance Day Service in November. The Brownies and Guides won the District Craft Competition (again!) so well done! They enjoyed the Christmas party, organised by the Wormley Group. All sections had a good day at Tolmers, enjoying the activities arranged there. Various activities in each section include cooking, various crafts, outdoor activities, campfires and games. They went to the camp organised by Wormley group and had a great time. The Rangers continue to fundraise for the Sturge Weber charity.

There is a new programme for all sections, starting in September. My thanks to the leaders in all sections, without them, the girls wouldn't have the fun that they do have.

Joy Grahame. Leader of all things Guiding

1st Wormley Scouts

This year has been a year to concentrate on building the troop up and making it stronger.

Over the year we have seen our numbers double from about 7 this time last year to 16 Scouts at the time of writing with hopefully more in the pipeline.

Our activities this year have been on the quiet side, we held a hike in the dark in December which was well attended. In February there were two events – the district hill walking in the Peak District, Derbyshire – well supported across the district with, once again, 1st Wormley providing the 2nd largest contingent (8), for most it was the first time walking in such terrain. But they all said they want to go again and next years has been booked already (31 Jan-2 Feb 2020).

Also in February we held an overnight challenge camp with the aim for the Scouts to gain their Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Badges; again this was well attended.

In May we held a pre Group camp with the aim to get things ready for family camp. I hope all those who attended this years Group Family Camp enjoyed themselves, it was the largest camp since 2010: Next Years event is starting to come off the drawing board and I hope to have details out next term.

I could not do this without the help of my assistants, Nathan Clark, Lucy Dixon and Chris Sims so thanks guys for all your help

Lez Brown

Scout Leader

PS: next year's group family camp is being planned now – look out for more details coming soon

SCOUTS



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Massive congrats to Fay who has been awarded a Commissioner's Commendation Award from the County Commissioner of Hertfordshire Scouts in recognition of her amazing work with 1st Wormley and the Hoddesdon Poppy Project. She's a star!

2019 dates for your diary

**28-29 September – Working Party
BBQ/ sleepover at HQ**

All welcome – please come and help keep Wormley looking good

2 November - Group Fireworks Event

All welcome – tickets on sale in October.

8 December - Christmas Celebration

All welcome.

Hall Hire

Email bookings@1stwormley.org.uk for hall hire – great rates for parents of group members

