

14th Kings Lynn Scout Group

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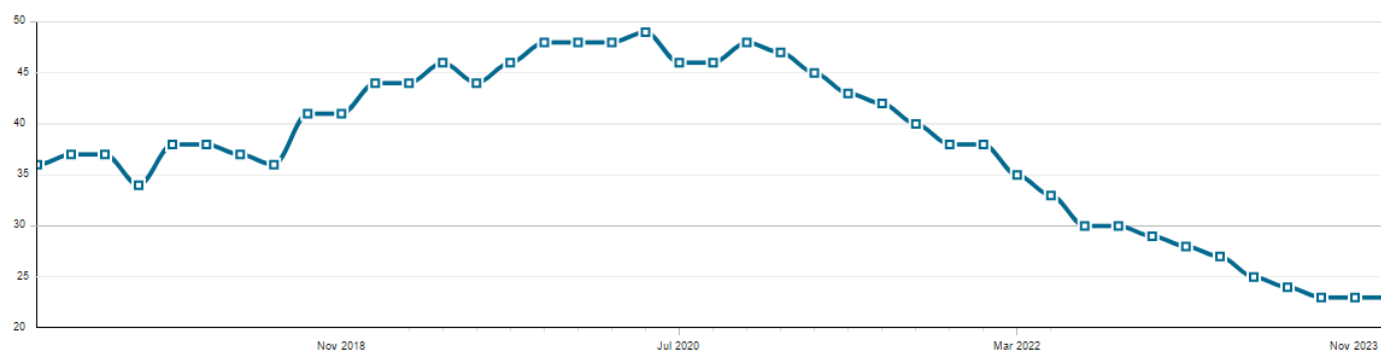
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Numbers

Currently our total number of Cubs sits at 36 with 4 adult leaders.

Based solely on Beavers moving up to cubs, and not taking on anybody from outside the section, we would have a viable cub pack until at least 2022 (this doesn't account for new young people joining Beavers). Over the past few months we have had to start a waiting list with the aim of spreading out our intake from outside the section, historically this has peaked around Easter and the beginning of the new school year.



Events

| Event Name | Start date ▲ |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Cinema Trip: The New Jungle Book | 23/04/2016 |
| Colchester Zoo | 14/05/2016 |
| Cubjam 2016 | 28/05/2016 |
| District Cub Camp 2016 | 10/06/2016 |
| Project Airfix | 22/10/2016 |
| Special Event | 14/12/2016 |
| Renewal of Promise | 16/12/2016 |
| Christmas Party | 18/12/2016 |
| The Lego Batman Movie | 18/02/2017 |

The year started with District trips to the cinema and Colchester Zoo (an enjoyable day out for all who attended).

A first for our group, but one thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended was a trip to CubJam, a 6 night camp at Gilwell Park. We joined forces with the 9th King's Lynn Cubs as well as the 35th Bolton East Cubs, taking 26 children, 10 adults and a toddler between us. The camp was a great experience for everyone who attended, with opportunities to try new activities, such

as grass sledging and the cave bus, as well as meeting Steve Backshall and Bear Grylls. This week long camp was followed the next weekend with the District Cub Camp at West Newton. Again, camping with the 9th King's Lynn, a great weekend was had by all with water activities and climbing on offer amongst other things. By the end of this weekend some of the cubs had achieved 20 nights away on Scouting activities.

We have also visited the ambulance station and taken part in parades for both St George's Day and Remembrance Day.

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Program Snapshot

These are some of the things we have been up to:

team game grand howl beavers compass bearings outdoor
ceremony colouring cubs sport
sports enthusiast map reading
dragon cards preparation map work
physical recreation quiet game lanterns hike fun
dodgeball walk blindfold fitness
community



dodgeball grid references game map skills
mapreading navigation fun
promise team game activities with others
try new things
games
closure relay map
indoor cards game flag down
astronomer flag maps pack forum
forum astronomy agility badge review
indoor cubs explorers ball games
quick games



investiture membership closure
listening to others team challenge ceremony
team building team building, teamwork
rope game down woodland animals
forums flag #team happy families
cubs wide game patrol challenge you shape
dragons den ice breaker team game
ceremonies orineteering
running



Badges

Almost 650 badges have been handed out including:

Challenge Badges

- 6 Chief Scouts Silver
- 18 Adventure
- 5 Outdoors
- 17 Personal
- 3 Skills
- 18 Team Leader
- 22 Team Work
- 7 World

Activity and Staged Badges include

- Animal Carer
- Artist
- Athletics
- Collector
- DIY
- Entertainer
- Book Reader
- Home Help
- International
- Local Knowledge
- Pioneer
- Photographer
- Skater
- Sports Enthusiast
- Emergency Aid (Levels 1-3)
- Hikes (Levels 1-5)
- Nautical Skills (2-3)
- Navigator
- Nights away (1-20!!!)
- Paddle Sports
- Swimmer
- Time on the water (Levels 1-5)

17 Secondar/9 Sixer and 3 Senior Sixer stripes

Plus 42 woggles!

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Parental Involvement

We have again gone from strength to strength with our online system, with the top 5 parents checking their Cub's progress more than 1000 times between them! More and more parents have signed up to use the online payment system as well as using OSM to register for events and camps.

| Number of logins | Last login |
|------------------|------------------|
| 289 | 11/05/2017 20:55 |
| 266 | 15/05/2017 16:43 |
| 203 | 11/05/2017 19:23 |
| 172 | 10/05/2017 18:38 |
| 125 | 12/05/2017 20:44 |

Cubs 100

2016 was the anniversary year of Cubs. As a result, many of the events we attended (and indeed camps) were themed around this; Cubs100. The District camp had a Cubs100 theme and there were District events virtually every month to mark the occasion. The finale to the year was a Promise Renewal and Party at Castle Rising Castle on 16th December at 19:16; this was well supported by both cubs and parents. This was an amazing setting for a very special promise renewal. The preceding 48 hours were also slightly manic and not to be forgotten; a district event using our Scout Hut to meet the Duchess of Cambridge, which some of our Cubs were invited to, on 14th December, followed by a quick trip to London for Akela and Bagheera and our 2 Senior Sixers to take part in some live TV on 16th December (the actual birthday of Cubs). Akela and Bagheera slept well for the next 48 hours! The year was a great one, with Cubs achieving lots of badges and learning many skills, whilst also making friends with cubs from other packs and districts. It is a year Cubs won't forget in a hurry.

The Future

We have a District Camp coming up in June of this year and will no doubt have a PGL trip during March or April next year. We have also been exploring other outdoor activity centres that we may try in the future. We are also investigating different visitors who can come to pack nights to help work towards badges to introduce even more variety to our programme.

Thank you to my leaders and all parent helpers, without you the Cubs wouldn't be able to have the amazing opportunities they do.

Some people may or may not be aware that during this year Bagheera became the cub leader instead of Akela. We hope that this transition was seamless for everyone! Akela is now the Group Scout Leader for 14th King's Lynn.

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