

Havant District Cub Report. 2020/2021

This year has been a continuation of the strange COVID-19 year that we have experienced last year. However, things are looking up.

We had a District meeting in March this year on zoom. This gave me an opportunity to catch up with the Cub Packs around the District to see how they were fairing through covid and virtual scouting.

I cannot believe what Cub Packs get up to on zoom. They have been escaping from escape rooms, virtual camping, robot evenings, cooking, crafting, science experiments to name but a few.

Cubs have managed to complete all sorts of badges and one Cub 1 in the district has managed to complete 14 badges during lockdown. Well done.

Cubs have been invested on zoom and presented with their Chief Scout Silver Awards on zoom (with the help of parents). It has been a completely new challenge for me, it was very strange not to be able to shake hands and see them face to face.

Going forward we are now scouting face to face. Most packs meet outside every week come rain or shine, some do 50/50 meeting outside/zooming and others meet at their HQ/hall. I encourage the Leaders to do whatever they feel comfortable to do as we are volunteers and need to consider our safety.

We have yet to be told how the next few months will play out especially with meeting up in larger groups. I am hoping to have another District meeting in October with a view to start planning a District event next year.

The aftermath of COVID-19 has definitely affected the Cub numbers across the district. Lots of children are experiencing anxiety issues and this in turn affects numbers. Hopefully this is only temporary, and things will get back to normal in the autumn. Leaders have been concentrating on getting Cubs back and settled into scouting and some normality. I am confident numbers will increase for the coming months and the run up to Christmas.

So going forward let's hope the life gets back to normal and we can again go camping, have fun days and look forward to getting stuck into scouting activities.

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