

# EXPLORERS



## Banderlogs Unit Report 2019-2020



The following is a summary of Banderlogs activities in the last year:

- Badges awarded in the last 12 months;

1 Platinum Awards

2 Emergency Aid

6 Nautical Skills

12 Nights Away (levels 15-50)

3 Young Leader Modules

12 Hikes (levels 2–20)

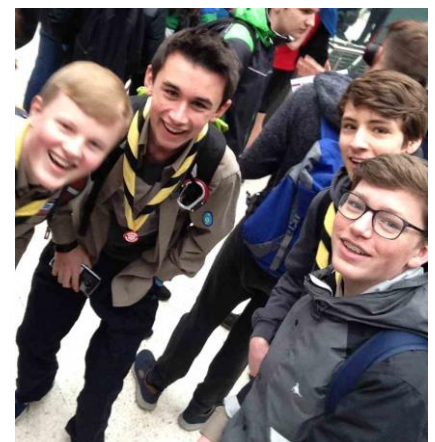
13 Navigator

13 Time on the Water (levels 1-5)

Several badges are still to be awarded due to lockdown including Platinum awards, DofE Bronze and activity badges earned under the 'Badges At Home' scheme.

We have several lads helping with other troops, packs and lodges in 3<sup>rd</sup> Alton, working towards their Young Leader Modules. Some of the Explorers are also using the lockdown to earn their modules for DofE Silver, including learning Japanese and building up to run 10K races.

- Our weekly meetings have seen the Explorers raft building, kayaking on the canal, going for walks and navigation exercises in the local area, building a wood store, shelter building, shooting, playing wide games and consuming large quantities of sausages.
- 8 Explorers attended Austria Summer Camp 2019, undertaking a host of water activities such as white-water rafting, wind-surfing, sailing and canyoning.
- After a successful 2019 entry, Banderlogs MapMakers team had another crack at the Monopoly Run, but found the competition much tougher this year, covid-19 notwithstanding. Good fun was had by all.



- We have continued to run during lockdown, with games, quizzes, craft activities, camping at home, morse code messaging amongst the Zoom meetings. The Explorers who have regularly attended have enjoyed the chance to see their friends socially and in a Scouting context.

# EXPLORERS



- Banderlogs membership for the last year has mostly been 13 members, but this has recently risen to 20. Not all of the new members from Scouts have attended our Zoom meetings, but it is hoped they will return after lockdown, if not before. My feeling is it will be easier for them to bed in, when we are back at the Den.
- The other main change to Banderlogs in the last year was that Jo stepped down as leader at Christmas. The unit gave her a send off with a curry night, thanking her for her time in Scouting. Myself and Chris have taken over as leaders of the unit. We get great help from Steven Boardman regarding Duke of Edinburgh planning and activities, who often also attends meetings. My thanks also go to Matt and the other leaders who have organised camps and activities that Banderlogs members have attended, and to the committee members and parents who have helped to support Banderlogs in the past year.

Best Regards,

Graeme Robinson

Banderlogs

