



## Third Alton Kestrel Colony Report 2019/2020

It was an adventurous and challenging year. Writing this report in the Covid-19 lockdown, does make you think of all the opportunities, adventures and fun we had, and the effect Scouting has on the community.

The Beavers have worked on a lot of badges including activity, staged and challenge badges. They loved the Chawton Dusk Hike in the rain. For some Beavers, it was their first night walk. We enjoyed visiting All Saint's Church, Pets at Home and the Fire Station. It was a big treat to hear a fire engine's alarm and seeing the lights right in front of them. We were also very fortunate to have been visited by a paramedic and a police officer. The Beavers have worked hard and completed their Safety badge and Emergency Aid Level 1 badge. Other badge work that they have done are the International badge, Digital Maker Level 1, Animal badge and Global Issues badge.

The Beavers took pride in doing their Personal Challenge badge. They completed their individual challenges and the challenge set by the Leaders. The Beavers also worked on their World Challenge badge and the Chips Challenge badge. Here are some pictures of beaver dams made from edible materials and beavers made from recyclable materials.



The adventures continued when we went to Top Rocks for some climbing. Each and every Beaver was pushed to their limits and exceeded their own expectations.

Our Between the Bookshelves sleepover at Alton Library, was a great event to remember. We shared this sleepover with Woodside Colony and the Beaver Colony from Bordon. It was a fun evening with Paddington bear, Roald Dahl, games, activities, stories and hot chocolate. The next morning was the Remembrance Parade and it was a privilege for all the Beavers to get ready and walk to the parade together for this special event. It was definitely a bumper packed event!



The lockdown has brought some changes on how we operate now. We have badges at home where some great baking, making and gardening has taken place. The Hampshire Camping Challenge is a fun way of camping and learning new skills at home. And we have regular meetings on zoom with Woodside Colony. This is a challenging time in many different ways, but we hope that many Beavers will feel that Scouting is there all the way.

I would like to thank Matt, Finley, Hedgehog, Peregrine, all the Beavers and their parents for their commitment, support and enthusiasm towards Kestrel Colony. And may we have many more adventures and fun together!

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