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1st EARSHAM SCOUTS REPORT

MAY 2024

We currently have 16 Members and 5 leaders, we are looking for volunteers for our Chairperson and Secretary roles within our executive trustees committee. Anyone with a background in business, construction, education and charities would be really welcome.

The groups run Fridays 7pm – 9pm for Scouts and Saturdays 10.30am – 12 noon for Beavers and Cubs. Most sessions are held at our premises on Church Lane in Earsham.

Due to a rapid increase in costs such as district membership fees and insurance, we have recently had to raise our members fee per term. Since 2021 we have been able to subsidize the termly members fees through government Covid 19 grants. The new fee is now in line with the pre-covid rate and inflation.

We are always keen to include our group in extra activities that the wider scouting community put on, this includes camps away, Remembrance Day and St Georges day activities. We have also helped locally at the Earsham Car Rally, and car parking duties at the street fairs in Bungay.

Recent Group purchases include a new lawn mower, 3 air rifles securely kept off site, a Canadian canoe and new water safety equipment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Earsham Estate for their kind donations and continued support.

We also donated an amount towards the culvert on Church Lane, this has been a huge benefit for residents and our group.

We have been very pleased that our premises has been used on several occasions by a local children's group called Earthwake. They provide outdoor, environmental learning opportunities to young people in our area. We hope to be able to accommodate them again in the future.

We continue to have a strong Scout group in Earsham with plans for the future and would like to thank the local community for their support.