



## 21<sup>st</sup> Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



The autumn season was kicked off by several of our adult volunteers helping to man the Romsey District Scout stand at Romsey Show. The assault course, made using traditional pioneering methods, is always enjoyed by young people who are tired of walking around the other exhibits. The event is also a good opportunity to connect with the public and encourage young and old into Scouting.

The sections of 21<sup>st</sup> are now well into their term's programmes, with the usual mix of fun, life skills and community action:

Our Beaver sections (children aged approximately 6 to 8) have both enjoyed soft archery; one section has also explored the mystery of magnetism through crafts and games, and the other section took their bikes to the Common to practise riding them safely. They have also had a visit from a representative of the RNLI and donated to that important organisation.

Coincidentally, Taurus Cubs (age approximately 8 to 10½) started their term on the briny, as Woolston Sea Scout Group hosted an evening in their launches and RIBs. Other meetings have included a nature walk around Testwood Lakes, where they learnt to identify various types of trees, and undertaking the Duke of Cornwall community safety award, which is about how to respond in a variety of emergency situations.



Meanwhile our other Pack, Phoenix, have had a couple of evenings at Tesco, part of their Farm to Fork educational project. Here the young people learned more about where their food comes from and how to eat healthily. They also had a nature walk, combined with litter-picking around the Bakers Drove lake.

Scouting appeals to all sorts of people, as the Scout section discovered as they tried to identify who had been a member of Scouting and who hadn't from a list of famous people, such as David Attenborough, David Beckham, Richard Branson, the Duchess of Cambridge, Billy Connolly, Helen Glover, Bear Grylls, Lucie Jones and Natasha Kaplinsky. You've guessed it, they all these were, or are, in the Scout Movement. To those we can now add Tim Peake, who was recently appointed a Scouting Ambassador (you can see who the others are at <http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/ambassadors>).

If you'd like to join the team as an adult volunteer please contact us through our website [www.21stromsey.co.uk](http://www.21stromsey.co.uk). I'm afraid that most of our sections for young people are fairly full, but you can put your name on the joining list the same way.

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