



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



Most of the sections started the term with low-key games evenings as they welcomed new members and outlined the plans for the rest of the term. However things soon got into full swing, both metaphorically and literally, as our two Beaver Colonies joined for a session on the Treetop Adventure course at Go-Ape. Somehow they managed to pick a day when it wasn't raining and both leaders and children had a great time. This sort of experience will stand the young people in good stead in future years, when they will tackle climbing-walls and learn to abseil.



Less fortunate with the weather were teams of Explorers and Scouts, on D of E and Expedition Challenge hikes, respectively. Both of these entailed long walks, then camping and cooking for themselves – difficult enough at the best of times, but made even more challenging by the rain. Hats off to them.



Last term our Taurus Cub Pack had an evening of canoeing at Woodmill; in September it was the turn of the Phoenix Pack. Back at the HQ sections have had sessions on a variety of subjects, from Scouting history, to faith, to knots & pioneering, to map & compass work. October is the month of the District Cub Scrapheap Challenge (junk-modelling), so both Packs ran eliminator competitions to see which teams would represent our Group. I'll be able to report on how they got on next time, but on the evidence seen so far they should do well.

In September the Scout Group hosted a table-top sale – the first, but probably not the last, of these we have run. Through “rental” of tables, our own stall and sale of refreshments about £170 was raised for the Group. This has been put towards our long-term plan of making the HQ more energy efficient. A start on this has been made by replacing the old storage heaters with modern, programmable ones. Subject to availability our hall is available for hire and is ideal for children's birthday parties – there is plenty of space to run around and the floor is resistant to spillages! If you'd like to know more please look at the hall-hire pages on our website, [www.21stromsey.co.uk](http://www.21stromsey.co.uk) .

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