



# 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau Scout Group (Registered Charity No. 1068401)

## 2014-2015 Group Annual Report

The last 12 months for 1<sup>st</sup> Creigiau have again been highly successful. All young people within the Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections have engaged in varied programmes full of excitement and adventure. We have been delighted to see our numbers of young people remaining as strong as ever. However, like last year, such numbers creates the on-going problem of leadership; and this coming year the Group will have to continue to seek out extra adult leaders to help deliver our Scouting programme if it is to continue to grow and thrive.

Regarding the management of the Group, we have been pleased to oversee the following highlights:

- New Fencing enclosing the entire facility – this has significantly increased the security of the hall which is both a benefit to the Scout Group and also the other groups that rent the hall whether it is the Meithrin or party rentals.
- Installation of the additional parking area – although this area has been laid as a temporary solution it has increased parking and eased traffic around the facility helping the safety of all users of the hall.
- Improvements to meet increasing safety requirements
- Scout Post again was a fantastic group-wide triumph with parents and leaders ensuring our sort and delivery was completed effortlessly
- Overall from a financial perspective the Scout Group is in a very good position even with the increased expenditure in 2014 and helps us continue to provide the best possible Scouting experience for the largest number possible; ensuring a secure environment and varied programme for every child.
- Going into next year, we see ourselves continuing to address a number of mandatory improvements and certifications that are required to progress due to the ever increasing demands of running a headquarters like ours. The Group Executive is committed to take on the challenges and ensure we have the best facility we can for use by both the Scout Group itself, and also the wider community.

Can we take the opportunity to thank all the parents and leaders who have contributed significantly towards helping create and maintain this Scout Group over the past year.

William Maddocks (Group Scout Leader) & Nick Phillips (Treasurer)



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- Since our last AGM, We have been on district camp,
- Completed our Astronomers and Science badges ,Creative and Global challenge badges,
- Gained a variety of badges on district badge day, taken part in a district Minecraft Badge day.
- Started work on our Artists and Entertainers badges
- Attended Gang Show
- We have Taken part in Scout Post
- We had a Christmas craft evening with Rachel (Heath's mum)
- Been on a bowling trip
- I have been on a district leaders planning day.
- Maintained a healthy parents rota

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Last April the older Scouts spent a weekend hiking a section of the Millennium Heritage Trail in the Vale of Glamorgan to earn their Expedition Challenge Award. They had to carry all their food and equipment on their backs – not for the faint-hearted!

In the Summer months the Scouts learnt how to build different types of fire, and how to gut and cook a fish in the embers.

The Troop tested out their new pop-up tents at the All Wales Scout Camp, and two teams from Creigiau courageously took on the last ever Malvern Challenge.

The 2014 Summer camp was held at sunny Blackwell Court campsite near Birmingham where memorable activities included swimming, pedal go-karts racing and the terrifying 3G Swing.

Since September the Scouts have played wide games based on popular board games Cluedo and Monopoly, and investigated Earthquakes for their Global Challenge Award.

In March Scouts learnt about Search and Rescue methods and how to say S.O.S in Morse Code – skills that hopefully will not be needed in our upcoming hiking trip to the Brecon Beacons!

Simon Evans (Scout Leader)