



Westwood scout troop are the newest Troop to Westhill Scout Group formed in April 2017 to cope with our expanding Group. Named after a local street around the scout hall (Keir and Beechwood being other Troops) .



We have started with 12 scouts and rapidly expanded over the year to now 18. We have had a very busy year with offsite activities such as sailing on a loch in Banchory, skiing at Garthdee ski centre which we plan to do again, and Bowling at the local lawn bowls and climbing wall at the RGU campus.



Not long after starting we had an expedition survival camp in June with a 6 km hike from Garthdee to Templars Park camp site where they had to build their own Bivi shelters from branches and spare polythene to sleep overnight in. They also had to cook all their meals for themselves ( meat provided not rabbit or roadkill !! ). Also they were taught knife, saw and axe skills .

Away from outside activities at the scout hall we have completed badges in knots, problem solving, tent erecting and even a visit from the local police to inform us about the dangers of drink and drugs.

All in all a very busy year for a new Scout Troop with many other activities to numerous to mention all !

We look forward to another busy year.

**Garry, Tim, and Michael**

