



Keir Scout Troop in action (before the days of social distancing) enjoying the pioneering structures they had just built.

Well, we nearly had a full year of traditional scouting before the virus reduced our activities to on line only. It was another active and varied year for the 18 or so strong Keir Troop. We have seen a keen group of Parent Helpers much appreciated by both the Scouts and leaders Richard Shaw, Birgit Teismann and Rae Taylor. We have also been ably assisted by young leaders Jack, Caelan and more recently Jared (Ex Keir troop Scouts and volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme).

Highlights of the year have included:.

- Award of the Chief Scout Gold badge to Charlie.
- Sailing with the “Splash” organisation on Loch of Skene,
- Learning an essential life skill of how to extinguish a frying pan fire.
- A visit to the climbing wall at RGU
- Star games,
- Kicking off the new year with a Mad science themed Brainiac session,
- Building bird boxes
- A Burns supper celebration, with music provided by Keir Troop members
- Backwoods and other cooking events with pancakes, cakes etc.
- Creating pioneering structures, camp gadgets, ballistas, catapults etc.
- Hiking on local Hills
- Visit to Balmedie beach for sand sledging and BBQ
- Learning about birds of prey from the Huntley Falconry Centre

The Keir Troop activities have set up the Scouts with some useful life skills and hopefully had fun along the way. We have had several move on to the Explorer Scout Unit based in Westhill which creates further opportunities.



Sand sledging at Balmedie Beach
Richard, Birgit, Jan, Ian and Rae

Learning about Tawny Owls A Skill for Life -extinguishing a chip pan fire