

I have mixed feelings whilst writing this report as it will be the last report for Bagheera cubs for the foreseeable future. With ever falling numbers and no demand for places from our Beaver colonies or from our waiting list we took the tough decision to “hibernate” Bagheera Cubs in December 2022 and transfer the remaining cubs to Kaa and Shere Khan.

Whilst I am sad at the closure of Bagheera, I am very proud of what we all achieved and so pleased we were able to transfer our remaining cubs AND were able to retain our leadership team and redeploy them into other sections of their choosing.

It was a tough decision but the correct decision, membership on a Friday night had dropped to 9 cubs in 2022 and with 5 cubs due to move onto Scouts in the last term of 2022 we would have had only 4 cubs for most of 2023.

After surveying all parents of our Beavers in Amazon and Redwood and all on our waiting lists it became clear that continuation of cubs on a Friday was not currently viable due to popularity of other activities that run on a Friday (Primarily Football and Judo)

In our final 9 months we awarded 147 badges including 5 Chief Scouts Silver Awards....no mean feat for such a small pack!



Thanks go to all the leaders for their support during the last 9 months especially on the weeks when we had more leaders than cubs! Jacqueline has moved on to be an Assistant Scout Leader with Beechwood on a Monday night and Chong has moved to be an Assistant Cub Leader with Shere Khan on a Wednesday. Sarah Jane has moved to be a Young Leader with Westwood Scouts on a Tuesday, whilst I (Pete) have taken on the role of Depute GSL and help with Shere Khan Cubs and Keir Scouts on a Wednesday.

Baloo (Pete), Raksha (Jacqueline), Chil (Chong) and Hathi (Sarah Jane)