

We started April 2022 with 16 cubs however, similarly to Bagheera, our numbers were on the decline with limited demand for spaces from our Beaver Colonies. By the October holidays we were averaging 8 cubs a night with no foreseeable demand for spaces within 1<sup>st</sup> Westhill so we took 14 new cubs off the waiting list. 60% of our cubs now had no background in Scouting whilst the other 40% were well on their way through their Challenge Badges, the leaders had a significant programming challenge ahead.

We were fortunate in that our leadership team expanded when we were joined by Chong from Bagheera and gained two young leaders Ross and Jamie and after some sleepless nights working out a programme that would work for our new cubs and our existing cubs, we got on with things. I think it is fair to say that 2022/2023 has been the most rewarding time as a cub leader that I can remember.

Our existing cubs rose to the challenge and took the new cubs under their wings, and we had no complaints when we did activities that they had done less than a year before.

Our new cubs, what can I say, hey are a fantastic bunch of grafters. So eager to join in, willing to learn and very well behaved which allowed us to plough through a load of groundwork, preparing them for a lot of badge awards in next year's report!

In our last six months we were able to award 87 badges and prepare our 2 oldest cubs to gain their Chief Scouts Silver after the Easter holidays (just out with this report, but a shame to wait a year to report it)

During the last year we were worked on the following badges, Astronomers, Athletics, Backwoods Cooking, Communicator, Cyclist, Local Knowledge, Pioneer, Scientist & Emergency Aid.

We also had our Family Camp in May22, Gordon Gathering in Sept 22 and visit to Gang Show in March 23



**Baloo (Pete), Akela (Rae), Chil (Chong), Ross & Jamie**