

1ST BLISWORTH SCOUT GROUP

The Scout Group is doing well, at our Census at the end of January, we have 58 young people and 13 Leaders. Our wonderful hall manages to be self-funding with not only one of the District Explorer Scout Units and the District Scout Band using the premises we also have the Guides, Tumble Tots, Sensory Dog training, Home educators, Blisworth school and private parties using our facilities.

Our wonderful Leaders, who give up so much of their time, have enjoyable programmes that also give the youngsters the opportunities to achieve badges and experience new and challenging activities.

Our committee, also giving up their time, look after the premises and help in the administration of the group. All working together to give the young people the opportunity to experience scouting, we really could not survive without these adults and that is where our biggest problem lies. Blisworth is extremely lucky having Leaders that joined when their children were part of the group and although their children have gone through the movement and moved on, they have stayed to give others the same opportunities. This is very unusual, knowing this we are always looking for volunteers essential to ensure the future of the group.

Our fund-raising efforts are concentrating on raising enough money to purchase a minibus to enable our Leaders to take our scouts of any age to various events. In the past we have borrowed a school minibus or the one minibus owned by a Scout Group in the District but now the school has stopped loaning their minibuses and the scout minibus is becoming old and obviously in great demand. Yes, we hope to allow other organisations in the community use of the minibus, when we have one, just as we do with the Hall.

In conclusion 1st Blisworth Scout Group is fit and well and certainly going places.