



1st Roffey Scout Group - **Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit** - Group AGM Report - September 2018 -
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For Explorers. By Explorers.



Last year in Explorers, I re-joined after leaving Scouts. The acceptance has been great and makes it very welcoming. Wales was my first proper Scout Camp and I enjoyed it. Trying new activities, surfing, white water rafting. These although not thinking I would enjoy, I came out after having a great time with people I am friends with. The leaders have been great, open for talks and kind, allowing me to try out explorers before joining. The hike were enjoyable with great views in Wales at the top of Pen Y Fan, Corn Du, Cribyn and Fan y Big and the waterfalls looked amazing even though I had seen them before. This last half year has been great.

Last Year: I really enjoy all the extra opportunities you get through Explorers such as competition hikes and Gilwell 24. Our programme always includes adventurous activities such as archery, skating and many more. On top of this I think it is necessary to have a variety of activities which is well achieved in Phoenix. For example: Cooking, Crafts, Pioneering (catapults) and hiking to name a few. We get a lot of choice in the programme and it is important to sustain. I like that on our summer trip we always do activities that we have never done. For example, this year we went surfing with was extremely fun. My favourite activities tend to be the adventurous ones!

Last year in Scouting was very fun for me because I got to participate in activities that I and other members of the unit suggested. This made each evening fun because I felt like the activities were planned to be engaging for us and designed to fulfil what we wanted. The summer trips both last year and this year were extremely enjoyable and exciting because they were to foreign places I had never been to, doing activities that I had never done such as tobogganing and white water rafting. Overall this year of Scouting has been very interesting and fun.

In the last year of Scouting I have enjoyed the opportunities I have been given such as exploring Brighton Sewers, archery, rock climbing and the weekend event Gilwell 24. Furthermore there have been many eating based evenings such as chapatti making, night out in Pizza Express and a chip shop challenge. The best part of Scouting is the Summer Camps where we do adventurous walks and learn of other cultures. We also did surfing and white water rafting which are very entertaining activities.

The last year of Explorers has been the most fun I've had in Scouting. We have done a massive range of activities ranging from simple sports like archery and rounders to more unique activities like going to Brighton Sewers or baking mug cakes at the hut. We have also done lots of trips such as a week-long trip to Wales, with lots of hiking and Gilwell 24. Not only are these trips fun but they are educational. For example we went to a Welsh mine called Big Pit and learned about the history of coal mining.

I have greatly enjoyed the wide variety of activities we have done with the unit, including a wonderful but stinky trip to Brighton Sewers. The opportunities the unit has given us to take part in things we would otherwise wouldn't be able to do such as competition hikes or our amazing trip to Wales. One of the highlights of the year was ice skating where we watched each other fall in spectacular fashion. Our summer trip to Wales pushed us outside our comfort zone as we tried our hand at surfing, outdoor rock climbing and white water rafting, along with hiking in the Brecon Beacons.



