



To all our Parents / Supporters / Friends Newsletter  
August 2021

Firstly we hope you and your families and friends have kept well as the whole world has battled with the Pandemic, with its enormous impact on us all.

It was back in March 2020, when our five scouting sections ceased meeting on a face to face basis, and our Wadley Hut was locked down. The 2020 camp was postponed until 2021 and now to 2022, all other face to face scouting was suspended.

Our section leaders worked hard to provide a virtual programme of meetings, and we are delighted that very imaginative activities have continued; badges have been successfully completed and awarded.

Finally as restrictions were lifted, towards the end last term, all sections were able to restart face to face meetings. It was wonderful to see the expressions of delight on our young people's faces. **We look forward to a full return to face to face scouting this coming September.**

In the wider Scouting world, all the District events including the St Albans Annual Gang Show held at the Alban Arena should reappear in Feb 2022, Hertfordshire Scouts are slowly re-opening their local activity centres ( Phasels Wood, Tolmers, Well End & Harmergreenwood ) Check out their websites for up to date information. These venues historically provided a large percentage of County scouting income, and thus the financial impact has been huge. **We are supporting their recently launched Covid Recovery Fund appeal.**

Fortunately, the 1<sup>st</sup> St Albans Scout group remains on a sound financial basis, thanks to the years of fund raising / hiring out our hall / marquees etc. Our AGM was held on Zoom again this year, and it was nice that Jenny Ford ( a former Group Scout Leader and the daughter of Jack Wadley ) was able to join us from her home in Kendal.

We look forward to seeing you all this September – Stay safe.

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Group Scout Leader & Chairman & Group Administrator

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