



Banderlogs Unit Report 2021-2022

The following is a summary of Banderlogs activities in the last year:

- Badges awarded in the last 12 months;
 - 4 Platinum Awards
 - 3 Young Leader Modules & 4 Missions
 - 1 DofE Silver
 - 2 DofE Bronze
 - 15 Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 - 2 Survival Skills; 1 Leadership
 - 1 Creative Arts; 1 International
 - 3 Hikes (levels 5-15)
 - 10 Navigator Lvl 3
 - 6 Nights Away (levels 10-75)

Platinum Awards were achieved by Joe Duncan, Fyn Duncan, Becky Felgate & Max Duncan.
DofE Silver was awarded to Finley Walsh.
DofE Bronze to Max Duncan & Becky Felgate.



- Summer Term 2021 finished with 10 Explorers spending a week cycling the 137-mile Coast 2 Coast Trail from Whitehaven on the Irish Sea to Tynemouth on the North Sea. A memorable experience for all who took part. A big shout out to Matt for organising this adventure, with the added difficulties of group bookings during Covid restrictions, and to all trip helpers who spurred Banderlogs on.
- Starting off with a thunderstorm-dodging wide game at Home Farm, the Autumn term featured a variety of activities including backwoods cooking, a What3Words maze, a local litter pick, a game of Chippy Seek and a hike in monsoon conditions at Shortheath Common.



The highlight of the Autumn term for many Explorers will have been the Survival Camp, which took place at Abbotstone Down.

Explorers backpacked from Alton to Abbotstone, near Alresford, set up their bivvies (shelters), prepped and cooked their fishcake meals and camped the night. They then hiked back to Alton on Sunday and completed their Bronze DofE expedition in the process.



EXPLORERS



- Explorers had a range of activities in the Spring term which was bookended by campfires. We attended a talk on what it's like to visit Antarctica at Selborne and had talks on forestry and space propulsion. As ever, the Explorers didn't go hungry with planning and cooking meals for International badge, flipping pancakes and more running for chips.

We went 10 pin bowling and held a Night Hike where Explorers were challenged to do the 6 Hills of Alton. Finally, the Monopoly Run probably saw our biggest ever turnout with 16 attending.



- Banderlogs membership currently stands at 15. We expect a big influx of new members from Scouts in the Autumn term. In the past year, 5 Explorers have passed the age of 18 and attend as Network.
- We were proud to find out that Fyn Duncan was selected by Hampshire Scouts to be part of the group to travel to South Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree taking place in 2023. Fyn has been on training camps for next year's event and has been active fundraising for the trip by making woggles, light bottles, Christmas reindeer and baking cakes.
- For Banderlogs leadership team, Chris Duncan and myself have been running the unit with regular help from Steven Boardman from District.
- Finally, my thanks go to Matt, Anna & the other 3rd Alton leaders, and to the committee members and parents, who have helped to support Banderlogs in the past year.

Best Regards,
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