

# FRAM POST

# Spring

2018

## Welcome back!

Its 2019 and the days are starting to get longer, and again we have busy programs from each of our 10 sections.

## Behind the scenes

Durham Scout County and Durham City Scout District have published their aims for the next five years and so it's now our turn to plan for our future and develop a plan to help direct us for the next five years.

## Hut development

It's taken a long time but we have finally received a couple of quotes for the first phase of the building development works and work has now commenced to obtain the necessary external funding required before the work can start. If anyone has experience in securing funding please do get in touch. There will also be some unskilled preparation work required shortly before the building work starts - please keep your eyes open for details.

## Lost property

Please check the yellow duck regularly for lost property. At the end of each term the Duck is emptied - please ask a leader ASAP if you missed your chance.

## Could you help?

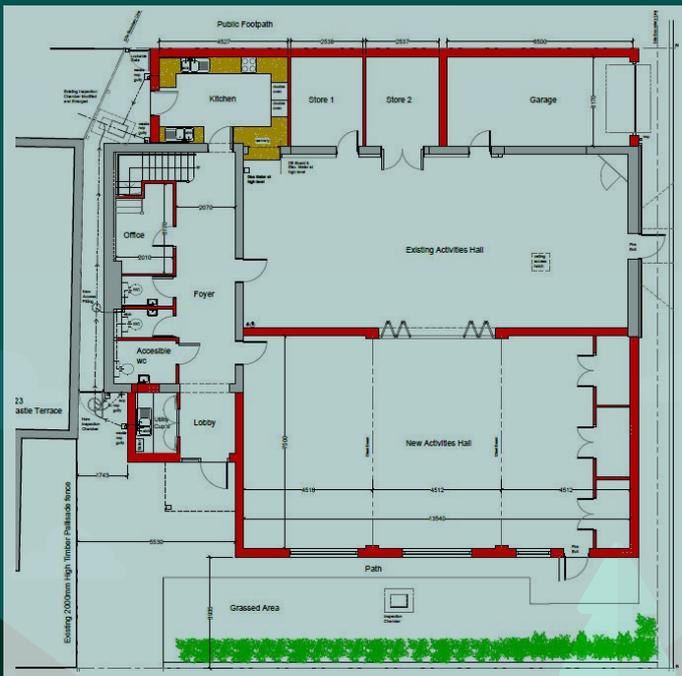
Fram Scouts is entirely run by volunteers, that's everyone including the general manager (Group Scout Leader), the book-keeper, the cleaner and all the leaders who turn out every week (quite often more than once). The skills and time commitment the different volunteers offer varies greatly between roles - so there really is an opportunity for almost anyone to assist, furthermore, the Scout association provide training where it's required.

## Group Secretary

There is a new vacancy for the Group Secretary. As a minimum the role requires minuting about 5 meetings a year, but could also include other administrative duties. Please contact [John@framscouts.org.uk](mailto:John@framscouts.org.uk) if you might be able to assist.

## Scout DBS Checks

Every adult helping with Scouting regularly or staying overnight must have a Scout DBS check. There is no cost to either the Group or the adult for completing a Scout DBS check, and all you need is three quality pieces of ID. Please speak to your section leader for more information. When completing a Scout DBS it's very important you follow up and supply the additional details. You will be emailed with the necessary login information. If you don't do this the DBS is cancelled.



## ***Last term...***

we had a great time, starting with many outdoor activities, and then gradually withdrawing to the hut (excluding some night hikes!) for more wintery activities.



## ***Summer camp!***

Summer camp next year will be from 24-31st August, at the district campsite near Prudhoe. The cost will be approximately £70, which offers excellent value considering the things we will get up to!

## ***This term...***

We have a mix of outdoor and indoor activities planned, including skills sessions, laser quest, food nights, an escape room, first aid, ice skating, and a couple of district-wide competitions.

## ***Survival weekend***

We are holding a survival weekend on the 6-7th April, at the start of the School holidays. We will be making shelters to sleep in, doing tasks to earn points for food, and then cooking on open fires.

## ***Half term sleepover***

We are planning to hold a half term sleepover at the hut, to include a film night, and a day of activities.

## ***Lost property***

We place all lost property in the yellow Duck in the entrance hall, so if you lose something, please look there. It gets cleaned out every term.

## ***Badges***

Scouts love to earn badges, but we cannot cover them all on Thursday evenings. Therefore, if your Scout has met the requirements for other badges (e.g. through extra-curricular activities), please let me have the details! Each Scout should receive a badge book from us shortly after being invested. If you have not, please ask!

# SCOUTS\* *Thursday Scout Programme* SCOUTS\*

The Scout Section runs from 7.15 until 9pm unless Scouts/parents are informed otherwise.

Date	Day	Activity
10 January	Thursday	Craft/games 19:00 - 21:00
17 January	Thursday	Craft/DIY 19:00 - 21:00
24 January	Thursday	Crafts/electronics 19:00 - 21:00
31 January	Thursday	Laser quest 19:00 - 21:00
7 February	Thursday	Indoor Scouting Competition
14 February	Thursday	Italian food night 19:00 - 21:00
22-24 February	Friday	Thurs Scouts away/sleepover
28 February	Thursday	I'm a Scout, get me out of here! 19:00 - 21:00
7 March	Thursday	First aid/outdoor scouting comp prep 19:00 - 21:00
9 March	Saturday	Outdoor Scouting Competition
14 March	Thursday	Fitness/gym/skills challenge 19:00 - 21:00
21 March	Thursday	Ice skating 9:00 - 17:00
28 March	Thursday	Treasure hunt/geocaching 19:00 - 21:00
4 April	Thursday	Monopoly run 19:00 - 21:00
6-7 April	Saturday	Thurs scouts survival weekend 9:00 - 17:00
28 April	Sunday	St George

## ***Weekend events***

We have a couple of weekend events this term in March: look out for the district Outdoor Scouting competition and annual Climb When Ready competition



## ***Fram T-shirts***

Once the monthly direct debit has been set up, Scouts can ask to receive a light blue Fram T-shirt. If you would like one, please ask.



## ***Helping out!***

If you would like to get involved, and help out - either occasionally, or weekly, please speak to us. In particular, if there are particular areas of the programme where you feel you would fit, or if you have ideas for future programmes... help is always welcome!

## ***Instagram***

Pictures can be viewed at [www.instagram.com/framscoutsthursday](http://www.instagram.com/framscoutsthursday)