

Rough Close Update

February 2019



First Visitors

With the completion of the Tepees and kitchen/classroom facility we have now had our first visitors the 1st Astwood Bank. They were very complimentary about the facilities.

Further bookings are now coming in,

The Tepee's will sleep up to eight Beavers, or six Cubs and Scouts. Each one is fully insulated and has electric lighting.

The kitchen/dining building will seat about 30 people. The enclosed kitchen consists of stainless-steel work surfaces, hot and cold water with an additional urn.

Cooking will be done on two large double Calor gas burners. There is also a fridge/freezer in the kitchen.

The dining area has now got optional fabric sides in case of inclement weather.

A large fire bowl adjacent to the dining area has been installed for open fire cooking, bar-b-ques etc.

Access has now been made to an adjacent pocket camp site as an overflow for tents or woodland activities.

The intention is that groups can turn up with minimal equipment (pots, pans and food) with the young people needing only a sleeping mat and bag.



Screens on classroom



View of Kitchen

Winter maintenance

Work as been done to improve the steps on both The Norton and George Sheppard Cabin.

The Service Crew are currently replacing the fence from the Car Park to the Trading Post the intention is to put pedestrian lighting along the path.

Over the next few weeks work will re-commence on the re-furbishment of the training field toilets. A new floor was laid in the ladies' toilet during the last year we are now continuing with the gents.

In order to make the toilet more vandal proof we intend to strengthen the door frames, re-roof with profiled metal cladding during spring. Additional maintenance work is being carried out on all the buildings.



New Activity Cabin

Rough Close has been offered a new facility. Currently being used as an overflow classroom at a school

A group of our mid-week crew are currently dismantling it during the school half-term holiday and bring it to Rough Close. With the help of Cheil Construction Ltd.

This will be re-erected over the next few weeks.

It measures five metres by five metres and when erected will form another useful addition to our facilities.

Have you tried our Tunnel Complex

The new tunnelling complex is now complete and bookings can now be made.

Entrance to this exciting activity will be through a wooden shed, where there are entrances to the tunnels. Helmets and head torches are provided. It is advisable that your young people wear long trousers for this activity.

This will be a leader led activity, with instructions and risk assessments available to leaders.

Climbing Tower

The training of instructors has started and money available to purchase the required equipment.

The area to house the wall has been identified artificial grass put down. Work will begin shortly to level the area, put in belay anchor points and make the area safe.

We hope that this activity will be fully open in the Spring.

Other Activities

New archery butts have now been installed on the Archery range by members of the Service Crew.

We intend to retain the Cave Bus for the forthcoming season as this still continues to be a popular activity.

Evening Visitors

We love to welcome groups and sections for their evening programmes and activities. Whilst these visitors are not using buildings, we will waive the payment of visitor's fees. When a building or activity is booked those incurred fees will apply.

There are two stipulations, firstly for safety reasons the visit must be pre-booked through our booking secretaries and secondly advising the Crew when you arrive and leave

Friends of Rough Close 200 Club Draw

Another important aspect in the Fund Raising for Rough Close is our '200 Club'. It is run along the lines of a monthly raffle.

It brings in much needed funds for helping finance new equipment, activities etc.

Current prizes are £70, £28, £14, each month with an annual draw for £285, £145, and £75

Please contact Nigel for more information,

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Rough Close Trading Post

The Trading post is an important part of the County, not only serving Coventry but many of our neighbouring Counties.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the Trading Post.

Knowledge of Badges and uniforms for all sections would be an advantage but not essential as training will be provided.

Opening hours are 9.30a.m to 4.00p.m on Saturdays and 9.30 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Please apply to badges@coventryscouts.org.uk or speak to a member of staff

Dates for Your Diary 2019

Have you booked your camps for 2019 yet!!

March 27th to 30th Gang Show

May 18th Big Walk

July 5th-7th Network Festival

Sept 13th -15th Gateway Camp

REMEMBER ROUGH CLOSE IS YOUR CENTRE

Rough Close is a legacy handed down over the last 73 years for members of Coventry Scouts to enjoy. In Rough Close you have a centre to be proud of, visitors from many Counties and organisations take great pleasure in what is on offer.

We are a movement and as such should seek to improve on what we can offer;

'How can you help'

Can we introduce District working weekends, camp for free?

Can you bring your Group, Section, etc to carry out specific tasks, camp for free?

Do you have skills we could use?

Woodworking

Painting

General Maintenance

Ground works

Young people can learn new skills by being members of the weekend Service Crew these skills can be accredited and added to C.V's or act as Service for their DofE Award.

Please come and join us in making Rough Close a place we can all be proud of!