

Rough Close Update

March 2019



New Field Cabin

As reported in the last update Rough Close has acquired another log cabin courtesy of Martin Rush at Cheil Construction. The Cabin was dismantled and duly delivered to Rough Close.

Work has now started to re-erect the building, it will be adjacent to the Main Field behind the Cave Bus.

The current plan is to equip it as a classroom/dining room for the use by Groups camping on the Main Field.

The Cabin will have a covered extension serving as an outdoor kitchen or dining area.

WHAT USE COULD YOU PUT IT TO?

Service Crew



The Rough Close Service Crew have replaced the rotting fencing between the Archery range and the Trading Post. Along with the fence there will be pedestrian lighting illuminating the path.

High Winds

The high winds over the last few weeks have kept the Service Crews busy with falling trees.

Many of our Birch trees are over 70 years old and coming to the end of their life span. It is important for safety reasons that such trees are felled.

Rough Close Service



Over the school half term holidays the 36th/51st Group held their winter camp at Rough Close.

During a couple of days they cleared an area behind the Maclean Field to allow additional camping or more woodland activities.

Removing the undergrowth and pruning back the holly bushes will mean that more plants will grow this Spring.

Over the week they also planted a number of trees behind the Maclean Field kitchen and dining area.

COULD YOUR GROUP BE THE NEXT TO HELP ROUGH CLOSE AND GAIN CONSERVATION BADGES?

Network Working

Last weekend members of the Network installed more handholds on the Climbing Tower. The next step is to get the belay points installed and have the Tower certified. We can then start the training and issue permits to operate.

Should you be interested in holding a permit to use the Tower please contact Rough Close

Ecological Report.

Did you know that Rough Close was known as Rough Close as far back as 1609?

A recent Local Wild Life Projects report summarises the history, and the habitat of flora and fauna. It identifies many rare plants growing in the woodland which also serves as a habitat for many species of birds under threat in Britain's ancient woodland.

The report closes by giving a management category as good and recommends a regime of enhancement. Should you wish to see a copy of the report please apply at Reception.

Friends of Rough Close 200 Club Draw

March Draw

1st

8

2nd

58

3rd

40

If you wish to become a member of the Friends of Rough Close 200 Club please contact Nigel at the County Office

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!