

Rough Close Update

May 2019



Vandalism at Rough Close

Following the recently reported vandalism at Rough Close the Rough Close committee have now formulated a recovery plan. Social media has been very successful in drawing attention to our problems and have promised financial support and companies have further promised replacement equipment. .

With having security cameras put up in the area the Police have identified the culprits responsible from those cameras and have visited some of them..

The Police Officer investigating the case attended the May meeting of the Rough Close committee and updated them of the current situation.

Not to be disheartened by the vandalism the following plans were laid.

Work up-grading the toilets is going ahead, instead of three doors on the exterior of the Training Field toilets this will reduce to one with entrances to both ladies and gents accessed from inside the building. The one outside door will be protected by a metal security gate.

A new floor in the gents is currently being installed and the toilets refitted with new W.C's and sinks. The male toilet will have new partitions. We have already received new W.C's and sinks from a local company and new taps from another. We also have an offer of fitting the new toilet ware in the toilets.

Work has already started and we would hope to finish over the summer.

Although not damaged to the same degree the Top Field toilet doors will be protected by steel security gates.

Help Required

With summer approaching and our various crew members are on holiday or taking their sections on summer camp we are going to be desperately short on help. We would welcome any offers from individuals, Network or Units over some of this period.

Security

Rough Close has a boundary of approximately one mile of which at least half is adjacent to recreational areas with a multitude of foot paths. Because of the nature of the hedges and fencing access from outside is easily gained.

With the building of housing estates more people are using the footpaths.

We are currently carrying out a feasibility study to look at fencing our vulnerable areas.

This will help protect the Close from trespassers.

Work Continues!

As well as dealing with all the other distractions work has continued on the new Field Cabin.

The roof, doors and windows have been installed and the decking area outside complete.

The Cabin will be furnished with 'Gopak' tables and chairs inside and pic-nic tables on the decking.

Electricity will be connected with lighting and heating being installed.

Disappointment

We recently had the Climbing Tower inspected prior to certification. Unfortunately it failed and we need to carry out some remedial work before we can resubmit for certification. This will take a little time to rectify.

Cave Bus

The Cave Bus continues to be a major attraction for our visitors and it will remain throughout this year.

Looking to continually improve our activities we are currently talking to the supplier to replace it with another having a more modern cave system.

Friends of Rough Close 200 Club Draw

May Draw

1st 62 2nd 57 3rd 13

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!!

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!