

Rough Close Update

November 2018



Bookings' Open.

We are now nearing the completion of the work on the Maclean field. After 12 months of work the Tepee's and the kitchen dining area we are now open for bookings.

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.

It is intended that the whole complex will be let to one group or section including the field for £40 per night plus normal individual camp fees'

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.

The field is for activities with no additional camping permitted. Should you require additional camping there will be adjacent pocket sites available.

This facility has been made possible With generous donations and grants from individuals and local charities.



The advice would be to book early as we expect this facility to be very popular.

Winter maintenance

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

In order to make the toilet more vandal proof we intend to clad the building with profiled metal cladding before next spring. Additional maintenance work will be carried out on all the buildings.

Rough Close Remembers

Memorial Avenue was again lined with Poppy Flags as Rough Close remembered the Coventry Scouts killed during the Second World war.

The Lomdardy Poplar trees were planted to commemorate the sacrifice they made.



Tunnel Complex

The new tunnelling complex is now complete and bookings can start when additional equipment is purchased. Entrance to this exciting activity will be through a wooden shed, where there are entrances to the tunnels.

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 equipment needed.

The area to house the wall has been identified and work will begin shortly to level the area making it safe.

This activity will be fully open for next years visitors.

Evening Visitors

We love to welcome groups and sections for their evening programmes and activities. Whilst these visitors are not using buildings, we will waiver 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 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,

Annual Draw	1st	45	2nd	57	3rd	34
November	1st	48	2nd	50	3rd	22

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 7th 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

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