

44th Norwich (1st Old Catton) Scout Group

Two leaders, a hundred children, 55 years

Old Catton has one of the most successful Scout groups in Norwich, with over 100 children taking part each week.

Chris our Group Scout Leader, and our Assistant Leader Keith, share some of their experiences from the total of 55 years living in Old Catton. Last week, they both attended an awards ceremony, which celebrated the growth of the Group's membership over the last 12 months.

Two out of twenty questions

Why do they look so young? Keith reckons that Scouting keeps him active in his retirement; last week it meant shifting paper for recycling to raise money. Chris, who works, fits her Scouting into the evenings / weekends. Mostly it's a mix of phone calls, emails, and admin, whether with leaders, potential leaders, parents, chairman or the treasurer; all with the aim of keeping everyone all happy and on track.

As group leaders how much time do they spend with children? For Chris, popping in to join a section (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts) and seeing that the children are having a great time is part of her reward. Keith finds satisfaction when things go right and happen as planned. (Or is it that he prefers calm and order?)

Five bests...

- Great moments with other committee members
- Watching the team building games at summer camp last year
- The Hippodrome Circus last weekend
- The Lion Club's Christmas float and gaining their support
- Adventurous - the burn run in Scotland last summer

One small secret

Cutting a tree down which then fell across power cables and blacked out part of a local town- "Sorry"

The 44th

The forty-fourth has an open, friendly, leadership team, "having spent so many years in Old Catton, being a member of the Scout Group makes you feel a real part of the community". Contact Chris Reynolds, on 07724 017 176 to find out more.