

# Rough Close Update

August 2006



## Our First Visitors

The first week in August saw our first group to use the Norton Cabin. A last minute dash the previous week saw the kitchen installed, toilets working, bunks prepared ready for the visit of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wendover Cubs.

This was to be their weeks Pack Holiday based on a medieval theme. The highlight of their week was a visit to Warwick Castle for the jousting.



## Norton Cabin

There has been a great deal of activity over the last two months to complete the Norton Cabin. Although not quite complete we hope to have the necessary inspections by the end of August.

Currently the heating and hot water system is being tested, and the special needs suite installed.

There is still a lot of painting to be completed and landscaping around the outside.

The cabin will be available for use all year round, both at weekends and where required during the week

## Official Opening.

The official opening is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> September where we hope to attract visitors from our neighbouring counties, other organisations and local education officials to view the building in the hope we can encourage full usage. During the week prior to the official opening we intend holding a viewing period for members of the groups, districts and parents to have a look around.

## Booking the Norton Cabin.

Bookings are now being taken for the cabin and we hope that following visits during the viewing week it will be possible to have the booking diary available for bookings to be taken on those nights. Have you thought of a residential winter activity for your Group.

## Working Weekend.

A working weekend will be held over the weekend of 2/3 September the work will concentrate on tidying up the pathways and adjacent woodland.

## Summer Camping

The early summer has been very busy at Rough Close with two large camps held in June.

The first was the Networks PubScout festival with the second being the Bablake District Camp. Both camps were very successful and a credit to their organising committees.

Our own World Jamboree contingent have held a summer bar-b-que and a Team Building camp in preparation for next year.

Cubs and Scouts from Wendover and Hastings have enjoyed their summer camps at Rough Close

Once again we are seeing more visitors from outside the County than from the County itself. We hope that this will reverse itself during the rest of the summer.

Rough Close also hosted a meeting of the training teams from our neighbouring counties.

## Friends of Rough Close.

The annual '200 Club' draw for the Friends of Rough Close will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. WE hope that all members of the Club will attend.

### Summer Results

June	1 <sup>st</sup>	No 11
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 73
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 13
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	No 16
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 59
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 22
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	No 77
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 17
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 6

If you would like to support Rough Close on by supporting the '200 Club' please contact Dave Atkin.

## Busy September

September is traditionally a busy month and this year will be no exception. Once again the Venture Company have chosen Rough Close for their annual reunion camp.

The 2006 Gateway Camp is taking place over the weekend of the 8/9/10 September. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> time this annual event has taken place and this year we have more visitors from Gateway Clubs across the midlands.



## Main Field

In early June the main field had its first cut since reseeding. It was also given a treatment of fertiliser to continue to stimulate growth.

The warm weather in July helped and the August rain should improve the growth ready for next season.

## Help Required

As with Districts, Groups and any voluntary organisations additional help is always required. Rough Close is no exception. We are extremely grateful for the time put in by the Crew, in making Rough Close a camp site to be proud of.

In order to improve both the site and the 'business we need help.

The Rough Close Retreat hasn't been open as much as we would like due to lack of help. It would be a ideal job for a Fellowship Group or a Service team to take on occasionally.

If you could spare some time, or know of someone who could help please let us know.

Any explorer Scout or Scout Network member who is looking for a service project for the award schemes please consider working with the Rough Close Crew to achieve these awards.

## Rough Close Management Team

Booking Secretary Nigel Stapleton,  
Chairman Rough Close Management Sub Committee Dave Hart  
Service Crew Leader Sarah Miller  
Deputy Service Crew Leader Damian Fell  
Committee Members,  
Dave Atkin, Bob Tansey, Gareth Hopkins, Bob Tabb