

## Girlguiding Henley-on-Thames

### Report for Town Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Despite the pandemic 1<sup>st</sup> Henley Guides and both Brownie packs have continued to run meetings for the girls in their unit. Mostly these have been on Zoom but when restrictions allow we have held face to face meetings.

It has been a challenge as we all volunteer as leaders for the contact with the girls. While Zoom has allowed us to carry on with meetings, it is no substitute for meeting in person.

1<sup>st</sup> Henley Guides started Zoom meetings once a fortnight during the summer, just to keep in contact with each other. The girls devised and completed a Lock Down Challenge Badge. We were able to meet at the end of the summer term for a fun meeting on a lovely evening. During the Autumn and Spring terms we have met online every week and worked more closely to the Guide programme. We presented a number of badges and completed an Easter Egg Hunt at our face to face meeting this week. We managed to meet face to face one evening in October but our plans to meet face to face after half term were stopped by the Lock Down.

We must have been doing something right - we have doubled our numbers since this time last year.

1st Henley Brownies met for 4 sessions in person before Christmas including a Christmas party.

Otherwise they have been meeting on Zoom fortnightly since April 2020.

They have marked and held themed Zoom meetings on St George's Day, VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Guy Fawkes Day, Chinese New Year, Mothers' Day Mum's Paper Evening.

3<sup>rd</sup> Henley Brownies have also met on Zoom and met in person as much as they can.

We now have some guidance for meetings to resume and all units will be doing this after Easter.