

# Shacklewell Update

Stamford & Bourne District Scout  
Council

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## *The Camping Season* 2016

We have had a busy season this year with the only significant gap in bookings being those early in the season in April. The main Summer Holidays saw two

Peterborough Groups each enjoy a full week summer camp. We hope all our customers had a good time.

## *Summer improvements* The Chapel

The District wishes to express its thanks to the members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nene (Peterborough) Sea Scout Group who put in a lot of effort to clear the Chapel of weeds and undergrowth in preparation for



restoration of the area for reflection.



photographs show what a great job they did.

Chapel area as a quite  
These before and after

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## *Outside*

### The Campfire Circle

We have received lots of compliments over the season on the work undertaken last winter to upgrade the path to

the Campfire Circle and provide a viewing platform for wheelchair users.

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We have yet to fix our work plans for winter 16/17 so more news on that in the

*The Wind doth  
blow and we will  
have leaves*

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With autumn now well underway Shacklewell Hollow will be blanketed in leaves.

Leaves cause damage to the grass over the winter so we have arranged 2 maintenance days for **12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you would like to support the Shacklewell Scout Active Support Unit in maintenance on either of these dates (or both) then please let Doug Cobbold our SASU Manager know. His contact details are

[sasumanager@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk](mailto:sasumanager@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk)

We would welcome our customer Groups to join us in this maintenance task.

next Update but on the list are some work to re-seed areas where the grass is no longer at its best. Clearance of some of the undergrowth will in time also open up some areas for small bivouac type camping.

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## Memorial Benches

Following the death of Margaret Scott the District Executive discussed how we should commemorate the lives of our past members. After some discussion, it was agreed that what Shacklewell lacked was anywhere to sit outside. We are pleased to say that following a special gathering of relatives there are now three memorial benches outside the Holiday Centre where young and old can take a seat and enjoy a while watching the rest of the activity on site.



## Camping Season 2017

Bookings are already being taken for the 2017 Season so if you have some dates in mind why not reserve them now for our usual deposit of £30.

## Power at Shacklewell

The District is actively looking at how we might, in time, get Shacklewell on mains power enabling us to open the Holiday Centre through the winter months too. We feel it is a great shame to have the site closed for 5 months of the year. We will let you know of any progress in future updates.

## Ideas for improvements

If you have any ideas on how we might upgrade the site, then do let us know.

## Friends of Shacklewell Scout Active Support Unit

As District Commissioner, I would like to bring together adults from our regular customers as well as member of Stamford & Bourne District into a SASU Unit that acts as friends of the site.

There is always plenty to do on a campsite over the closed

season, especially in the autumn when the site needs clearing of leaves and other dead/dying plant life. Then of course there are a range of maintenance tasks to put the site to bed for the winter and reopen it in the spring.

Help and time is always at a premium for all Scouters but I would hope those who regularly use the site might like to join us in Stamford & Bourne District with giving the site the love and attention it deserves to provide for the young people who use it.

If you or other leaders in your Group feel they would like to join this SASU and provide some help one or two weekends a year then do please come back to me so we can register you as a member of FoS SASU and keep you up to date with our plans for enhancing the site.



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