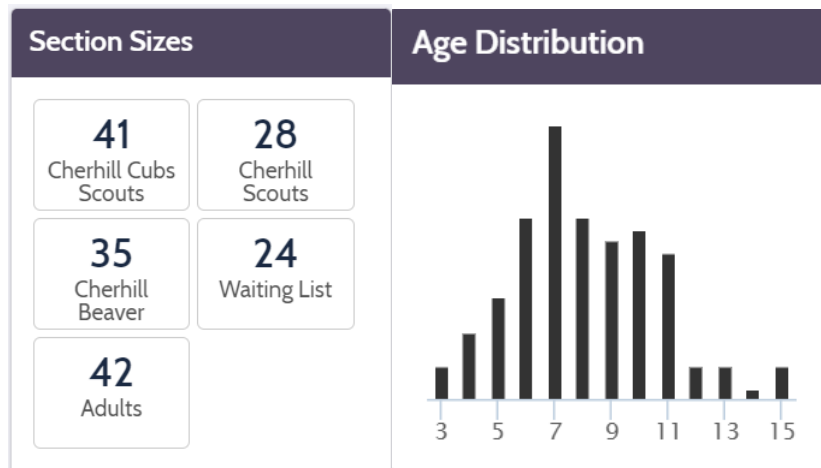


Further information for Cherhill Scout Groups grant application

Cherhill Scout Group was the only one in our District which didn't close down during the pandemic. During the times we were fully locked down we moved the children's weekly Scout meetings onto Zoom, and all of our leadership underwent further training during this period (first aid got updated to include CPR with personal protection equipment, for instance) so we were the first to go back to face to face meetings once the rules were relaxed.

As an unexpected consequence of this our numbers have swelled considerably to over 100 active young members currently, with a very young age distribution so our overall numbers are only going to grow. At the moment 34 of our young people across all sections, 6 of our Leaders, 9 of our occasional helpers, and 2 of our Exec committee all come from the Calne without parish. In addition to this 11 of the children on our waiting list are from Calne without parish.



Now we are hoping we're back to normal we would like to resume our annual Group camps, which we used to hold every July. However, with our newly swelled numbers we no longer have enough tents to be able to fit all of us in. Having looked at what is the least expensive large tents we can find that we should be able to get several years of wear out of to make them sustainable are Pro action 6 man's which retail at £160 each. If we bought 6 of these it would mean we could all camp together again this July and for many years to come.

Pro Action 6 Man 3 Room Tunnel Camping Tent

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Group camp is important to the Group as it's the only one where families can come along too (we only do one of these a year as it takes a LOT of organisation for the leaders to not only plan activities for all of the children, but that their families can join in too to get an idea of Scouting). Where this camp has family members along it not only gives an opportunity for the more timid members of the Group to experience camping with their family there for confidence, but gives the Scout Group a chance to recruit more keen adults which we always need as our Group grows.

To be clear, these tents will only be used for our young people to sleep in, if family members come to Group camp they have to bring their own tents.