

November 28th 2017

Thank you so much to Catha's Seat Charity for funding our annual cycling treasure hunt in September 2017 and providing us with new hiviz vests. Here is a report from one of the scouts who took part.

Lindsay Forbes (Scout Leader, 2nd Wye Scouts)

Catha's Seat Treasure Hunt Cycle
By Greg Rutherford (age 13)
2nd Wye Scouts

It was a bright, sunny Sunday morning, when the 2nd Wye Scouts took part in a cycling challenge. The date was 24th September. There were ten scouts taking part: Theresa Mackey; Susie Plesch; Greg Rutherford; Ewan Gubb; Isabel Carvill; Ellen Andrews; Ollie Hargroves; Ludo Rutherford; Imogen Dewhirst and Robbie Plesch. We gathered at the Village Green, kitted out in high-viz jackets and bike helmets, bikes at the ready.

In order to get to the start of the off-road cycle path we first had to head out along the Olantigh Road. We whizzed along in single file, with scout leaders front and back.

Once we arrived at Godmersham we set off in groups of four or five, plus an adult. Each group was allocated a different colour, and we had to look out for flags of our own colour. Our aim was to collect all the clues on the way in order to win a prize at the end. It was quite a challenge to spot the hidden flags whilst cycling along, but we worked well as a team.

When we arrived at Catha's seat, there were chocolate bars and juices waiting for us. Flags were counted and prizes awarded to all the teams. Any missed flags were collected on the way back, so we all scored 100%!

The route we followed went from the village green in Wye to Catha's Seat, on the cycle path near Chilham. We all enjoyed the bike ride, cycling 17km there and back, 8km of which was on the cycle path. It was fun cycling along the off-road path, through the woods and over the hills and we especially loved the downhill bits!