

Southampton Student Scout and Guide and Organisation- Autumn 2014
(Loughborough Rally)

Southampton SSAGO has continued going strong, with plenty of Freshers joining us and many becoming members since a very enjoyable Freshers' Camp. For the weekend of the camp we stayed both nights at Broadstone Scout Hut and visited Brownsea Island on the Saturday where we were able to find free parking for the minibus before getting the ferry across. The feedback received back from it was generally very positive and we would definitely recommend the Scout Hut for anyone who is planning a trip to Poole.

The events for this term have been exciting and aimed at drawing freshers into the group. They include; Freshers' Campfire, Graduate walk, White T-shirt pub crawl, Games Night, Go Ape, Winchester Fireworks and Unspontaneous Walk. The Campfire received a great turnout along with the pub crawl and games night. Go Ape was a stand-out event as, though it was raining, many people thoroughly enjoyed climbing through the trees and going on the zip wires.

Events planned after Rally are; Bowling, Christmas meal and Christmas Party. The Christmas meal has been booked at Banana Wharf which has had some good reviews from other societies of Southampton and Solent Universities.

We have had a huge interest in local Scouting and Guiding groups from Freshers. It has been helped by creating a separate leaflet for local Scout and Guide groups at the Bunfight which included contact details of our Scout and Guide liaisons for those who wanted to find a local unit. We also received a visit from the local Scouting DC and Recruitment Officer to our weekly meeting.

The Bunfight itself went very well. A rota was organised of volunteers who wanted to help out and we had plenty of photos on our promotional board. A few volunteers went to the waiting queue outside to hand out leaflets and promote our society. As a result, we were able to get a lot of interest in our society with many sign-ups on our mailing list and visitors to our first meeting. Our secretary has prepared an evaluation of the Bunfight so that the future committee can learn from what had been done and improve on it next year.

We have now elected an International Committee for an International Trip in Summer 2015. Plans for the trip are now well underway. Our Ball Committee have now started to plan for publicity and fundraising with many decisions now made.