

Glenny Wood District Camp Site – We are so lucky in the District to have Glenny Wood campsite. It stretches for some 23 acres of woodland and plateaus. The site owned by Gordano District, is there for all to enjoy, learn and develop skills within the Scouting balanced programme and have loads of FUN.

Since the last report to the AGM in a considerable amount of activity and work has been undertaken at our campsite.

50th year of Scouting at Glenny Wood celebration event was held on the 19th September with an exciting full day and evening of activities for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. With over 500 young people on site the day had a real buzz and the feedback has been great.

Glenny Wood badge – a special 50th Anniversary badge was designed and introduced and this design, less the 50th, will be the new badge going forward

Big Thank You's - Lloyds Bank Community Support. The Lloyds Bank ATM team, led by Caroline Hill BSL at 2nd Portishead have provided fantastic support to the site by choosing us as their community charity. In September the team came and built the Grass Sledging Course and in April the soon to be available Peddle Cart Course. The Lloyds Data admin team also joined us in September and built a further two obstacles for the confidence course.

The lodge – Inside we have changed the appearance with additional boards and pictures of the site, plus added the new programme posters

Site Usage – Glenny continues to be very popular with the lodge booked most weekends of the year and the camping areas heavily used especially in the Late spring, Summer and Autumn. Evenings continue to be very popular. Overall at Glenny we have hundreds of young people and adults enjoying the site throughout the year. All the Glenny bookings are carried out by Ruth Ham, along with ensuring payment is received, quite a task, extremely well carried out. Thank you Ruth.

Scout Shop – This is now based at Glenny. We would encourage all Groups and Units to make full use of the shop, the discounts available and don't forget all profits going to support Glenny Wood

Maintenance – Significant amount of time is taken in maintaining the site, keeping nature at bay, repairing wear and tear as well as other damage on site. Some of the other works that go on behind the scenes at Glenny include:-

- Kitchen – total clean
- Walls painted on front of hall storage cupboards
- New door / frame to boiler cupboard, which is locked
- Plastic on the lower part of the front and back walls in the lodge hall
- Repaired door furniture
- Fencing by logs on Patio with reflectors
- Camp fire, fire pit area cleared of ash and redone

- New flags and banners
- Track in the site and around the site repaired / re-laid
- New shower heater controls
- 4 new external water taps fixed in place
- Weekly loo maintenance!!
- Managing a major water leak from our supply pipe near the Black Horse pub

Vegetation Management – Nature is fantastic and so resilient and plants, weeds and brambles grow at a rapid pace at Glenny. We have spent a lot of time this year maintaining the site and controlling the vegetation.

A first. In May 16 we had a first, we hosted a wedding evening do' plus BBQ / party the night after.....feedback was great and all enjoyed the event and venue.

Looking forward – Peddle Karts purchased and once the new shed is put up by the course they will be available for use. Mid July onwards is our aim.

We continue with high levels of vegetation management to ensure the site is kept in good order. We are also looking to update the loos and lodge on an ongoing basis.

In addition, over the next 12 months we are looking to add two new activities onto site as well as extend the confidence course. More details on this over the coming months.

Glenny Wood is a fabulous site, enjoyed by 100's of people young and old..... We do our best to keep the site as tidy as we can, additional help with this would be great.

To help remind users of good Scouting on site, our Glenny Wood slogan is

“take nothing but photographs and memories – leave nothing but footprints”.

and we do hope this is taken on board and followed by all our users, from within Gordano and elsewhere. To quote a recent users note of thanks *“to stay and camp at such a wonderful site for camping with Scouts and young people, lots of photos, memories taken, but only a few wet footprints left. A great time was had by all, most of the canvas was dry so a happy Leader!!!”*

And finally and most importantly Massive thanks to our small but fantastic team of Kath Woolcock, Adam Whiting, Ruth Ham (bookings), Kev Nelson, Jill and Andy Derrick, and Rachel Whiting. ***New team members very welcome.....***

Phil Woolcock – Chairman Glenny Wood Camp Site