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Christ Church Cockfosters**

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th June 2016



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The year ahead

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

I have been fortunate to have benefitted from many years of great Scouting at the 11th Southgate under some talented and caring leaders who gave much of their time and focus to help me and many others enjoy, discover and learn as we made our own individual journeys.

Peter (Jumbo) Davies has been one of those leaders who has inspired and supported me for many years since first meeting him when I was a Venture Scout. He became a close supporter of the 11th Southgate whilst also running his own cub pack and being an active member of the Scout District and County teams. When Len Spikesly decided it was time to stand down as Group Scout Leader of the 11th after many years service it was to Jumbo he turned to pass on the leadership batten.

We are all immensely grateful for everything that Jumbo has done to support all sections of the 11th over the last 30 years. As a result many young people have passed through the group with fond memories and better equipped to take their place in society.

I am delighted to be able to take that batten on from Jumbo as he decides it is time to leave his role as GSL; it is a privilege. We are fortunate that we will continue to have some guidance from his many years of experience as he takes on the title of President of the Group with our thanks.

I am sad to report Hazel Jordan – a previous Akela of many years service, sister to Len Spikesly and wife to Peter Jordan also a Group Scouter at the 11th passed away earlier this year.

I express my thanks to all the leadership team at the 11th who keep the standard and enjoyment of Scouting at the 11th high, and look forward to supporting your commitment in the coming year.

I also would like to thank the executive committee who are an important part of the governance of the Group. We do currently have a vacancy for Group Chairman and I will be actively seeking to make an appointment to this position in the coming months. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who may be interested.

I have no doubt that the year ahead holds some great Scouting experiences for the young people who are fortunate enough to be a part of our Group.

Mungo Knott
Group Scout Leader

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 26th June 2016

AGENDA

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| 1. Executive committee welcome | Mungo Knott |
| 2. Apologies for absence | Mungo Knott |
| 3. Thanks to the executive committee | Mungo Knott |
| 4. Approval of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report | David Hunter |
| 5. Review and Approval of Reports from Sections and Executive | Mungo Knott |
| 6. Nominations / Elections to Executive Committee | Mungo Knott |
| a. Group Chairman: Position Vacant | |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr Kenneth Ward | |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter | |
| d. To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Executive Committee: | |
| i. Ms Jo Forsythe | |
| ii. Mr David Hunter | |
| iii. Mr Graham Cook. | |
| iv. Mrs Nafisa Ashing | |
| v. Mr Jeb Coates | |
| vi. Mrs Alina Rusu | |
| 7. A.O.B. | |
| 8. Close of Meeting | |

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016**

<u>2014/15</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
28.17	Interest	22.15
6352.00	Subscriptions	6803.50
1586.26	Gift Aid Tax Refund	1375.41
6292.50	Hire of Headquarters	6477.00
254.00	100 Club - Net	132.00
163.18	Easy Fundraising	164.29
100.00	Grants	200.00
951.75	Donations	1099.00
	Miscellaneous	
<u>15727.86</u>		<u>16273.35</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u> 		
2479.00	Membership Fees	2612.58
6343.96	Headquarters Running Costs	11071.66
1349.59	Sundry Income/Expenses of Sections	264.43
1852.83	Equipment Purchase and Repair	
1769.92	Minibus Expenses	2610.65
100.00	Sundry Expenses	190.86
27.75	Transfer to(from) Repairs & Renewals Fund	21.38
<u>13923.05</u>		<u>16771.56</u>
<u>1804.81</u> (S)	SURPLUS(S)/DEFICIT(D) FOR YEAR	<u>-(498.21)</u> (D)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2016

ASSETS

2851.01	Fixed Asset and Equipment costs are all written down to nil	2872.39
4518.55	Investment - National Savings Bank	4658.21
<u>7369.56</u>	Cash at Bank etc. and held by Sections	<u>7530.60</u>
-(701.00) (P)	Adj: Sundry Creditors(C)/Prepayments(P)	-(63.13) (P)
<u>8070.56</u>		<u>7593.73</u>

GENERAL FUND

3414.74	Balance at Start of Year	5219.55
1804.81 (S)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D) for Year	-(498.21) (D)
<u>5219.55</u>		<u>4721.34</u>
2851.01	REPAIRS & RENEWALS FUND	2872.39
<u>8070.56</u>		<u>7593.73</u>



11th Southgate

Beaver section annual report to June 2016

As we were still in the transition period between the old and updated refreshed programmes we spent most of the summer term finishing off outstanding Challenge badge requirements such as – knowing how to pack a rucksack for a day visit; setting and following trails; and finding out about Kea Scouts in New Zealand and Joey Scouts in Australia, the equivalent sections to Beaver Scouts – so that we could start the new programme in the autumn term.



The last **Chief Scout's Bronze Awards** under the old programme were awarded to Louis Mintikkis, Jeet Thakrar, Christopher Georgiades, Alex Katz, Angelo Neocleous, Pauline Kirilova, Viktorija Buga, Adam Kaczmarczyk, Seth Hodges, Freddie Paraskeva and Theo Furis. The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest award in the Beaver Scout Section.

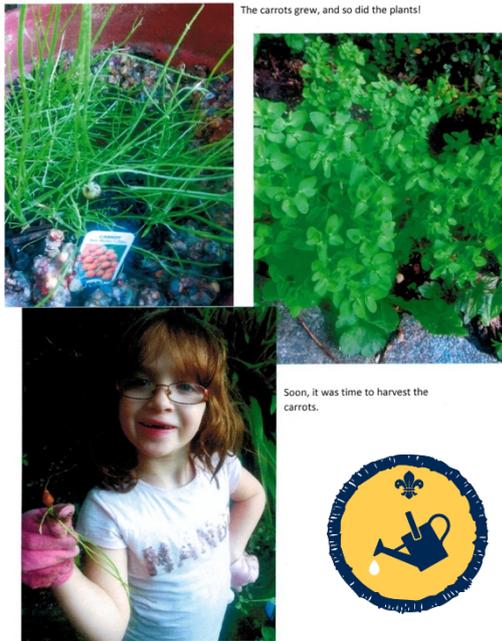


The Colony visited **Christchurch Lodge** in June and planted out hanging baskets for them, a good turn we first did in 2013. The residents were very pleased with the results as their baskets hadn't been planted in 2014. The Beavers also did some litter picking in the gardens of the Lodge.

The **Minchenden Oak tree** visited the Minchenden Oak also did bark rubbings of



is one of the symbols on our District badge and so in July the Beavers Gardens in Waterfall Road to see this 900-year-old oak tree. They other trees in the garden and drew pictures of the oak tree.



The carrots grew, and so did the plants!

Soon, it was time to harvest the carrots.

The **summer holidays** gave Beavers the opportunity to complete some Activity Badges at home and so during the first few meetings of the autumn term Beavers who had been able to prepare badges reported back to the Colony what they had done. Badges chosen by the Beavers this summer were – Air Activities, Imagination, Swimmer Stage 1, Sports, Collector, Animal Friend and our first **Gardening Badges**, which were awarded to Emilia Greenfield and Caspar Woodward.

At the start of the summer I put some soil in a plat pot and put in some sunflower seeds. Then I watered them.



I kept on watering them and turning them around so that they would grow.



Every day I watered them and checked to see that they were growing. I measured them on weekends for my school project. They kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger.



Now they are even bigger than me!

Olga Georgiades, one of our Colony Assistants, left in September and Adam Ashing, one of our Young Leaders, left at the end of the summer term after 2 years in the Colony to become a Young Leader in the Scout Section and was replaced by James Magill. We are very grateful for the help Olga and Adam gave to our Colony.



The main Activity Badge we prepared in the autumn term was the **Emergency Aid Stage 1 Badge**. Beavers found out the importance of getting help, what to say when you call 999, how to help someone who is unconscious, how to help someone who is bleeding and finally, how to reassure someone at the scene of an emergency. Some of the Beavers also passed requirements for the new **My Outdoors Challenge Award**.



Sienna Shah represented our Colony.

This year's topic for the **District Craft Competition** was 'Under the sea.' In addition to the individual picture category a competition to produce a Colony collage was organised and took place on in October. Kyle Joseph, Caspar Woodward, Jonny Chan and



We were very pleased to welcome Lily Blott, Shekhinah Gitu, Reuben Lessman, Lucia Martins and Sienna Shah to the Colony in the autumn term. Jeet Thakrar and Angelo Neocleous moved on to Cubs in November.



We continued our link with **Christchurch Lodge** in December. The Beavers made Christmas cards for the residents and a group of Beavers delivered the cards to the Lodge on their way to the church for their rehearsal for the All-age Carol Service. 5 Beaver Scouts, Kyle Joseph, Emilia Greenfield, Viktorija Buja, Lily Blott, Shekhinah Gitu and our 2 Young Leaders took part in the service presenting the dramatised bible reading and reading the prayers. They did the Colony proud.



We held our annual **Colony Domino Competition** in January 2016 and Viktorija Buja won after being a joint winner in 2015. Viktorija and the 3 Beavers who had the next lowest scores - Edward Trew, Lily Blott and Max Buchanan - represented our Colony in the **District Domino**



Competition in February. 6 Colonies took part and our team won both trophies, the shield for the winning team and Edward won the cup for the Beaver Scout with the lowest score!



My World Challenge Badge After half term Michael Andrews, Music Director of Christ Church Cockfosters, prepared a most enjoyable session based on activities that reflect Wales including learning a new song and ... the Beaver Scout Promise in Welsh!



[My World Challenge Award](#)



We continued the Welsh theme the following week by organising our own Colony Eisteddfod! Every Beaver who attended that meeting performed an item either solo or in a group - a joke, a poem, a rhyme, the Beaver promise in Welsh or a piano solo that they had chosen. We were really impressed with the performances and it was a very special evening! Pauline Kirilova, Kyle Joseph, Caspar Woodward and Aaron Lee achieved their **Musician Stage 1** badge in March.



[Teamwork Challenge Award](#)



[Musician Staged Activity Badge](#)

The first **Teamwork Challenge** badges from the new refreshed programme were also awarded in the spring term. The new programme is progressing very well and is providing enjoyable activities for the Colony.



11th Southgate Cubs 100 celebrations.

Edward Trew, Shekhinah Gitu and Reuben Lessman took part in the Sport Relief Mile event on 20th March with members of the Cub Section.



The Beavers met Will Harvey the new Children's Minister of Christ Church Cockfosters at our last meeting of the term. Will organised a fun session in the church to explain the meaning of Easter. At the end of the meeting Pauline Kirilova 'swam up' to Cubs.



We were very pleased to welcome Raphael McGurrian and Shayan Mirza to the Colony this term.

Finally, a big thank you to Jumbo and the leadership team for their support and hard work during meetings; to parents for your support and of course to the Beaver Scouts themselves who make our meetings so much fun.



Glenda Hunter [Keoo] Beaver Scout Leader

Cub Section annual report to June 2016

As the last AGM took place straight after Cub Camp 2015 this is where I will start.



Cub Camp was once again a great success. This year we were all Pirates! The cubs practised their Pirating skills – all the good ones mind and hopefully would now be able to look after themselves if marooned on a desert island. They learned how to collect the right twigs and make a fire and to cook on their fires. How to build a shelter and scale the cliffs (well the climbing wall anyway!). They practised their balancing skills and their water pistol skills, proved how fast they were and how brave they were. Ask them about being “bean boozled”.

Whilst having fun they learned how to work together in teams, the importance of keeping their tent tidy – clothes , shoes, beds etc. They also practised their washing up and drying up skills quite a lot too, no dishwashers on camp so don't let them tell you they can't do it. Every cub stayed the distance and made it through the whole weekend and their reward was a whole weekend of fun.

I know a lot less sleep than normal was had over the weekend as the tradition of the Midnight Feast is alive and well, and they were tired when we handed them back to you, I am sure that after a good scrub on arriving home they all slept soundly on the Sunday night.

A big thank you to all the leaders for giving up their weekend to run the camp, especially to Jumbo, Mary and Julie who work so hard, shopping and cooking and generally looking after all of us, but an even bigger thank you to the parents that entrust their children to us for the weekend. We do hope that all of our cubs benefit from this event, learning to be a little more independent, learning to be a little more responsible for their own property, learning to share with others and hopefully growing in confidence in themselves.





District Events

Cub Trek 8. October 2015. An 8Km challenge for cubs requiring them to follow a set route and use their map reading and compass skills. We entered two teams this year. The route was challenging and took over three hours but everyone finished the course. Working up to this we had a practise hike through Hadley Woods and the Covert Way Nature reserve, which is on our doorstep and very under used! We had 16 cubs out for the afternoon and although they didn't all take part in Cub Trek 8 all of the cubs achieved a level of their Hikes Away Badge, completed components of other badges and some completed parts of their Personal Challenge Badge as well.

April was of course the month when we all join in with other packs in the District and celebrate **St Georges Day**. This is the time when we all renew our Scout Promise.

In May we took part in the **District Sports** entering two teams who came in 4th and 9th out of 12 packs. This was a good result considering that we struggled to get teams together and didn't have enough of the correct age groups for each team. Daniel Titlow needs a special mention, having done a sterling job running his socks off as the only under 91/1 team member in his team.



In September we had a small group take part in the **District Cub Water Activity Day**. This took part in Docklands. It was a brilliant event and everyone that attended had a very good day. An excellent event which enabled the cubs to try out four different activities on the water enabling participants to complete most of

the requirements for the Water Activity Badge.

September is also the time for the **5-a-Side Football Tournament** and we managed to take part and put up a reasonable show.

October brought us "**Cub Trek 8**". An 8K orienteering event. We entered two teams and finished in 6th and 12th places. We ran a very a couple of Hikes as practice for this event learning many skills and enabling cubs to work towards their Hikes Away Badges. During October there was also the

District Bowling event. This took place on a Thursday evening and so the whole pack was able to join in. It was a fun evening even though we didn't win any prizes.



In February we entered a Chess team in the **District Chess** event but in the end only had two boys attend. This meant that we had to team up with another group that were also short of team member but this team came in 4th and was therefore selected to represent Southgate in the County Chess tournament. As one of our team had moved on to Scouts it was left to Jamie McKinnon to represent our pack and Southgate District.

March was our most successful month. This was the **District Swimming Gala**. Having entered two teams we claimed both 1st and 2nd places. The difference in the scores being just one point! A brilliant result, we look forward to next year,

Very well done to everyone that took part in these events.

Programmes and badge work



During the year our programmes are varied and besides working towards Badge during pack meeting we also try very hard to organise outings and events and some simply fun activities. We play conkers, had a visit from a local P.C. looked at how we can recycle things and save water.

In March we took part in the Youth Parade Service with some cubs doing the reading and we also told a story about why we shake hands with our Left Hand !

In May we had a visit to a local Pets at Home Store. They run events designed to cover aspects of the Animal carer Badge. The cubs got to see and handle a range of different animals.



In October we had a brilliant outing to the Tower of London and HMS Belfast.

The cubs and Leaders alike were amazed at the poppy display at the Tower, truly awesome sight. We also had a quick tour around the Tower, speaking to some Beefeaters and seeing the Ravens as well as a watching



some WW1 re-enactments. The short trip across the bridge to H.M.S. Belfast was well worth the walk. All the cubs enjoyed this especially the very life like looking models in the Operating Theatre and the Radio Rooms.

In November we took advantage of a free Cyclist Workshop run by Halfords. This was very informative evening geared towards the requirements of the Cub Cyclists Badge and was very well run by Halfords.

In December we had a small group visit the **District Panto**.

In February we had a long awaited trip to the London Observatory. We had 12 places and they were all filled. The cubs had a very informative evening and we able to get up close to some fantastic telescopes. Unfortunately the weather was against us and it was not possible to open the roof and actually look up at the stars.

CCSA

This new year has seen the introduction of a new award scheme and some new badges. The biggest change being to the Challenge Badge requirements and the requirements to achieve the Chief Scout Silver Award. Some cubs will complete their CSSA under the old regime, with our last few having just completed this award. Well done **Harshil Gor, Billy Cook and Daniel Aw**. Also well done to **Luca Coles, Francesco Newell, Tom Slevin and Orestes Dritselis**.



This is just a glimpse of what we have been up to over the last year. I hope you agree it is a varied programme and we try to find something for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you as always to the leadership team for all their help and assistance throughout the year and to all the parents that bring their cubs along regularly to Pack Meetings and support us when we join in the district events.

Geraldine Palfreman (Akela) Cub Scout Leader.

Scout Report for AGM June 2016

Here is a summary of what the scout troop has been up to since the last AGM.

In July the District held a camp for all the groups in the District at Tolmers campsite. We are particularly pleased at how much the scouts said they enjoyed this camp as some of our team members were involved in running the camp. This was a good introduction to how we in scouts like to camp as it was relatively easy with lots of fun activities such as archery, climbing, a campfire, shooting and many more. We had some lovely weather but it was very cold and damp in the evenings.



Our summer camp is very much the highlight of the year and a great deal of planning and thought goes into coming up with what we hope is a programme. This year we were very conscious that several of our scouts needed to finish their Chief Scout's Gold Award before the old programme of September so we made sure that they took the lead on many aspects of the camp and in particular how the pitch was laid out and some of the activities that they designed and well camouflaged!

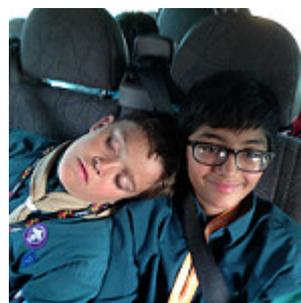


great deal of a great scouts needed to ended at the end aspects of the the activities that they designed and well camouflaged!

The rest of the scouts were not neglected and they learned cooking on open fires, whittling, and the safe use of a knife axe and saw, how to look after and use stoves and lamps, as well as many of our normal activities



such as Ready Steady Cook (acclaimed by our visitors as the best meal on camp yet!), swimming, crate stacking, ice wall climbing and so on. We were invited to join some scouts from Leicestershire at their campfire and we were very proud when our scouts were the only ones to occasionally had Jumbo was taken run a skit. Is it any wonder that Kyri to sleep it off on Monis! As you know scouts designed ill just before we went away and the



campfire and we the only ones to occasionally had Jumbo was taken scouts designed

and made a very nice memento from our camp. We One of the scouts favourite sessions is Autumnal traditions where traditional entertainment such as apple bobbing, "doughnut on a string", etc. We also explored how other cultures celebrate this time of year. Afterwards we invested Monis and presented a large number of badges culminating in four Chief Scout Gold Awards which we all celebrated with cake!

We are lucky to have in our leadership team Marina who is a qualified shooting instructor and so we were able to take the scouts shooting at Tolmers campsite and many of the scouts have expressed an interest in taking this further and we are hoping to organise visits to the East Barnet Shooting Club in future.



Each evening we run different games and these can take many forms such as Adam's favourite of "pulling carrots" which seems to involve a great deal of screaming and shouting, the rather quieter Spaceship (see picture), "two truths and a lie", as well as wide games (weather permitting). It's amazing how many games are known by the scouts. Our ever popular r "Global Village" a "Live Action Role Playing Game" where the scouts (and leaders!) take on roles as though from different parts of the world but all living together in a village. After some initial confusion until the scouts realised that if they wanted to do anything they had to interact with one another there was a frenetic amount of

activity whilst the scouts rushed to buy food and drink to avoid dying! Patrick sold an incredible amount of insurance against the random bad things that happen as well as learning just how much money a banker can make exchanging money and Anish gamed the system mercilessly! This all helps to scouts to gain an understanding of "international issues"

Looking back, just before Christmas we joined other district scout groups for an outing to the Natural History Museum to go skating, followed by visit to the Christmas market on the Southbank and a gentle stroll up Horseguards Parade taking in the sights of various government buildings. We all had a great time and hope to repeat this next year.

#YouShape

For 2016 the Scout Association rolled out its YouShape project which was to encourage all scout groups to involve their scouts in planning their programmes. Although we hold regular forums and the like we did run a series of good forums for the scouts, particularly the more experienced ones to have

their say in what we will do in the future.

On the weekend of the 6th and 7th of February we eventually small problem with the minibus breaking down) for a special scouts had been asked to assist the security forces in various



very secret mission that only the undertake. As ever there scouting when it came to leaving secret signs to quantities of sweets were not eaten as Afterwards the scouts went "skydiving" (and no we did not throw them out of a plane!). There is a CD-ROM of this and we hope to cannibalise this into something we can hand out.



headed off (after a mission. The tasks regarding a scouts could skills paid off guide others. Vast a reward.

We had planned in a fundraising and community of this term with the scouts coming up with ideas to allow us to carry out some major projects at Centre in East Barnet (our chosen partner). On we were honoured by a visit from the Lady Duchess of Haringey OBE! The Duchess is very charitable works and she had agreed to assess our fundraising before the tried them out "for real". We think it's important to have visitors as often as we can.



project for much for raising money the community the 9th February Matilda-Marina involved in scouts' efforts at

The scouts succeeded quite creditably at raising sufficient funds to cover the costs of the materials and many

of them gave up time during half term to attend East Barnet Community centre and carry out various works as well as running activities for some of the children attending. The list of works included (but is not limited to) repairs to the



climbing frame and “branding” a new sign. Some of the scouts were able to try out various tools as well.



The scouts were also excellent at leading activities for some of the younger children at the Community Group and I am pleased to say that we will always be welcome!

To round off our incredibly busy February we entered March Pioneering camp at Lees Wood which we have been planning. Several of the leaders said this was one of the most we have run despite the minibus breaking down and need to Even that had a silver lining in that the scouts were very well what could have been a “crisis”.



Meanwhile at the scout hut parents were busy drinking Tea waited for news of what was Anyway back at the camp – the scouts kicked off with some problem solving which did involve some great team work albeit to create something truly amazing! Later the scouts showed their grasp of practical knots by demonstrating that they could tie them before creating “knot boards”, which has been immortalised in one of “usual suspects” line-ups we have



with our for some time. enjoyable camps be towed back. behaved during Sam and some whilst they happening.

scouts then built a climbing frame, and this time no leaders part of the structure! Indeed at the end of this weekend we can many of the scouts were better than some of the leaders at of personal feedback – we allowed the scouts in one evening menus for the weekend. Some of us think they need reminding more than children 😊



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During our regular meetings we have been tackling some of the new challenge badges, and although many of these are similar to what went before such as learning about healthy eating and living, yet others are newer of have more emphasis: so for example although we have always run many forums, we have now formalised these more.

In April we made sure our fire lighting skills were up to scratch and we were kindly allowed to use an outdoor compound owned by 3rd Southgate down near Palmers Green telephone exchange. Not having our own dedicated outdoor area where we can burn things and put up tents is a real constraint.

As part of the World Challenge award we were required to undertake an environmental project and so we constructed and decorated some “insect hotels” that could be placed in the garden of Christchurch Lodge residential home hopefully to stimulate the insect population and entertain the residents.



In May we spend another fun filled evening down at the Phoenix Outdoor Centre on The Welsh Harp in Brent where we had fun with kayaks. This was a tough journey for Sam and Peter in the minibus as Sam had broken his glasses on the drive to the scout hut (quite literally broken in half at the nose) which meant that he could not see much up close and was not very good at directing Peter from the map or sat nav who was trying to get us there in the minibus. When we were only a mile away from the centre at staples corner we took a wrong exit of the roundabout which ultimately meant we had to drive on the M1 all the way up to Watford before we could turn around and try again. Never trust a scout leader to read a map.



We are looking forward to going to the 2016 Essex International Jamboree for a week in August where we will be camping with thousands of other scouts and guides from all over the world doing various fun and adventurous activities then the troop and indeed the leaders have ever experienced before but you will have to wait until next summer to hear about that!

With much thanks and appreciation to our fellow group leaders, our scouts and our parents.

Heather, Darryl, Peter, Marina, Adi and Adam – Troop leader team.

Sam Covill Scout Leader
