



**11th Southgate
Christ Church Cockfosters**



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 13th May 2017



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The year ahead

Scouting has recently been in the news as the movement seeks to meet the demand from young people across the country to join Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Sections.

“Scouts waiting list grows to biggest on record as 51,000 children unable to join due to volunteer shortfall” – The Telegraph 11th April 2017

Scout leaders: 'It's the best non-paid job in the world' – BBC 12th April

Whilst Bear Grylls continues as our chief Scout, five new ambassadors join the association team to raise the awareness of the invaluable work the movement does to help young people develop skills for life. They are...

Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds, Olympic gold medallist Helen Glover, TV presenters Anita Rani and Steve Backshall, and Adventurer Megan Hine. Who will work alongside current Scout Ambassadors, including Chris Evans, Ed Stafford and Julia Bradbury, as positive role models for young people.

The challenge ahead is encapsulated in the five issues below which are being focused on through a review and plan for Scouting in 2018 and onwards by the Association. We will hear more of this later in the year and have a chance to contribute our thoughts.

Social Integration - Wellbeing -	Bringing communities together and having impact within them As a study by the university of Edinburgh (2016) showed Scouts to be 15% less likely to suffer mental health issues in later life.
Social Mobility -	Delivering skills for life regardless of background
Dominance of Digital -	Harnessing the seismic technological change to get young people outdoors as well as to help make the running of Groups easier.
Generational Differences -	With a 52% increase in 16-24year olds volunteering between 2011 and 2015 and with an ageing population there can be better opportunities to recruit more volunteers.

Facing the future is exactly the right thing to do because in the words of our founder Robert Baden-Powell 'We are a movement, not an organisation. We change with the times' -

At the 11th we are blessed with two things which help to make our Group successful

1. A fine HQ. It was built in 1963 and has been much used but also looked after over the years. Our current project to renovate the back stores is in progress and we have so far raised over £11,000 with thanks to the Big Lottery fund, the COOP Community Fund and the Shanley foundation. Work is expected to start in the summer.
2. A strong leadership team. We have both uniformed and non-uniformed members contributing to the running of the Group. As we prepare for the future we would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer a bit of their time to help us develop the young people in our community.

With a bigger leadership team we can deliver more enriching experiences to more young people and we know it matters.

Do ask any of us and we can find a valuable role for you, or someone else who may be interested however much time you are prepared to offer.

Please do consider what you could do to contribute to the community of the 11th in the Year Ahead

Mungo Knott
Group Scout Leader

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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 | Ken Ward |
| 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. Mr David Hunter | |
| ii. Mr Graham Cook. | |
| iii. Mrs Nafisa Ashing | |
| iv. Mr Darren Weeks | |
| v. Mrs Alina Rusu | |
| vi. Mr Ben Weinberger | |
| 7. Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from the leadership | |
| i. Geradine Palfreman | |
| ii. William Harvey | |
| 8. A.O.B. | |
| 9. Close of Meeting | |

ELEVENTH SOUTHGATE SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity No. 1020756

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

<u>2015/16</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
22.15	Interest	18.37
6803.50	Subscriptions	6211.00
1375.41	Gift Aid Tax Refund	1290.15
6477.00	Hire of Headquarters	5615.00
132.00	100 Club - Net	160.00
164.29	Easy Fundraising	75.30
200.00	Grants	250.00
1099.00	Donations	1036.70
	Miscellaneous	
<u>16273.35</u>		<u>14656.52</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
2612.58	Membership Fees	2508.00
11071.66	Headquarters Running Costs	4543.96
264.43	Sundry Income/Expenses of Sections	1949.25
	Equipment Purchase and Repair	1324.29
2610.65	Minibus Expenses	2384.51
190.86	Sundry Expenses	652.35
21.38	Transfer to(from) Repairs & Renewals Fund	17.26
<u>16771.56</u>		<u>13379.62</u>
 <u>-(498.21) (D)</u>	 SURPLUS(S)/DEFICIT(D) FOR YEAR	 <u>1276.90 (S)</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

<u>ASSETS</u>		
2872.39	Fixed Asset and Equipment costs are all written down to nil	2889.65
4658.21	Investment - National Savings Bank	14378.36
7530.60	Cash at Bank etc. and held by Sections	17268.01
<u>-(63.13) (P)</u>	Adj: Sundry Creditors(C)/Prepayments(P)	<u>8380.12 (C)</u>
<u>7593.73</u>		<u>8887.89</u>
 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
5219.55	Balance at Start of Year	4721.34
<u>-(498.21) (D)</u>	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D) for Year	<u>1276.90 (S)</u>
4721.34		5998.24
2872.39	REPAIRS & RENEWALS FUND	2889.65
<u>7593.73</u>		<u>8887.89</u>



11th Southgate

Beaver Section Annual Report

Summer term 2016



The first Group and District event for the summer term was the **St George's Day** event held in Broomfield Park. Emilia Greenfield led the Beavers in their Renewal of Promise and Kyle Joseph carried the Beaver flag.

The District Sports Afternoon

Was held at Scout Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in May was well supported by the Colony and our team was placed 3rd out of 7 Colonies. As usual there was competition to represent the 11th in the parents' race!



Our team for the parents' race

Community link

The Colony visited **Christchurch Lodge** in May to plant out their hanging baskets, a good turn we first did in 2013. Beavers returned to the HQ and each planted a sunflower seed, which they took home to look after and record progress as part of the **Experiment Activity badge**. We completed the badge by doing experiments with magnets.

We returned to the Lodge in June to plant out our plants for a Sunflower Competition to grow the tallest sunflower organised by the Hazel Coleman, the Scheme Manager. Beavers were paired with a resident whose role was to look after the plants during the summer so



that the tallest sunflower could also be entered into a competition with other Riverside Retirement Homes in the area.



On Sunday 12th June we had a stall at the Christ Church **Queen's Jubilee Street Party**. 5 Beavers and their families came along and enjoyed the afternoon getting to know each other. The Beavers, helped very ably by one of the dads during the first session, manned 3 competitions: guess the number of sweets in the jar, name the (soft toy) corgi and guess where the Queen had dropped her glasses. We raised £32.70.



In **1982** the Scout Association gave approval for the formation of Beaver Colonies within Scout Groups in the UK and in **1986** Beaver Scouts became full Members of the Association.

Parents joined us at the end of the penultimate Colony meeting of term for the official start of our 30th Birthday celebrations. Parents found out about the history of Beaver Scouting and when our Colony started and then joined their son/daughter's Lodge to think of possible '30 Challenges' the Beavers could attempt. And of course there was birthday cake!



The Colony supported **Bookbridge** and donated 65 books at the end of term. **Bookbridge** is a Scout inspired social enterprise with expertise in education that runs 20 community-based learning centres across Cambodia, Mongolia and Sri Lanka to improve job and life chances of many thousands of young

people. These centres are supported by the local Scouts and are at the heart of the community. Among badges awarded during the term were our first Cyclist and Cook activity badges.

Viktorija Buga moved up to Cubs in May and Ivaylo Veselinov, Bethia Penn and Naiana Marrinan Ribeiro were invested in June, when we were able to welcome our new GSL, Mungo Knott!



Autumn term 2016



We returned eager to find out whether had survived the summer holidays and sunflower was the tallest! Not all had Bethia Penn's had grown the tallest - won our Colony Competition. Lodge came 2nd in the Riverside Homes competition with Bethia's



our sunflowers also whose survived but 2.6m - and so Christchurch Retirement sunflower.



We prepared parts of the **Cook** and **Health and Fitness** activity badges at the beginning of term. The Beavers learnt about food hygiene and how to be safe in the kitchen and then tried some agility activities – hula-hoops and skipping – and acted out sketches to promote healthy eating and exercise they had prepared in groups. Beavers then tried out some cooking at home to complete these badges. A photographic record of their amazing dishes and snacks is displayed in the HQ – ideas for a Beaver recipe book perhaps!



Another popular autumn activity was our nature trees pictures.



We learnt about sparkler safety and then lit some sparklers outside in the car park. We also supported the 2016 Poppy Appeal and with the Cub Scouts helped raise £70-71.

Our main theme for the second half of term was Space. The **Space Activity badge** is a new activity badge and we couldn't have chosen a better year to prepare it, as not only the closest and brightest supermoon of the name of the eight planets in our solar system, record moon phases and what they could see in the International Space Station, the Hubble space telescope and the Juno mission to Jupiter. A most enjoyable badge to prepare.



the November full moon, called a **Beaver Moon** (!) was 2016 but also the largest since 1948. Beavers learnt made a planets mobile, kept a night sky journal to the night sky, found out about constellations, the

Juno mission to Jupiter. A most enjoyable badge to



In December party of 26 of us – Beavers, parents and siblings – went to see the **Scout Pantomime, Snow White**, and we had a very enjoyable afternoon. The Beavers acted as welcomers and helped take the collection at the **Carol Service for All ages** at the end of term.

We were pleased to welcome Eisa Alibhai, Luke Jones, Tia Nelson and Anastasi Achilleos to the Colony in the autumn term. Ivaylo Veselinov moved on to Cubs in December.

Spring term 2017



Lily Blott was the winner of our annual **Colony Domino Competition**. Lily joined by Bethia Penn, Raphael McGurrin and Aaron Lee represented our Colony in the **District Domino Competition** in March and retained the shield for the winning team that we won in 2016! Well done again Beavers!

We prepared another new badge for the Colony, the **Disability Awareness Activity badge**. We found out a little about Paralympians Libby Clegg and Jonnie Peacock as we looked at physical disability and sight awareness. For deaf awareness we played our opening game of 'Ladders' in silence, a challenge for our Young Leader organising the game as well as for the Beavers playing in silence and we also learnt our Beaver Promise in British Sign Language.



We then went on to complete the **Emergency Aid stage 1 Activity badge**. Oliver Jennings, one of our Beaver dads and also a firefighter, visited the Colony to tell the Beavers about his job and his uniform.



For Mothering Sunday we did some sewing and made bookmarks, which involved a lot of needle threading for the leaders!!

We were pleased to welcomed Nathan Brooks, Cameron Gibbs, Khalil Hamirani, Gracie Jennings, Ria Thakrar and Ayan Vara to the Colony in the spring term. Max Buchanan, Raphael McGurrin, Samuel McLean and Bethia Penn moved up to Cubs and are all settling in well and looking forward to Cub camp, I'm sure. We also said goodbye and thank you to our 2 Young Leaders, Peter Bone (Chip) and James Magill (Rusty). We wish them well in their upcoming exams.

Finally, a big thank you to the leadership team for their support and hard work during meetings; to parents for your support and of course to our Beaver Scouts themselves for their enthusiasm each week.

Glenda Hunter ('Keeo')
Beaver Scout Leader



Cub Section Annual Report



Cub Camp 2016.

One of the main highlights of the Cub year – all of the cubs look forward to this event. Once again we had a good camp weekend with most of the cubs being able to take part. 24 in total. Our theme for this year was “**Back to Basics**”. This was because we had been celebrating **100 Years of Cub Scouting** and had been looking at the way that things used to be done.



Our weekend included taking part in many basic scouting skills, trying our hand at fire lighting and backwards cooking, pioneering, pitching an “old fashioned” tent and wide games.

We also celebrated our cub birthday with a party and had bunting and balloons and party games. Even our Supercub 100 event included “old fashioned” activities like leap frog and wheelbarrow races.



We were also fortunate enough to be camping over a weekend when there was a special display at the Heritage Centre on site about Cub Scouting over the years and this was run by someone that had been part of the 11th Southgate (or rather its previous identity) back in the day. The



cubs really enjoyed looking around and although they found many differences, especially with respect to uniform, they also found many similarities to scouting today.



A big thank you to all the leaders for giving up their weekend to run the camp, especially, Mary and Julie who work so hard 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.



Cubs 100 – 1916-2016

As previously mentioned we were celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouting in 2016 and to this end we had a year of programmes with this in mind. Our badge work had a twist and programmes a bit of a twist as we looked at what the Cub badge work programme had been like in the past. The cubs were set a challenge to try to complete what would have been badge work to achieve their 2 stars which they could have then worn on their caps – if we still had them! This included many traditional scouting skills such as knots and first aid, knowing the National Anthem, knowing how to fly the Union Flag, how to keep hands, feet, teeth and nails clean, clean a pair of shoes and fold clothes neatly, knowing

the eight points of a compass, know three types of bird, three types of tree and safety in the home. I do hope they have remembered some of these things especially as one other skill was that of memorising a message and being able to repeat it correctly!

At the beginning of the year we had a special outing when many of us were treated to a special Cubs only showing of the latest “Jungle Book” film – just Cubs and their families, we had the cinema to ourselves! At the end of the year we had a special District Event the Royal Aircraft Museum, Hendon when cubs from all over the District got together and remade their Promise at the same time and date as the very first Grand Howl, which took place in Caxton Hall, London in 1916. AND, to end the year, on our last pack meeting we had a birthday party – again traditional party games and lots of fun.

County/District Events

During this year we took part in a number of District Events.



In September we had a good number of Cubs take part in the now bi-annual **County Water Activity Day**. This took part at Docklands Scout Project and the weather was just about kind enough to us so as not to spoil the day. The Cubs had a fantastic day on the water taking part in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and achieving levels of their Paddle Sports, Nautical Skills and Time on the Water badges.



Also in September was the **District 5-a-Side competition**. We had just one team but they finished 2nd in their league and got through to the knockout event, only to be defeated by a very talented team of rather large 10 years olds!



In October we took part in the **Cub Trek 8 Challenge** again and we entered a team of 5 brave souls. We took over 4 hours to complete the course – coming in last BUT we did come in joint second place with respect to the points given for getting the correct answers- fantastic map reading and compass skills guys – all that training paid off.

November offered us a chance to try our hand at **10 Pin Bowling in the District Competition**. We had three teams of 8! We did not win anything but had a great time.

We also had a small party of cubs venture out to the **Annual Panto**. The reports were that it was very good this year.

The New Year usually begins with the **District Chess** competition. We entered 12 cubs so three teams this year and as we achieved a 2nd and a 4th place we now have two teams going forward to represent Southgate District in the County Competition coming up in May. Well done everyone!



March then brings the **District Swimming Gala** and we entered a team that achieved a very creditable third place – another fantastic effort.

April of course means **St George's Day** and we had a fantastic time at this year's event at Tolmers. A brilliant turnout, lovely weather and all in all a great day out.



Reports of all of these events and more can be found on the Cub page of our Group web site.

www.11southgatescouts.org.uk

Programmes and badge work



This past year has been so busy you may well be thinking that we have had very little time for badge work but we managed to fit some in. In particular this last term we set out to achieve our **International Badge**. To aid us with this we had a group of very enthusiastic parents help us out by coming in and telling cubs all about the countries that they came from or had visited. The cubs had a "passport" to complete filling in information about language, culture, currency, religion and festivals, amongst other things, from these countries. We learnt about: South Africa,

Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Thailand, Sri Lanka.

This took place over a couple of weeks and I do believe that the parents enjoyed this as much as the cubs. A huge thank you to everyone that made the effort.

To complete this badge we had to learn about the scout emblem and its meaning and you can see the results of this on the walls in the scout H.Q.



We also found time to do a litter project, taking to the local playing fields and having a clean up and then discussions re littering. We made some Dream Catchers, prayer hands and some palce mats and coaster (commemnerating the 100 year cub birthday) . We did some Christmas crafts and made some decorations for the Christmas Tree and did some cooking. We had a evening looking at Clouds and seeing what shapes we could see, the technical term for this being Nephelococcygia – it is quite interesting to see how people see things differntly!

We did arrange a visit to the local fire station – only to arrive and then the firemen got a call out. The pack was left in the control room having a look around. We didn't get to see everything but it did highlight how the emergency services can get called out at any time.

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Over this past year we have had a few boys move on from cubs, some of them up to the troop others to pastures new. We had five cubs achieve their **Chief Scout Silver Award** – well done **Callum Blott, Victor Spasov, Sophie Whitman, Alex Kirilova and Beth Cook**.



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 not just on Thursday evenings but also time at weekends to accompany the cubs to various events. Thank you also to all the parents that bring their cubs along regularly to Pack Meetings and support us when we join in district events.

Geraldine Palfreman (Akela)
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Section Annual Report

A lot has happened in the Scout section since our last annual report. Looking back it seems amazing how much fits into the space of less than a year. We always try to include the Scouts in planning what we do and we have embraced the "Youth-shaped" initiative, with many Scouts earning the badge by taking part in Forums and reviews. The first evening of this term was an Easter evening in response to requests for an egg hunt from the Scouts.

The local District is now running more events and we also sent some Scouts to a paintballing activity. This was very popular and we are likely to attend again in the future. Another very popular event is the District gliding where the 11th have made up more than half the attendees for the past few outings. The District bowling was once more enjoyed. We had a well-attended District camp which was run by our own Darryl Ashing. Feedback has been very positive and, with all sections invited, this year's is set to be a bigger and more successful event.



Continuing the camping theme, our summer camp was at the Essex International Jamboree. Over 7,000 young people attended with more than 2,000 adults/staff also in attendance. This was also a first for most of our leadership team as only Heather had previously attended one. The event was huge and very well planned. The Scouts got to try out an amazing range of activities including (just a small sample): journalism (on the Jamboree's own FM radio station), archery, high ropes, Bake off, various sports not to mention some normal camping skills. Further there was the opportunity to make international friends (we were pitched opposite a Troop from Colorado in the USA), try out for a talent show and many, many more activities.



We visited a compound owned by another Scout Group in the District where we brushed up on our fire-lighting skills, a key skill for Scouts. We are glad to report that our Scouts are all budding pyromaniacs... although they were a little daunted by heavy rain at Well End later in the year.



Pursuing the Community Impact badge we installed some “bug houses” at Christchurch lodge to encourage useful insects to breed. The Scouts first had to assemble and decorate the houses before we spent an evening placing them in “bug-friendly” places around their garden.



We spent an evening at the Phoenix Outdoor Centre on the Welsh Harp reservoir where the Scouts were able to try out kayaking and getting very wet, we can safely report that they succeeded at both. This trip was very popular and we will be following it up with another water activity evening soon.

Additionally, the Scouts helped prepare for our Youth Parade service which they performed a dramatised reading and led prayers. The Church’s Youth minister, Will Hutton, led an enthusiastic crowd and we hope that many of you saw the outcome in Church. The church owns the land on which the Scout hut is built and we try to maintain good links with the church and ask that all Scouts attend this once per term activity which also helps with several key badges.

We invited parents and siblings to join us for a “Shoebox Quiz” for our annual family night this year. Rounds included guessing the flavour of crisps, racking our brains for the names of different types of pasta and trying to work out what bizarre looking objects were used for (sheep shears, butter patters, candle snuffers...)



Our Christmas Craft night uncovered some budding artists within the Troop during a packed evening of cake decorating (and eating!), designing their own mugs and making pictures with hama beads.



A visit to Barnet Museum was fascinating and we were able to find out about the local area as part of our World Challenge.

We also spent time learning about different faiths and comparing their religious texts for the same Challenge – It’s interesting to note how similar some of these are and thge Scouts often had difficulty guessing which quote came from which text in “Bible Vs Qu’ran”.

Wide games have featured in each term, as a firm favourite with the Scouts. It's amazing what fun can be had with a Scout scarf, an A4 pack of playing cards or 12 staves and some short lengths of rope in Trent Park! While out and about we learnt how to use a map and compass (or in some cases refined our skills), in preparation for the next Chiltern 20 competition, and we also spent an evening getting to grips with contour lines as part of the Navigator staged badge building models of Mount Snowdon.



Building on a larger scale, we made ballistas and A-frame chariots as indoor pioneering projects. The Scouts are getting really good at tying knots and making lashings and even moderately good at hanking, coiling and tidying away!

More recently, an intrepid team of our Scouts took these skills to another level in attending a "1 metre high camp" which involved building their own structure to support them a metre off the ground as they slept. We are glad to report that nobody rolled off in the night.

Another talent which they have developed this year is their Emergency Aid. As well as some "hard work" evenings honing our own proficiency we were delighted to welcome a paramedic to visit us and share her tales and her equipment with us – Thank you Jenny.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Adi, who has gone away to university and Adam, who is now engrossed in his A-levels before doing the same in September. We would like to thank them for their hard work as part of our leadership team and wish them well for the future.

Sam Colvill & Darryl Ashings
Scout Leader & Assistant Scout Leader