

# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Meeting held via video conference  
due to the requirements for social distancing in response to the Covid-19 Virus

## Meeting a New Challenge

To do our best, and to help others are central elements of our promise through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and into Adult Leadership.

These are challenging commitments at the best of times and yet are most valuable when we are or those around us are experiencing more difficult times.

The Scout Association issued an instruction to suspend face to face Scouting activities on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in keeping with Government guidance. This of course is a massive restriction on the physical and interpersonal learning and fun which our movement embraces to help deliver the Skills For Life which will support our young people in their years to come.

## At the 11th

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Southgate we have obviously adhered to this instruction, but we have also done our best to adapt and to ensure that we can help the young people in our Group continue to enjoy and benefit from Scouting.

Our section reports are a testament to the dedication of our leadership who as always give their time and skills as unpaid volunteers. All sections have managed to continue to offer a programme with the help of video conferencing and have delivered a wide range of experiences, some of which we will learn from and may even find a place in our longer term Scouting.

I would like to thank those of you who have supported the Scouts at home in accessing the programme, and to thank the Scouts themselves across the sections for working together with each other and with their leaders.

On a sad note we have lost Ken Ward who has passed away recently. He was a member of the Group for many years and most recently was our Treasurer. He will be fondly remembered for his commitment and service by the many Scouts and Leaders he helped and worked with at the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Looking Forwards

We will continue to learn and adapt as necessary, but we are also all looking forward to the resumption of face to face activities when this is appropriate and approved.

The Section reports of our activities before the lockdown remind us of how precious our time together is and why it is therefore important that in all the circumstances we encounter, we try to do our best and help others.

**Mungo Knott**  
Group Scout Leader

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**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**AGENDA**

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Executive committee welcome  | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| 2. Apologies for absence  | <b>Glenda Hunter</b> |
| 3. Thanks to the executive committee<br>With appreciation for the life & contribution of Ken Ward | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| 4. Approval of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report   | <b>David Hunter</b>  |
| 5. Review and Approval of Reports from Sections and Executive                                     | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| 6. Nominations / Elections to Executive Committee   | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| a. Group Chair: - Vacant  | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr David hunter  | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter  | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| d. To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Executive Committee:                           | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| i. Mrs Nafisa Ashing  |                      |
| ii. Mrs Alina Rusu  |                      |
| iii. Mr Ben Weinberger  |                      |
| iv. Mr Philip Hardy   |                      |
| v. Mr Peter Gibbs   |                      |
| 7. Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from the leadership                                      | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| i. Mrs Geraldine Palfreman - CSL  |                      |
| ii. Mr Tom Inman - Christ Church Representative   |                      |
| 8. Approval of independent examiner – Andrew Aitkin FCA   | <b>David Hunter</b>  |
| 9. Report from the Group Scout Leader   | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| 10. Q&A   | <b>Mungo Knott</b>   |
| 11. A.O.B.  |                      |

Close of Meeting

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
21.11	Interest	23.46
8430.32	Subscriptions	9579.02
1817.10	Gift Aid Tax Refund	1598.24
6775.88	Hire of Headquarters	7070.00
80.00	100 Club - Net	90.00
73.09	Easy Fundraising	38.23
	Grants	
566.50	Donations	374.20
	Miscellaneous	350.00
<u>17764.00</u>		<u>19123.15</u>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
3022.50	Membership Fees	3382.00
9933.34	Headquarters Running Costs	7043.64
2545.40	Sundry Income/Expenses of Sections	2263.25
1653.36	Equipment Purchase and Repair	773.60
1963.82	Minibus Expenses	1793.51
132.35	Sundry Expenses	74.47
21.05	Transfer to(from) Repairs & Renewals Fund	
<u>19271.82</u>		<u>15330.47</u>
<u>-(1507.82)</u> (D)	SURPLUS(S)/DEFICIT(D) FOR YEAR	<u>3792.68</u> (S)

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020**

	<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
	Fixed Asset and Equipment costs are all written down to nil	
2924.32	Investment - National Savings Bank	2947.72
4086.06	Cash at Bank etc. and held by Sections	8725.76
7010.38		11673.48
<u>-797.92</u> (P)	Adj: Sundry Creditors(C)/Prepayments(P)	<u>72.50</u> (C)
<u>7808.30</u>		<u>11600.98</u>
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
6391.80	Balance at Start of Year	7808.30
<u>-(1507.82)</u> (D)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D) for Year	<u>3792.68</u> (S)
4883.98		11600.98
2924.32	REPAIRS & RENEWALS FUND	
<u>7808.30</u>		<u>11600.98</u>



11th Southgate

## Beaver Section Annual Report

New Beavers invested this year	13
Badges Awarded	184
Chief Scout Bronze badges awarded	3 (5 more expected by close of the summer term)
Beavers at June 2020	18 (of whom, 2 have Swum up to Cubs on 08.06.20)
Beavers routinely joining in online	11
Leaders	4 (3 from 9 <sup>th</sup> June)
Young Leaders	1

### Badge work this year

We have had lots of fun with the Beavers and also worked hard on our badges. We've made sure to do lots of work on the Challenge badges, so despite the lockdown, we are helping as many Beavers as possible earn the highly prized Chief Scout Bronze award.

The Beavers have practised setting up tents, making a bed, first aid, fire and home safety, teamwork games, problem solving as well as having lots of fun and games.



Crafts and building things are popular activities

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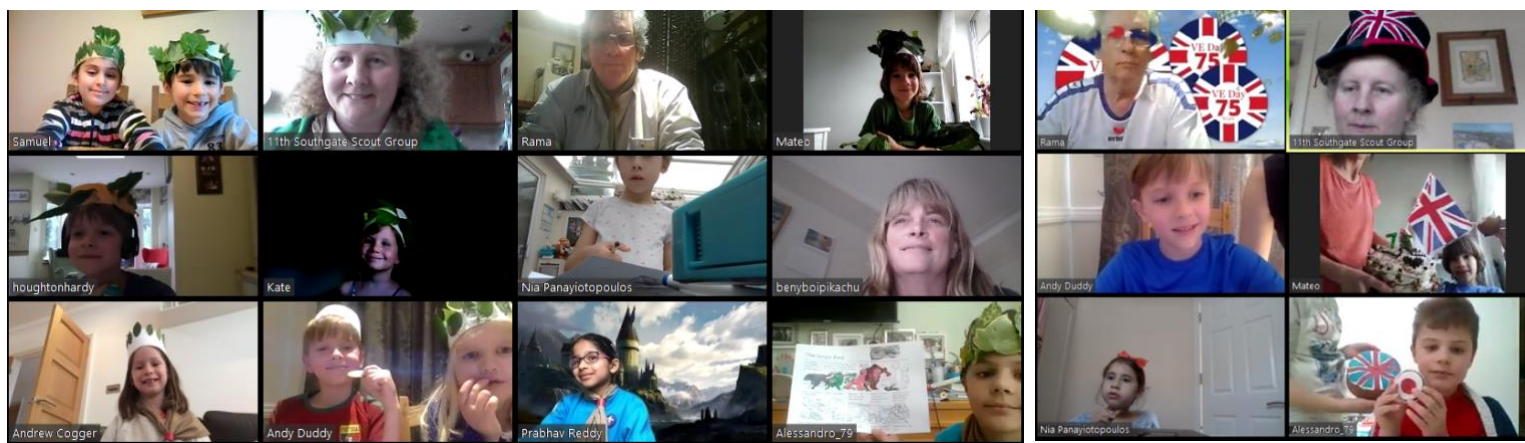
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### Beavers Online:

When lockdown began, we switched to Webex and later Zoom meetings without missing a meeting. Thanks to the Beavers and families for your patience as we learned how to do it and for putting up with technology that is sometimes challenging. Also thanks to Mungo and The Exec team for the Zoom account, which has improved the quality of the meeting software.

We play games, do Rama's nature quizzes every second week, which is very popular, and badge work, for example making Leaf Crowns and a compass with a needle, leaf and bowl of water. We celebrated **VE Day** and have done **Camp at Home** and **Scouts Walk to the Moon**



### Parental support with Badges:

We're very grateful for all the help and support from parents in doing badge work. Some of it just isn't possible online, particularly for the Adventure and Outdoor challenge badges. We're now using the Badges at Home feature on OSM, where photos and videos can be uploaded (they are deleted after 90 days) and we also receive updates from parents by email and WhatsApp. We're making extra efforts to update the website so parents and Beavers can share their scouting efforts. <http://11thsouthgatescouts.org/beavers/>

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## Events:

### District Sports Day in September



The weather wasn't brilliant but we had fun. Thanks to Sarah Brandi for organising the event

### Beaver Sleepover



Darryl Ashing, Rama (Peter Blayney) and our Young Leaders kindly helped run the Sleepover in the Scout Hut. The Young Leaders ran a series of games. The Beavers sang songs round the "campfire", made pancakes for breakfast and washed dishes.

### Remembrance Day

We went for a night walk around to the war memorial, placing candles and a wreath made by Beaver Claudia



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**We visited 5 Oaks Retirement Home and gave a concert to the residents.**

**We also did a Christmas Concert for the parents:**

Glenda Hunter kindly played the piano for us as we practised singing and gave our 2 concerts. The Beavers sang Christmas carols, read The Night Before Christmas and some gave solo musical performances. Cub scouts Sam and Cameron joined in too.



**We attended the All Age Family**

**Christmas Service at Christ Church Cockfosters**

**Our Young Leader Sam (Hawkeye) earned his Young Leader Belt**



Sam is a valued team member. He has planned and run a session as part of his Young Leader training.

Our other Young Leader, Rusty, has started work – congratulations! We hope he may be back this year and have appreciated all his help and inventive games.

**District Dominoes**

We took over the running of the District Dominoes Competition this year, holding at our own Scout Hut for the first time just before lockdown. Our team came second and **Beaver Sienna won the individual cup**. Congratulations Sienna and the team!



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### **Our Beaver leaders team:**

Many thanks to Sue (Rainbow), Peter (Rama), Vicky (Brown Beaver), Borka (Bubbles) and Sam (Hawkeye) for all the help they give to the Beavers.

Luke (Rusty) started work but kindly helped with the Beaver Sleepover

We really appreciate all the help Borka gave us and would be grateful if other parents would step forward when we start holding meetings in person again.

Thanks to Darryl Ashing, without whom we could not do the sleepover events

Thanks to Glenda Hunter (Keeo) who helped us with the 5 Oaks Visit and Christmas concert and played the piano accompaniment beautifully.

Finally, many congratulations to Vicky (Brown Beaver), whose baby was born in December. She brought baby Penelope to visit the Beavers earlier this year.

### **Future help required**

When Beavers starts again in person, we would be grateful if more parents would step forward to help, either on a regular or ad hoc basis.

Beavers will run until mid-July and then we wish you all a happy and healthy summer break.



**11<sup>th</sup> Southgate Beavers – fun and friends**

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At the time of writing we have 25 cubs with 2 beavers starting on their moving on award to prepare for their Investiture into the pack and a further three ready to begin soon.



Over the past year we have award **11 Chief Scout Silver Awards**. An award that requires attendance and commitment to programmes and events to achieve. Very well done to Shekhinah Gitu, Aaron lee, Raf McGurrin, Caden Osman, Bethia Penn, Reuben Lessman, Daniel and Alvaro Arroyo, Henry Isaacs, Sammy heath and Matteo Coles.

In total this past year we have awarded **294 Activity/Challenge Badges** with a further **42** waiting to be awarded during this lockdown period. This we hope to achieve this by posting badges out and having an on-line ceremony with parents handing over the badges!



**Cub Camp 2019** 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 **“Secret Agents”**.

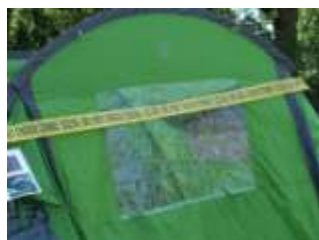
This year we had a camp token scheme – our “agents” earning tokens for all sorts of things both individually and as a team. This worked really well with “agents” extremely keen to earn tokens ☺.



Our agents had to undergo tests of their secret agent skills such as map reading and observation skills - how much did they observe on their area recce hike?, survival skills - being able to look after themselves preparing a fire and cooking a meal, using a compass and finding their way around. We also had fitness training on our assault course and testing of infiltration skills on our laser course( only string and bells ☺ ). We had problem solving skills to test and we had weapons training on the archery field and the shooting range with our water pistols and nerf guns. All in all a great weekend especially as the weather was very kind to us.



Supposed to be firing at the targets - not me!!



## Pack programmes:

Our programmes for this year included a variety of activities, hopefully managing to satisfy a wide range of interests. We cover things like health and fitness, looking after ourselves, which we started on the run up to Sports Day, and looked at what animals might be in danger and why – considering our environment. We practised our compass skills and had a go at some different codes as a means of secret communication; of course this was in preparation for our Secret Agent camp.



Leading up to Christmas we reviewed our Law and Promise, had a fun time incorporating some arts and crafts with nature. More scouting activities with a fun ropes evening, both learning knots with small ropes and playing and swinging on the large hanging ropes.

Our paper mache idea turned out to be very “testing” for the leaders but the cubs enjoyed it!. We had a fantastic visit to the Veterinary surgery in Barnet Village and combined this with a visit to the War memorial so a lot of learning on this evening as we had been looking at the role of animals during WWI and WWII. Just before

Christmas we had an “Escape Room” evening where the cubs had to try to discover who was trying to stop Christmas!



In the New Year We had our cub Party!!!



After that we worked on our Road Safety Badge and got out the chopsticks for Chinese New Year. In January we paid a visit to the Church giving us a good start for the work we did for our My Faith Badge. In February we did some Emergency Aid and then had a presentation from Noah’s Ark. Having had a smartie challenge over the Christmas period we were delighted to be able to present to Noah’s Ark with a donation of **£269-02!** The presentation showed us all the ways that our donation would be able to help this charity. We followed up with an evening making us aware of the challenges that some people experience in their daily lives and in particular with hearing and seeing. We even tried our hand at some sign language.



Sadly after this we were no longer able to meet in person but after a few weeks off we were able to all get together again on-line. We have managed some meetings on-line via Zoom and had meetings based on St Georges Day, learning about St George and then, with cubs in full uniform, everyone renewed their Cub Scout Promise as we always do at this time of the year. We have had some Wildlife quizzes and even managed an evening doing a Map Symbol Bingo game. We have all learnt a bit more about computers and how to do things with them and therefore many cubs will soon have earned their Digital Citizen badge – as will some of the Leaders!

## Events:



We always try and take part in District events and this included a trip to Hollywood Bowl in November, the District Chess competition in January and we did manage to get the Swimming Gala in during early March before we all went into lockdown. Sadly this means that, in particular St Georges Day and Sports Day, two favourites, were sadly missed.

In March many cubs start to look forward to Camp in June and for some it is their first camp away from home, but of course this also has been cancelled. However, many cubs have taken part in a Camp at Home challenge and have made dens or slept in tents, some inside and some outside whilst being stuck at home. They look like they still managed to have fun and got siblings and parents involved.



We also had a few cubs take part in the “Hike to the Moon” event to raise funds for The “Big Night In” (Comic Relief/Sport Relief) so a very big well done to all who took part.



Hopefully you will all agree we have offered an interesting and varied programme. We continue to provide on-line meetings on Thursday evenings but are all looking forward to meeting up again soon.



## Scout Section Annual Report

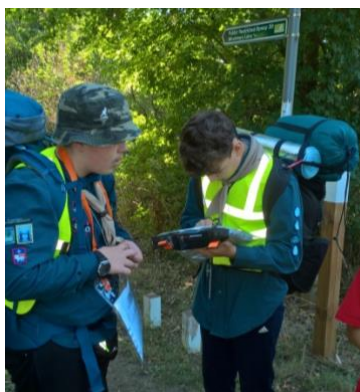
We continue to have the biggest number of scouts in the Troop (about 30) that the current leadership team that has been in post for over 10 years now have ever experienced ! We continue to have 3 patrols and are very pleased that the programme we work hard to plan and deliver is proving to be so popular.

Our 2019 Summer Camp was a smaller and shorter event than the usual 7 nights away that we like to offer. It was unfortunate that the leaders were not in a position at that time to offer a longer camp. However we were pleased that we could offer a smaller experience when for quite some time it looked like any sort of camp was impossible. It was good to welcome Steve Mayes who had previously been one of the Cub leaders to our camp and he has since been able to join the ranks of the regular troop leader team. We had an enjoyable time at Chalfont Heights with a programme mainly focussed on traditional Scout craft such as tent pitching, camp gadgets, pioneering and camp cooking.



We also took an enthusiastic part in the 2019 District Camp which was overseen by our very own Darryl Ashing ably assisted in the organisation with Heather Covill planning and running a very popular craft tent!

Camping continued with an overnight hike and navigation exercise where the scouts followed a route plan using map and compass with very minimal help from the leaders to journey from The Beehive PH in Epping Green to Harmergreen Wood Campsite in Digswell where they pitched tents and cooked the evening meal on Trangia stoves. The following morning we packed up camp and hiked to the finishing point at Gustard Wood some 8-10 miles away.







We camped again in October for two weekends running! Firstly at Youlbury in Oxford for the annual JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree on the air/Internet) alongside Ian Lamb and the 22/23<sup>rd</sup> Southgate Scouts Troops and with the 23<sup>rd</sup> again and 14<sup>th</sup> Southgate for Scarefest at the home of UK scouting Gillwell Park.

Scarefest was a fun Halloween themed weekend for both Scouts and leaders but was very cold, wet, muddy and windy and even the leaders struggled with helping the scouts pitch tents on the Friday evening where we had to employ scouts to lie down on the flysheets and tents whilst we put together the pole to stop everything blowing away. Special mention to Heather who catered for both events and even camped both weekends in a row whilst Darryl was ill and Sam was involved in a Rotary Conference.

Other notable events included a visit to the RAF Museum in Collindale and the annual District Ice Skating event in London at the Natural History Museum Ice Rink including a walk around China Town.



Weekly troop meetings have continued to focus on the traditional scouting core skills including teamwork, problem solving, communication and leadership and basic Scoutcraft needed to access the various camps and hikes including, map reading, route planning, compass work, knotting and rope work, stoves and lamps.

All scouts have been given a new “camp blanket” which included a session on making the hole to put your head through and practice on sewing individual badges. A visit over a couple of weeks to Warhammer/Games Workshop in Enfield Town was very popular and the scouts were able to spend the following week at the Scout hut painting models and playing one of the games that was provided free of charge by the shop

We continue to offer our leadership programme to our PL/APLS and older scouts to help equip them with the skills needed to lead as they get older. As ever all the weekly meetings, events, camps and hikes are designed to complete various aspects of the Scout progressive training scheme (the badges and challenge awards) and as ever this year we have been lucky enough to be able to award and reward (So far...) the Scouts with badges for The Adventure, Creative, Outdoor, Personal, World and Team Leader challenge awards and a variety of activity badges including Entertainer, Hobbies, Martial Arts, International, Model maker, Nautical Skills, Street Sports and Emergency Aid. In total we have been able to award over 150 individual badges.



The lockdown due to Coronavirus was a shock to us all and has taken some getting used to. We have been doing our best to provide an online meeting involving Zoom and Edmodo where we can offer the Scouts some fun and activities which can still contribute to their badge work. The most rewarding thing is that we have a good 18-20 turning up most weeks that remain keen to take part. This provides the Scouts (and leaders too) with some much needed face to face social experience. We can never hope to offer anything like we would normally do in “the real world “but it’s better than nothing.

Some of our future camps and events planned such as the Electronics Badge Camp had to be cancelled at short notice but we hope to be able to run that next year whenever we are allowed to resume our regular face to face meetings.

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One of our last big events before the lockdown was announced was our Expedition Award Trip which was targeted for those older scouts who were due to complete their Expedition Challenge award where they have to play a leading role in the event. The leaders facilitated the event and booked the building and oversaw the safety side of things but it was the Scouts themselves who planned the route, travel details, equipment list, food and shopping and the meeting arrangements to be given to parents. The scouts were given the venue of a scout HQ in Liphook, Hampshire which the leaders arranged to book. The rest was down to them.

All scouts on the event had immense fun and learned valuable skills and lessons which will be of use to them well into the future.



As ever our troop leader team work as a fantastic and hardworking team each playing a vital part whether it be the long term planning of the weekly meetings, the parent liaison or the week in week out execution of the weekly meetings and plus all the additional preparation done at home and before and after in the Scout hut.

We continue to operate a parent rota to provide additional hands on support to the leaders running the weekly programme as although we have a large core team of leaders due to work commitments, personal, health and other issues we are unable to be at all of the weekly meetings.

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Finally the scouts would like to show you our new troop T-Shirt which has been issued following the rebranding of the scout association and sections.



Yours in Scouting

**Sam and Heather Covill, Darryl Ashing, Peter Blayney, Steve Mayes and Young Leader Luke Bunton.**

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