

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 9th July 2022

Meeting held at Thriftwood Camp site

Preparing Young People with Skills for Life..

..is what the Scout Association is focussed on. This extraordinary movement continues to be relevant, effective and fun. Across the country around 450,000 people take part in receiving and delivering Scouting activities enriching the lives of those involved both as leaders and young people.

At the 11th we are fortunate to have a strong heritage of providing Scouting from our fine HQ and our three sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continue to be popular.

In our section reports you can be reminded of the range of experiences that our amazing leadership team are offering through their activity programs, and obviously as we have become less restricted by coronavirus it has been wonderful to see the young people meeting together and getting back to some of the best of Scouting.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the Leaders who have given their gift of time, enthusiasm and care to enable the sections to run so successfully.

During the last year a number of these leaders have been recognised for their outstanding service to Scouting receiving distinguished awards from the Association

The Silver Acorn

Geraldine Palfreman - Cub Scout Leader
Mungo Knott - Group Scout Leader

The Award of Merit

Peter Blayney - Assistant Section Leader
Darryl Ashings - Assistant Section Leader Scouts
Samuel Covill - Assistant Section Leader Scouts
Heather Covill - Assistant Section Leader Scouts

In particular we would like to thank Geraldine (Akela) who has decided that she would like to step back from leading the Pack. Over the many years that she has led the section she has enabled hundreds of young people to have a great start to their own Scouting journeys, and will always be remembered by them as an important part of their own development of their Skills for Life.

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Needing help from you..

As we look forward to the coming year we have a clear challenge to increase the Adult support for the Group. We need helpers for the sections and new members for the Executive.

Please do consider what you can offer to support our Group, We will help any supporter to find the role that suits you best and fits with the level of time you are able to offer.

Without new and engaged help we will risk reducing the amount of Scouting we are able to provide, but with it we can continue to grow and support our young people.

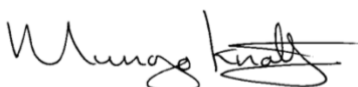
Planning for Squirrels..

In addition to our current three sections the Association has now launched a new section called Squirrels which is for Early Years (4-6) allowing even younger children to start their Scouting Journey.

We have explored the interest and demand for setting up this section within the Group, but have initially not had enough support to get Started. Scouting is provided by Volunteers, it is us who make it happen and it is us who provide young people with the great opportunities they want.

We do want to start the section, if anyone would like to join us make Squirrels happen, we would love to hear from you

Thankyou for your support and do please contact any of the leadership if you can offer some of your time for your Group



Mungo Knott
Group Scout Leader

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AGENDA

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| 1. Executive committee welcome | Mungo Knott |
| 2. Apologies for absence | Glenda Hunter |
| 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 Chair: - Vacant | Mungo Knott |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr David Hunter | Mungo Knott |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter | Mungo Knott |
| d. To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Executive Committee: | Mungo Knott |
| i. Mrs Nafisa Ashing | |
| ii. Mr Philip Hardy | |
| iii. Mrs Geraldine Palfreman | |
| 7. Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from the leadership | Mungo Knott |
| i. Mrs Geraldine Palfreman - CSL | |
| ii. Mr Tom Inman - Christ Church Representative | |
| 8. Approval of independent examiner – Andrew Aitkin FCA | David Hunter |
| 9. Report from the Group Scout Leader | Mungo Knott |
| 10. Q&A | Mungo Knott |
| 11. A.O.B. | |

Close of Meeting

Group Annual Accounts 2021-22

11th Southgate Christchurch Cockfosters Scout Group Income & Expenditure Account for Period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Attached are the accounts for the financial year 2021-22. These show an underlying deficit for the year of £3,346 which was more than compensated for by exceptional income of over £20,000 resulting in a surplus for the year of £15,880. The exceptional income was derived from Covid-19 Assistance Grants of £12,667 and legacies of £8,000. The legacies came from former two scouts (£3,000) in appreciation for the good times they had with the 11th Southgate Scouts, as well as from Jumbo Davies (£5,000) our former Group Scout Leader. The Executive Committee decided to buy and install a defibrillator (£1,441) in recognition of Jumbo's service to the Group.

Increases in income and expenditure compared to the previous year are a result of increased in group activities following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

At the 31st March 2022, the Group had a reserve of £49,089 which was almost all due to the Covid-19 Assistance grants in the last two years.

David Hunter
Group Treasurer
5 July 2022

2020-21	INCOME	2021-22
£		£
23	Interest	
4,897	Subscriptions	8,474
2,011	Gift Aid Tax refund	1,006
2,400	Hire of Headquarters	4,018
77	100 Club net	52
750	Jack Petchey Awards	-
74	Easy Fundraising	39
248	Section income	3,319
65	Donations	1,260
<u>10,545</u>	Total Income	<u>18,168</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
2,449	Membership Fees	2,890
	HQ Running Exps.	
1,249	Heat & Light	1,397
444	HQ Repairs	1,933
429	Surveys	428
684	Cleaning	1,113
638	Group Expenses	1,123
337	Books and Badges	839
1,196	Section Expenses	6,322
65	Equipment purchase/repair	941
980	Minibus	2,385
2,074	Insurance	2,143
<u>10,545</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>21,514</u>
<u>-</u>	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	<u>(3,346) (D)</u>
	Exceptional Income	
-	Legacies	8,000
-	Less defibrillator	(1,441)
<u>21,444</u>	Covid-19 Assistance Grants	<u>12,667</u>
<u>21,444 (S)</u>	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	<u>15,880 (S)</u>
	Balance Sheet	
	Assets	
2,971	National Savings Bank	2,972
30,989	Cash at Bank etc.	47,153
(752)	Sundry Creditors (-)	(1,036)
<u>33,209</u>		<u>49,089</u>
	General Fund	
11,765	Balance at Start of Year	33,209
<u>21,444 (S)</u>	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	<u>15,880 (S)</u>
<u>33,209</u>		<u>49,089</u>

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Beaver Section Annual Report

Beavers at July 2022	19
Leaders	3
Badges Awarded this year	148
Chief Scout Bronze Awards	5

Badge Work

We set our programme around the Challenge Badges as these take the most time and effort to achieve. We then add in some of the activity badges. This year we have just completed the new Money Skills badge for the first time.

Just about everything we do counts towards badge work but we try to make it fun for the Beavers, so they don't always realise they are achieving badge requirements along the way. The Beavers who earn the most badges are those who are able to attend regularly and join in our special events.

Badge work helps the Beavers to develop practical skills, have adventures, do outdoor activities and challenge themselves to do new things.



← We recently learned to make beds, which is always a fun Beaver activity. When combined with teamwork it leads to plenty of giggles as well as new skills learned. Crafts are always popular.

Rama recently led a windmill-making activity for us →



Above: Making Teepees

Badge work at home: The Beavers all like to earn badges, so support at home can help them finish badge requirements that are less easy in Beaver meetings. An example of this is the Cook badge. We had one last online zoom meeting where we made cake in a cup. A number of Beavers completed the other cooking requirements with parents at home. Some have also done experiments at home as well as the Experiments Badge work we've done together, for example.

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Special Events:

Day Camp: In June last year, we did a day camp at Well End. The Beavers collected fire wood, prepared fires for lighting, cooked over fires, made shelters, played mini golf and had a generally lovely time. Our wonderful leader Rama (Peter Blayney) kindly helped with this event, bringing his extensive scouting expertise and experience to the day.

Christmas Concert: Despite a Covid surge, we managed to do a lovely Christmas concert for the parents. The Beavers read the poem The Night Before Christmas and sang some Christmas carols.

St Georges Day: Rainbow (Sue Jones) led some of the Beavers at the annual St Georges Day event. This is fun day camp at Tolmers and at the end, all sections gather to renew their Scout promise.



At activity days we are able to cover a good range of the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badge requirements.

Trooping The Colour and the Platinum Jubilee: The highlight of this year has to be our trip to see Trooping the Colour. 45 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents travelled to Horse Guards Parade to see this fabulous event. Everyone was beautifully turned out and the scouts were all very well behaved – a credit to the 11th Southgate.



Setting off for Trooping the Colour and after the pageant

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We had a picnic after the event



In front of Buckingham Palace on our way home



The Beavers made Platinum Jubilee bunting, which Rama made into a lovely display in front of the Scout HQ, alongside some great Platinum Jubilee art work by the Scouts.

Next year we are planning to recommence District competitions for Dominoes, Crafts and Sports Day

Our Beaver leaders:

As always, many thanks to Sue (Rainbow) and Peter (Rama) all the help they give to the Beavers. This year, Hawkeye, our Young Leader has helped when possible but has been busy with his A-Levels. We wish him good luck with his exam and hope to have some new Young Leaders next year.

Also, many thanks to all the parents who have helped us this year. We've had great parental support and hope that some of our parents will step up to fill Exec positions.

The final Beaver meeting will be on the 11th July, after which we wish you all a happy and healthy summer break until September.

Joelle Bailey

Beaver Scout Leader

11th Southgate Beavers – fun and friends

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**Cub Section Annual Report
April 2021 – June 2022.**

We returned to meeting up in person last April – we held our meetings outdoors for the first couple of months to try to minimise any potential spread of covid and we seem to have been reasonably successful in that aim. We met in the local park, in the woods and also at Well End enabling us to get back to doing some cub activities and some badge work. It was great to see everyone together again.



June/July time we had meetings partly indoors but made the most of the good weather when we had it by doing athletics activities. We also learned how to use a compass both indoors and out and had a science evening. The cub were very surprised to discover that they could pierce a plastic bag full of water, with a pencil, and not get wet.

In July 21 we had quite a few Beavers move up to the cub section and had two evenings of Investitures over the month - investing 9 cubs.

Upon our return after Christmas we managed to more or less run normal pack meetings and we started the year with a New Year's Party – a really fun evening of party games and activities and party food and dancing. Thank you to Luke Bunton for the disco lights and music.

Now it was time to get really stuck in and we had several weeks working on the Emergency Aid badge. We celebrated Chinese New Year and of course Pancake Day!!

We then move on to work on our International Badge for a few weeks, learning about other countries and their similarities and differences to our way of life and finished off by making Friendship Bracelets.

This started off a bit slow and tricky but the cubs soon got the hang of it and some even took materials home to make more.

It was just after this that we sent seven boys up to scouts but soon invested more cubs to make up the numbers.

We learnt about St George ready for St Georges' Day and also about some of the other saints.

It was now time to seriously start practising some sports in readiness for our annual District Sports Day.

A look at the Countryside Code was then in order ready for our venture into the nearby countryside for cub camp at Well End. Alongside this preparation we made cardboard ovens one week and the following week cooked pizzas for all in our ovens! We learnt a few lessons as we all do when getting used to a new oven ☺ but on whole not a bad effort. Definitely edible and reasonably tasty.



We have had our ups and downs over this past year (including this activity when all the cubs had to sit on each other's laps) with leaders and cubs missing weeks due to covid and catching up with families and events that had been previously cancelled but I think we managed to get a pretty good start back to normality and managed to tick off a lot of badge work and activities that we had not been able to complete over zoom. Well done all.

We even managed to enjoy some extra activities and enter some District Events that were able to resume. Last May Joelle our Beaver leader organised an early outdoor activity on the water and a number of cubs managed to attend and had a fabulous day out. Thank you Joelle.

As we were unable to camp last year we run an activity Day at Well End and tried to cover some of the normal camp activities this was well attended – we had 15 cubs having a great day out.

The Districts event started in October with the 5-a-side football where we managed a team with a couple of substitutes and then the Cub Trek 8 event where we had 11, mainly young cubs, doing a grand job over the approx 8K course. There were also a number of friendly football practice sessions with another pack.

February saw us hosting the District Chess tournament in our own H.Q. We had 6 competitors which was one and a half teams but we had a really good competition and we achieved an excellent score.

March is always The District Swimming Gala and we had 15 cubs wanting to take part. We entered two teams and although we didn't win any trophies put up a good show.

14 cubs attended the St George's Day activity Day and had a good time. And every time cubs try out a new sport or adventurous activity – they get bits of badge work ticked off so as well as being fun it can end up being rewarding in other ways too.



Joelle has been really busy this term and she managed to get tickets for Trooping The Colour – in this Jubilee year. 13 cubs attended. The weather was kind to us and it was a lovely day out. Unfortunately we were not able to visit the Horseguards museum as planned due to external events, but the cubs were able to try on some of the Horseguards uniforms, in the street!



District sports was the following day and so it was a very busy weekend.

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This year we were able to run Cub Camp! We had 22 cubs with us for the weekend and even though the weather could not make up its mind and we did get a little bit wet at times, we got through all of the planned activities and had a very tiring but enjoyable weekend. And very fruitful one – 77 badges were completed over this weekend.

We are finishing this term with 27 cubs which is a very good number. Numbers did dip for a short while but we are back up to full strength in less than 1 year. An excellent achievement.

We have just a few short weeks now until the end of term and a well earned rest.

Thank you to all of the Leadership team that have tried their very best, and succeeded, in making our return to normality possible.

Geraldine Palfreman
Cub Scout Leader

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Scout Section Annual Report

The last year has presented similar changes to 2020 but in reverse as we have slowly emerged from lockdowns with important but onerous protocols around risk assessments, face to face meetings etc. We have had to be mindful not only for the young peoples' safety but also that of their families and other contacts.

That said we have managed to put in place an exciting programme:

Summer Camp 2021: This was held at Northern Heights and although we had to operate under the strict COVID-19 rules and only for a weekend we did manage to cover: firebuilding, cooking on fires, identifying trees, cooking on gas stoves, tracking, knife safety, using a knife, map and compass, using an axe and saw, pot scrubbing as well as some adventurous activities such as bouldering and Zip wire. It was a great relief to be back for face-to-face scouting.

After the summer we slowly returned to face-to-face scouting with a lot of our meetings taking place outdoors at Hadley Common and at Trent Park. We covered: wide games, Compass work, knots and lashings, whittling, fire safety, environmental projects and Christmas/seasonal holiday celebrations. We are particularly grateful for a visit from Mark and David at Banijay Group to talk to the scouts about computers and careers in TV production!

In the Spring of 2022 we met more at the hut but continued with rotations to minimise numbers in one place at a time. Some of our visits included: Barnet Museum, Warhammer Enfield and to the site of the 3rd Southgate scouts where we set fires! We also covered first aid and knots and lashings. Sadly our Expedition was cancelled due to inclement weather. We finally managed to carry out our Expedition Challenge to Cambridge at the end of April. Although we only had 3 scouts I think they'd all confirm that this was one of the most enjoyable things we've done in scouts!

In March 2022 we ran an Electronics Camp which was very successful and certainly from a leader point of view one of the most successful camps we've run. The scouts used soldering irons, learned how to build a game from micro-processors and standard parts as well as the fundamentals of electronics such as using resistors, capacitors, printed circuit boards etc.

This summer we have been zebra hunting in Trent Park, raft building at the Welsh Harp reservoir, taking part in archery and building computers! We have kayaking and trading posts to look forward to.

As for the future: we are planning our first proper summer camp (at Chalfont Heights) for almost three years for this August and all the team are really looking forward to it. We are also in discussions with our District to see if we can run another district camp next year.

Lastly we would like to thank all the scout parents who have attended a meeting over the past year, it would have been impossible for us to run these meetings without your support. Not every parent is able to attend a meeting but we also appreciate all the other support we receive from time to time.

Yours in Scouting

Sam, Heather, Luke, Darryl, Peter, Steve and Tommy

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