

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 16th September 2023

Meeting held at Gilwell Park Camp site

Preparing Young People with Skills for Life..

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing.

But, we also get to hang out with friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Every week almost half a million 4-25 year olds learn some of the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Everyone's welcome. All genders, races and backgrounds. Regardless of your young person's physical ability – there's a Scout adventure out there waiting for them.

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.

The Scout Association is undertaking a some changes to improve the support for those leading across a wide range of areas. These changes will be incorporated over the next year, but there are two key changes which will affect our Group.

1. The Executive Committee will now be referred to as a Trustee Board – This better reflects the actual status because the Board acts as Trustee members for the 11th Southgate Scout Group Charity.

The Key Trustee Board responsibilities are to:

- Manage money well
- Follow Scout policies and relevant information
- Look after buildings, insurance and property
- Manage risks
- Help the charity operate well, today and in the future

For those who wish to help in a specific area, but do not wish to become a Trustee, it is also possible to take a role in a Support or Operational task responsibility.

A full version of the roles and responsibilities of the Governance and Finance of Scout Groups is available through the Scout Association Web site at scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties

2. The appointment process is changing to make it easier for those wishing to become Adult leaders to make their way through the registration process.

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

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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.

I would also like to thank the Trustee Board for all their support to keep the infrastructure of the HQ, Minibus and general running of the Group operational, safe and effective for use by the Sections.

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 Award of Merit

Ruth Nixon	Assistant Section Leader Cubs
Steve Nixon	Assistant Section Leader Cubs / Quarter Master
Derek Langley	Section Assistant

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

David Hunter	Trustee Board Member – Group Treasurer
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Planning for Squirrels.

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

We intend to start the Squirrels Section in 2024 so please do let us know if you have children who are interested in joining and if you would like to join the new section leadership team. You can also register your interest on our web site.

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

Everyone is a volunteer and we can't make it happen without you.



Mungo Knott
Group Scout Leader / Acting Chair

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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. Trustee Board Appointments | Mungo Knott |
| Elections to Trustee Board as Ex Officio Members | |
| a. Group Chair: - Vacant | |
| b. To elect Group Treasurer: Mr David Hunter | |
| c. To elect Group Secretary: Mrs Glenda Hunter | |
| Confirmation of Ex Officio membership from Sponsoring authority
Christ church Cockfosters | |
| d. Mr Tom Inman - Christ Church Representative | |
| To approve Group Scout Leader's nominations for Trustee Board | |
| e. Mrs Emily Thompson | |
| f. Mr Philip Hardy | |
| g. Mrs Geraldine Palfreman | |
| 7. Approval of independent examiner – Andrew Aitkin FCA | David Hunter |
| 8. Adoption of the Constitution
(Published on the Policies page of our web site @ 11thsouthgatescouts.org) | Mungo Knott |
| 9. Report from the Group Scout Leader | Mungo Knott |
| 10. Q&A | Mungo Knott |
| 11. A.O.B. | |
| 12. Close of Meeting | |

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Group Annual Accounts 2021-22

Attached are the accounts for the financial year 2022-23. These show a very small deficit of £400 as a result of our income and expenditure being closely matched during the year.

Increases in income and expenditure for the activities in the sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and increased income from the hire of the headquarters compared to the previous year are a result of increased in group activities following the cessation of Covid-19 restrictions.

At the 31st March 2023, the Group had reserves of £48,717 of which £34,111 is due to the Covid-19 Assistance grants received in recent years.

David Hunter
Group Treasurer
25 August 2023

11th Southgate Christchurch Cockfosters Scout Group Income & Expenditure Account 1st Apr 2022 to 31 March 2023			
2021-22	INCOME	2022-23	
£		£	
-	Interest	25	
8,474	Subscriptions	7,523	
1,006	Gift Aid Tax refund	1,307	
4,018	Hire of Headquarters	5,000	
52	100 Club net	2	
39	Easy Fundraising	59	
3,319	Section income	6,074	
1,260	Donations	930	
18,168	Total Income	20,918	
	EXPENDITURE		
2,890	Membership Fees	2,537	
1,397	HQ Running Heat & Light	1,573	
1,933	HQ Repairs	1,293	
428	Surveys	508	
1,113	Cleaning	1,650	
1,122	Group Expenses	843	
839	Books and Badges	384	
6,294	Section Expenses	7,323	
941	Equipment purchase/repair	-	
2,385	Minibus	2,710	
2,143	Insurance	2,498	
21,486	Total Expenditure	21,318	
3,318 (D)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	- 400 (D)	
	Exceptional Income		
8,000	Legacies	-	
- 1,441	Less defibrillator	-	
12,667	Covid-19 Assistance Grants	-	
15,908 (S)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	- 400 (D)	
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023			
	Assets		
2,972	National Savings Bank	2,972	
47,153	Cash at Bank etc.	48,989	
- 1,008	Sundry Creditors (-)	- 3,244	
49,117		48,717	
	General Fund		
33,209	Balance at Start of Year	49,117	
15,908 (S)	Surplus(S)/Deficit(D)	- 400 (D)	
49,117	Balance carried forward	48,717	

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Beaver Section Annual Report

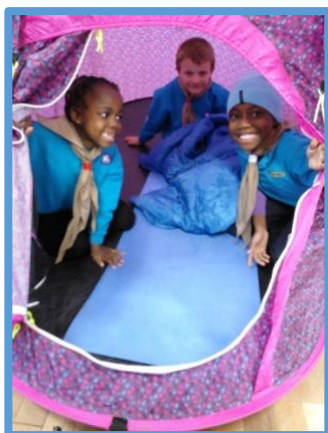
Beavers at July 2023	15
Leaders	3
Badges Awarded this year	181
Chief Scout Bronze Awards	5

Badge Work:

This year we were able to offer an almost full range of activities to our Beaver Scouts as activities returned after the pandemic.

Our core programme is based around the Challenge Badges as these take the most time and effort to achieve and teach core skills.

We supported these with weekend activity days at Tolmers, a Fun Day at Gilwell Park and the reinstated District Dominoes Competition, which we hosted.



← We practiced putting up tents and making beds

Crafts are popular with the Beavers and support badge work. →



We did a mini expedition, which the Beavers helped to plan, combined with nature spotting

Activity badges

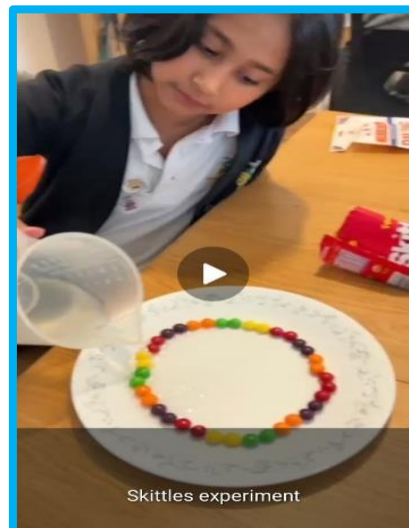
This year we worked on the following activity badges:

Book Reader, Cook, Space, Health and Fitness, Builder, Disability Awareness, Cyclist and International badges

Rama (Peter Blayney) is our master of games, and this year, he devised a number of new games and new way to teach and display knot work.



Badge work at home: We're grateful to the many parents who have helped their Beavers to achieve their Cook, Book Reader and Personal Challenge badges.



Developing Young Leaders: We allocate our Beavers to Lodge Groups. Each Lodge has a Leader and an Assistant Lodge Leader. We encourage the leaders to set a good example in their behaviour and to lead games. Beavers are encouraged to stand up and tell the group about things they have done and their achievements. They are also encouraged to look after new group members and be inclusive. This builds confidence and it is delightful to see how enthusiastically they take up these opportunities.

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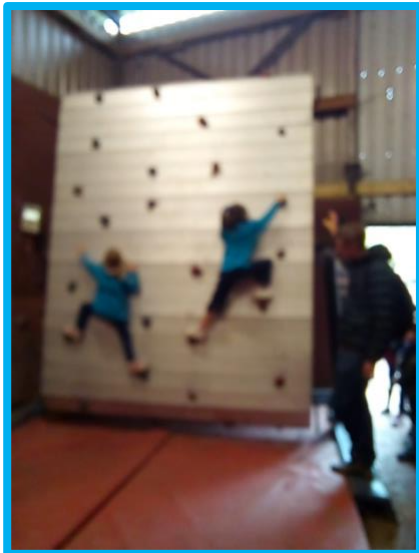
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Special Events: Thank you to all the parents who helped!

Christmas Concert: The Beavers did a lovely Christmas concert for the parents. The Beavers read the poem The Night Before Christmas and other funny Christmas poems and sang some Christmas carols.

St Georges Day at Tolmers: The Beavers tried the moving climbing wall, trampolines, go karts, a ramble through the woods and met the guest bird expert with his owls and birds of prey.



← This climbing wall rotates, providing a safe and fun climbing experience.

Beaver Thomas, handling a bird of prey



Go Karts at Tolmers →



At activity days we are able to cover a good range of the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badge requirements. On St Georges Day we also re-make our Scout promises.

This year it was notable as Cubs and Scouts promised to do their duty to the King.

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Gilwell Park Fun Day:

The Beavers tried new activities including rafting, bungy trampolines, obstacle courses and climbing challenges. They also earned their Cyclist badges.



Future Events:

- The 11th Southgate Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 16th September.
- A District Sports Competition will take place on the 23rd September
- The Hatters Explorer Group are also offering a Badge Day on the 15th of October, which can be independently attended by Beaver families.

Our Beaver leaders:

As always, many thanks to Sue (Rainbow) and Peter (Rama) all the help they give to the Beavers. This year, Aaron Lee, our Young Leader has been a great help. By volunteering he has completed part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Another new Young Leader will join us in September.

Parental Help: Many thanks to all the parents who have helped us this year. This is essential to make our programme work and keep our adult – child ratios.

We've had great parental support and hope that some of our parents will volunteer to become regular uniformed leaders.

Joelle Bailey Beaver Section Leader
Sue Jones Section Assistant
Peter Blayney Assistant Section Leader

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Cub Section Annual Report

Cub as at 20 th July 2023	27
Leaders	3 available for most meetings 1 available once a month 1 available when work allows
Badges Awarded this year	413
Chief Scout Silver Awards	5

Badge Work

As you can see we have been very busy. With a number of the cubs having spent their first year plus on-line there were some gaps in outdoor and adventurous activities completed, as well as team leader and team building items, some skills and hikes away and nights away badge work. These were a focus for us and we made every effort to get a good start for new cubs but importantly to give the older cubs every opportunity to achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award.

I am pleased to report that we will be awarding 6 in September – not included in the above numbers..
The CSSA during this period were awarded to:

Claudia Hamilton, Alessandro Coles, Mateo Popovic, Jake Duddy and Sienna Pigden.
Congratulations to them on their achievement.

We aim to make our Pack meetings varied and of course fun but we always have in mind the requirements for the seven Challenge badges that need to be completed to achieve the CSSA. We often cover these components without the cubs even realising it although they do have to knuckle down occasionally in order to complete some badge work requirements.

As well as the Challenge badges our aim is to complete a range of different activity badges as well and we have awarded 12 different activity badges over the year. We have also awarded a range of levels for a number of different staged badges such as Hikes, Nights Away, Navigator, Swimmer, Time on the water Nautical skills, Sailing and Snowsports.

District and Group Events

Every year the District put on events and competitions and we try to join in as many as possible.

The events that we took part in during this last year were:



September: 5-a-side football - we had 5 cubs and they all got to take part and had a great afternoon and we won a trophy!!

October: Cub Trek Challenge – 10 cubs took part in total in three teams. We finished joint 7th, joint 16th and 23rd.



However, the team that finished 7th took just over 4 hours !. (too long) the team that finished 16th took 3 and a half hours and the team that came in 23rd – took just over 3 hours. A lesson here?? hare and tortoise!

February: Cub Chess Competition – only two cubs were interested this year and so we formed a scratch team with cubs from another pack. The cubs that attendee enjoyed their afternoon very much.

March: Cub Swimming Gala 12 of our cubs entered this event and so we put forward two teams. After some early confusion it was confirmed that we came 1st with our second team coming in joint 5th . We also won the relay trophy !

April: St George's Day activity Day. 13 cubs took part and had a great day out and took part in the Promise renewal Ceremony

May: Cub Sports Day. We have a lot of cubs that enjoy sports and 18 joined us for this activity. We entered three teams and had a good afternoon finishing 2nd, 5th and 7th.



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We also had cubs take part in our own Group events namely The Group Activity Day last July our annual Mince Pie event at Christmas and the Coronation Fun Day in May this year. As you can see quite a list of event and generally speaking there is usually some element of badge work that can be ticked off for activities that the cubs have taken part in at these events too.

Programme

As mentioned at the beginning, our programme focused heavily this year on badge work required for completion of the CSSA. But we did manage to cover a wide range of topics as evidenced by the number of Badges actually awarded.

Programmes encompass pure scouting activities like fire lighting, shelter building, tent pitching, tracking, knots, compass and navigation activities.

We also make sure that we do a range of craft activities such as our nature collage and making items as part of our Remembrance Day and Chinese New Year activities.

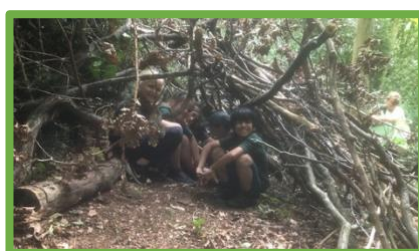
We covered topics on the environment and did some litter picking and talked about re-using and recycling.



Practical skills are always on the agenda and we managed some cooking, did things like changing a duvet cover and of course covered Emergency Aid. And Fire Drills.

As part of the Faith badge we also arranged visits to a Synagogue and to Christ Church, the cubs found these visit very interesting.

A great deal of fun was had with various activities and challenges we arranged as part of the Science badge.



Our last pack meeting was a lovely evening making shelters in the woods. There was a lot of team work on view and lots of happy smiling faces just running around outdoors having fun!

And we got a nice end of term photo.

We hope you agree that we have managed yet again to offer a varied and fun programme.

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As always the highlight of the year is Cub Camp.

We had slightly fewer cubs attending this year but it was a very well run, fun weekend.

The weather was kind to us and we got through loads of badge work and had great fun with our activities being trainee spies for the weekend.

Our spies went on reconnaissance hikes, learned to climb and shoot, make practical items with sticks and rope ,decipher codes and tiptoe and slither through a “laser” field. And of course cook outside on an open fire and wash up!!

A special thank you is required here for our catering team!! Thank you Mungo and Janice you did a grand job.

We also offer our sincere thanks to those parents that have helped out on Thursday evenings, please do continue to offer your help and support as we really do need the extra pairs of hands in order to be able to continue to offer varied and fun programmes for the cubs.

Last but by no means least, a huge thank you to all of our regular team that give up their time not only on Thursday evenings, but also making themselves available for extra activities and events and taking time to plan programmes and get equipment together and pack stuff away after activities and events.

Ruth Nixon	Assistant Section Leader
Peter Blayney	Assistant Section Leader
Derek Langley	Section Assistant
Geraldine Palfreman	Section Leader / Trustee Board
Steve Nixon	Assistant Section Leader

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Scout Section Annual Report

Scouts as at 9 th September 2023	26
Leaders	6
Badges Awarded this year	205
Chief Scout Gold Awards	1

We started the new Scouting year last September with some presentations from our older Scouts (Alex, Caspar and Savannah) about the expedition to Cambridge which formed part of the Expedition Challenge Award the previous spring. The Scouts had to plan their expedition and journey including equipment, shopping and route planning; the leaders only provided general guidance and support along the way. If the Scouts went in the wrong direction, the leaders went the wrong way too! This was followed by our annual kayaking evening at The Phoenix Canoe Centre on The Welsh Harp reservoir where we were lucky to have good weather and a sunny evening – Scouts only got wet if they fell in! Moving in to October we spent an evening exploring cultural and religious celebrations including Rosh Hashanah, Navaratri and Ghandi Jayanti for the World Challenge Award, with activities counting towards the Artist Badge and Creative Challenge Award.

We spent a number of evenings throughout the remainder of 2022 focusing on core Scouting skills including first aid, navigation, knotting and pioneering which underpin all the essential skills that a Scout should have in order for them to partake in many of our camps and expeditions. We had a well-attended overnight hike and expedition to Tolmers campsite over the October half term where the Scouts impressed the leaders with their desire to complete the planned route and hike despite being behind schedule, tired, wet and hungry.



The Scouts turned down a ride in the minibus for one of the final legs of the journey (!) when the leaders showed pity upon them. Once at the site they then had to put up tents and prepare dinner on Trangias (hike stoves with built in pots). The Scouts undertook several relaxed activities on the Saturday morning as well as cooking breakfast on the Trangias and taking down wet and muddy tents and washing up in cold water due to the boiler not working !

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Scouts practiced needlework skills whilst working on camp blankets where Scouts continued to sew on badges including their initials. Those making a blanket for the first time learned to measure the head hole and were taught how to cut the hole by using a hot knife.

In January we learned about healthy eating, planning a campsite, and the countryside code. The Scouts with the help of leaders set their personal challenge with the older ones reviewing progress made to date.

In February we very much enjoyed meeting other Scout troops in our district for our regular Scout ten pin bowling contest; as a troop we performed well but not well enough to win the trophy. Maybe next year!

February half term was our annual Spring Camp and this year's theme chosen by the troop was cooking. Scouts attending worked towards the camp cook badge studying healthy eating, menu planning and cooking from raw ingredients. One of the highlights was making fresh pasta using the Kenwood Chef. Other dishes prepared included a curry and potato cakes. Scouts were sent home with a booklet of recipes they are now able to prepare and cook at home.



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After Easter we learned about the devastating effects of leprosy which is still very prevalent in some parts of the world. The troop undertook fundraising by collecting over a number of months loose change from friends and families. Eventually we are able to raise over £60.00 which is enough to provide vaccinations for 3 children to give them immunity to this disease. We were presented with a certificate to display in the HQ.

To learn more about the 2023 August World Jamboree in Korea we were visited by several members of the county expedition team; this was especially interesting as one of our former Scouts, Marco, who left the troop the previous year had secured a place on this unique trip. To support their fundraising, we purchased a number of the official badges for the UK contingent that Scouts could then attach to their camp blanket. The evening including a variety of games and activities including making fans and learning to dance with them, as well as learning Korean numbers and greetings and helped a number of Scouts complete their International badge. As we moved towards the summer camping season it was time to practice our fire lighting skills and a productive evening of correct fire building and fire lighting techniques were taught and practiced. At the end the reward of toasting marshmallows made the hard work so much more rewarding. We also used subsequent evenings to learn about fire safety both on the campsite and in the home.



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Continuing with the camp skills theme it was time for newer members of the troop to gain skills in tent pitching. Scouts worked in teams to put up some of the smaller tents and even more importantly practice putting them away correctly including folding the tent to fit the bag!

As a troop we like to share news of all we get up to so we spent time working on wall displays so that they provided up to date information on recent events as part of the Creative Challenge Award. We also enjoyed hearing from a number of the Scouts about their Expedition to Liphook; it was interesting to hear the different perspectives of Scouts who undertook the same journey. Well done to all those who bravely stood up in front of Scouts, leaders and parents to share their experiences.

A fundamental part of the Scout programme is that provision is made for Scouts to play their part in planning and reviewing the Scout yearly program. The senior Scouts took part in a troop leadership forum with some of the leaders where they collected feedback from Scouts in their patrols and fed this back together with ideas for future planning of events. This was also linked in to a number of sessions that focussed on developing themselves as leaders and involved them planning and running activities for the whole troop. These troop leadership sessions have always been very effective in previous years in helping the Scouts develop and improve their skills of leadership and we hope they have given the older Scouts some useful skills to take to Explorer Scouts, as they will be moving on this term.

Our highlight of the year is always our week-long Summer Camp. It was disappointing for the leaders to find that only a few of the Scouts could attend and commit themselves to the entire week despite much interest and enthusiasm being expressed by both Scouts and parents earlier on in the year. In response to this the leaders will undertake a survey of current parents to try and ascertain if there is still a need for such a camp and what time and duration would be most favoured. The Scouts that did attend the camp enjoyed an open-air swimming pool, a trip to the Hellfire Caves, wood collecting, fire lighting, campfire cooking skills, safe use of Knives, axes and saws and the fun of sleeping in tents and being outside in a very different environment to normal.



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Finally, we want to congratulate all the Scouts on the vary many badges earned and presented throughout the past Scouting year. Scouts have completed and been awarded Chief Scouts Gold Awards; Adventure, Creative, Outdoor and Expedition and Challenges and Community Impact Badges. Other Activity badges gained have included Electronics, Modelmaker, Entertainer, Hobbies and a large number of Nautical Challenge Badges.

The leaders would like to thank those parents who have volunteered time and time again to support us in running the troop weekly meetings when we have needed extra adults and hands. This was particularly appreciated with Darryl away. We hope to see him at more activities this term and wish him well for his continued surgery.

Heather Covill	Assistant Section Leader
Sam Covill	Assistant Section Leader
Darryl Ashing	Assistant Section Leader
Luke Bunton	Assistant Section Leader
Peter Blayney	Assistant section Leader
Tommy Gloyne	Assistant section Leader

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