



NEWBOLD

Royal Navy Recognised Group No.6

SEA SCOUTS

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AGM & AWARDS CEREMONY



BEAVERS*

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SEA SCOUTS* EXPLORERS*



GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2017.

Rather than launch into a bunch of dry statistics I'd like to commence my report with some thanks. Thanks to all of you that made this possible.

What is the "this" that I speak of?

"This" is our Scout Group, the family of people who come together with one intention, to bring the joy of Scouting to young people.

ALL of us have contributed in some way, the parents (and grand parents, sisters, aunts and uncles) who bring the Scouts to meetings and events, without whom there would be no young people to Scout with, to the young people themselves who commit their time from an increasingly smaller time availability given they have so many other commitments and to the volunteers who help out – be that sweeping the hut, helping at events or leading the young people to realise their capabilities – we ALL made this happen. **"This" is the family of Scouting.**

So – the year in brief.

2016/17 has been a busy year, which started with the creation of a group plan which went to become part of the bigger District and County picture for Scouting. The Group Plan identified several key areas that we needed to focus on, the big ticket items being Adult Recruitment and Activity Permits.

I'm delighted to announce that we are currently ahead of the curve on our Adult recruitment plans, with rapid growth in some sections allowing us to increase our young person count in those sections.

We took steps to increase our Activity Permit count across the board, it is rather interesting that Newbold Sea Scouts holds the majority of Activity Permits in the District – this being an indication of how our programs are aligned, it takes time and effort to gain a Permit and I'd like to extend gratitude to all those leaders who took time out to attend courses and training in order to be able to lead the Young People on activities which require an Activity Permit. It should also be mentioned that we gained significant financial help from Stratford District Scouts for the adult training – without which our Group Funds would have been stretched – so thanks to them for that help.

We can now offer kayaking, canoeing, rafting, rowing, sailing, power boating, hill walking and yachting as part of our Adventurous Activity remit.

I have included a report from each Section within our AGM pack and would encourage you to read it. It provides a nice overview of what each section has done in the last year.

Moving forward.

It's safe to say that we must always look to our group and find areas where we can improve things, we identified one such area with Adult volunteering, as a result the Group has created an Active Support Unit, which to all intents and purposes is a pool of adult volunteers, all with DBS checks who can step in at any time to help out – be that with section evenings or events, hut maintenance or logistics, the ASU volunteers spend what time they can afford to allocate to the Group, it's aimed to work around the volunteers – please do have a look at the ASU report within the pack.

We need to continue to grow the Leader base, to take the sections forward and grow our numbers of young people. The time required to spend on leadership activities directly reduces in accordance with the amount of leaders (the more we have – the less it takes!).

Our sections are vibrant and on my visits to the sections I am always impressed by the sheer enthusiasm of everyone, the activities are wide and varied and we are continuing to follow the Scout badge scheme alongside our water activity program.

There have been many notable events this last year, with Winter Weekend, several camps, a Duck Race and various projects with of course the Royal Navy Inspection – this in particular was a resounding success which culminated in our continued membership of the coveted RN Scheme, congratulations to everyone for making that happen.

Our fledgling ASU has made their presence felt with participation in several events and section meetings. Be sure to look out for the distinctive light blue polo shirts and hoodies. As a rule of thumb we'd like to encourage one person per family to sign up for the ASU (assuming that the family doesn't already contain a leader!), which will share the weight of responsibility across many, more people.

If you have any questions, comments or indeed concerns about any part of the Group activities, my door is always open. Contact me by email or mobile phone at any time – if you need to speak in private or have anything sensitive to discuss I am there to help in confidence.

I am looking forward to 2018, and continuing Scouting with the family of Newbold Sea Scouts.

Owen Lees (Skip)
Group Scout Leader : 07515 357670



LOOK AT WHAT WE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE WORKING TOGETHER.

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Section Numbers:

Beavers: **16**

Cubs: **26**

Scouts: **22**

Explorers: **7**

All sections showing positive growth in 2016/7 - a trend that we should continue in 2018 onwards.

AGM Pack:

<http://www.newboldseascouts.org/agm17.html>

Very damp leaders progressing through British Canoe Union 2 Star awards, at Great Tower Scout Activity Centre, Windmere.



AGENDA - AGM 2017

Welcome

Apologies

Approval of previous minutes

Approval of Group Accounts

GSL Report

ASU Report

Awards

Refreshments

Scouts Expedition Presentation

Election of Exec Officers & Members

Investitures & Renewal of Promises

Meeting Close

We also have a "Nearly New" Scouting Uniform shop and a presentation of the new optional activity polo's for young people and adults.



GROUP ACCOUNTS 2017.

Treasurer Julia Lucas has finalised the accounts and these are made available separately.

Please see the separate accounts sheets for the financial period 01/02/16 to 31/01/17, an overview is as follows:

We have incurred a slight reduction in membership subscriptions due to impact of the changes in the group over the period.

We have moved now to collecting subscriptions and event monies via GoCardless which has been a significant admin improvement, has increased security and enabled leaders to spend more time on the programme in meetings and less on admin.

Camp fees include the money for the hugely successful whole-Group Winter Weekend, costs are shown in activity expenses.

The camp costs include the costs of WW17 and the £1400 in full and final settlement of the abortive Group expedition to Kandersteg.

Other income includes insurance payout money which has not yet been spent by 31.1.17.

The Group now has a bespoke online system for managing expenses, written by Owen. This enables leaders and others with the appropriate permissions to upload their expense claims with photos of their receipts. The GSL receives notification and reviews the claims and contacts leaders with queries in the first instance; the

treasurer has access and uses the information on the website to make payments. This has significantly improved the admin of expenses, enabling them to be paid promptly and maintaining an on line repository of all the evidence, which can then be made available to the scrutineer in due course.

Payments are made electronically through the HSBC business internet banking platform, increasing speed and security.

Included in the total fund is £219 relating to the Explorers, the breakdown is attached in the accounts.

In future years there will be separate accounts for Explorers set out in a more formal way, although the money will still be held within the Group funds.

Issues in managing the funds are now wholly resolved, the exec receives accounts on a monthly basis and we are discussing how to manage the budgets for the sections for the coming year.

Finally, thanks to Deb for picking up the mess of paper and working to sort it out, her work enabled us to move forward to the better place we are now in.

Julia Lucas
Group Treasurer



Newbold on Stour Sea Scout Group
Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2017

Receipts and Payments for the year from	1/2/2016	TC	31/1/2017
Total Funds	2017		2016
	£		£
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	8,068		8,777
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(2,181)		(2,919)
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,887		5,858
Camp fees	3,570		5,882
Donations	196		-
Clothing	20		113
Other income	3,983		23
Sub total	13,645		11,648
Grants	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Fundraising			
Duck Race	-		-
Other fundraising activities	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Investment income			
Bank interest	2		2
Sub total	2		2
Total Gross Income	13,650		11,648
Equipment Sale	-		-
Total receipts	13,650		11,648
Unrestricted funds			
	2017		2016
	£		£
Payments			
Activity Expenses			
Youth programme and activities	1,103		1,713
Contribution to camp costs	4,140		7,930
Sub total	5,243		9,643
Utilities & Running Costs			
Rent	10		10
Water and Sewerage	-		-
Electricity and Gas	757		963
Insurance	961		611
Repairs and Renewals	525		120
Sub total	2,253		2,003

Other Expenses	2017	2016
	£	£
Materials and equipment	534	684
Adult support and training	-	106
Badges & Uniforms	688	1,103
Gifts	-	-
Bank Charges	103	27
Sub total	1,325	1,919
Total Running expenses	6,804	13,556
Fundraising expenses		
Duck Race	-	-
Other fundraising costs	40	-
Sub total	40	-
Total Gross Expenditure	6,844	13,556
Equipment Purchases		
Replacement Scout equipment	-	613
Boats	-	-
Sub total	-	613
Total expenditure	6,844	14,169
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	6,806	(2,521)
Cash funds 31st January 2016 - Bank Current Account	392	1,418
Cash funds 31st January 2016 - Bank Current Account	10,848	15,323
Cash funds 31st January 2016 - Bank Capital Account	3,310	3,317
Cash Funds 31st January 2017	14,550	14,358

Unrestricted funds	2017	2016
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank Current account	3,153	392
Bank Deposit Account	1,990	3,319
CAF Account	15,997	10,242
Cash withdrawn not yet spent	399	-
Uncleared Lodgements	-	945
Unpresented cheques	(3,724)	(540)
Total Cash Funds	18,085	14,358

Explorer money included in total funds: 219 Not identified

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Chairman: Owen Lees (10/10/17)
Treasurer: Julia Lucas (10/10/17)

Full Accounts Available.

The full accounts are available as part of the downloadable AGM Pack on our website.

Look for the AGM link on the home page.



ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

REPORT 2017.

Hitting the ground running:

We are the first group in the district to set up a successful Active Support unit. The Active Support unit (ASU) is a way for adults to volunteer some time to Scouting in a flexible way that suits them. The ways that the ASU can and does support the group is endless; from helping orientate new leaders, helping out at different scout meetings, hut maintenance and Fund raising to name just a few.

So far since its start in April, the ASU has, with the help of many willing parents, cleaned and tidied the hut ready for the Royal Navy inspection, helped shadow new Beaver leaders, stepped into help at section meetings when needed, organized and ordered the new T-shirts and hoodies for uniforms, purchased and placed the blue donation pots in every possible place we can! Collected Sainsbury's active kid vouchers, increasing the amount of games equipment available to the group, Organized and run the 'Duck Race' along with purchasing the trophies and organising the refreshments for this awards ceremony and AGM.

The duck race last weekend was a quacking success, the sun shone, the ducks raced and we raised a fantastic... (drum roll please!!).....£2800!!!!

This along with the nearly £200 the donation pots have raised so far has made the ASU's first 6 months very successful.

We have lots more things planned over the coming year including, further fundraising, possible social gatherings, continuing our mission to make the hut beautiful again and of course continuing to help and support our amazing leaders who volunteer their precious free time to run our children's activities.

We need more members of the ASU.

As a member it is up to you how much time you give from spending half an hour hovering the hut, helping out at a section meeting to organizing a fundraising event and anything in between. Once you are a member of our Unit you can help at every section throughout the group as and when you can.

We look forward to you joining our unit and helping us make Newbold an even better place for our children to attend. Please come and see us for an application form.

Nicki Wakeham
Active Support Unit Manager



EXPLORERS LEADER REPORT 2017.

Badges and activities

Last year we had a fun year working towards the survival badge, which involved fire lighting, backwoods cooking, catching your dinner and camping under the stars.

We have worked towards navigation badges by land and sea. As well as gaining first aid and swimming badges. Kayaking, large scale pioneering in the summer.

We observed some naval traditions.

Pickle Night, to celebrate the arrival of the first ship back, HMS Pickle, to report the victory at Trafalgar and the death of Nelson, which involves decorating the hut like a ship of the times and eating a hearty stew while we learn out naval history. For our Christmas party we had a formal Mess dinner, with games and forfeits and great food.

Nights away

We enjoyed HMS Bristol activity camp with opportunities to go sailing, powerboating, kayaking and visit the historic dock yard and navy ships, as well as taking part in the group winter weekend with opportunities to climb, abseil and shoot

Plans for this year

This year we are working towards an RYA navigation qualification and planning to do some yachting as well as an exciting boat restoration project on a small yacht that has been donated to us.

These are just a few of the activities planned for this year. We have plans next spring for more kayaking and a canoe expedition working towards our chief scout platinum and diamond badges.

Deborah Witt
Explorer Scout Leader



BEAVERS

LEADER REPORT 2017.

A tremendous year for our Beavers.

Currently we have 16 Beavers with a further new Beaver due to start next week. 6 of which are due to move up to Cubs at Easter. We currently have circa 5 spaces available and no waiting list.

We have managed to recruit 4 x new Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders in the past 12 months. Hannah, Charlie, Steve and Chris. I would like to personally thank them all for all they contribute each week, as without them we would be unable to run each week.

I would also like to thank Nicola Wakeham for all her assistance whilst the new leaders get up to speed.

We continue to require parental assistance each week, so please let me know when you can help.

In the past 12 months we have awarded: -

- 1 x Chief Scout Bronze Award.
- Staged badges level 1 – Nautical Skills, Paddle Sports, Swimming, and hikes.
- Activity badges – Collector, Hobbies and Gardener.

The Beavers have also been working towards various elements of the challenge badges.

Particular highlights for the summer term included the Visit to Leam Boat Centre where they got the opportunity to experience Kayaking and paddling Coracles down the River at the hut.

This term our main focus is the skills challenge badge, as part of this we have visited a Dentist and learned all about looking after our teeth. We also intend to cover Emergency Aid level 1 and the Space Activity Badge.

Jane Summerfield (Kingfisher)
(Acting) Beaver Scout Leader



CUBS

LEADER REPORT 2017.



Cubs experiencing more growth.

We have a total of 26 wonderful Cubs who give their all every week, this number has fluctuated a little in the past year but on the whole its a very positive figure.

This year the cubs attended winter weekend and Cubs district camp in June. They have also had a sleepover in a museum where they got to make their own films.

Next years events include -

The Group Winter weekend camp.
County Get-In Camp
September camp - A year in a weekend!!!!
Dinghy Sailing

Can i take this opportunity to thank the parents for signing up to the parent rota as you haven't yet let us down and sometimes with the short notice, you have all stepped up and been simply amazing.

Sue Holder (Orca)
Cub Scout Leader



SEA SCOUTS

LEADER REPORT 2017.

Scouts once again rise to the challenge.

The scout section has had a brilliant wide and diverse year covering lots of different skills and tasks whilst doing a range of traditional and new activities.

As well as our weekly meetings working on a whole range of topics, our extracurricular events also saw us:

- Retain our Group RN Status - fantastic turnout from everyone - was a wonderful sight to see so many dedicated people aiming for the same goal.
- Spending a fantastic weekend on the narrowboat 'Centenary' last September going through over 20 locks, 4 tunnel journeys and stunning dining with the 8 Scouts on board all achieving their Power Coxswain Badge.
- With all but 4 of the Scouts on our annual winter weekend activity camp at the Alfrey centre with the Scouts working together on the crate stacking challenge, rifle shooting and climbing.
- At Banbury spiceball pool in March where the Scouts exceeded all expectations with the awards they earned that night.
- With a fantastic 7, our biggest number to date, of Scouts on the annual RN Sea Scout summer camp on HMS Bristol. It was awesome to get all the places we had bid for and that everyone had a fantastic time.
- Taking part in the inaugural District Scout Patrol competition. Our two teams worked really hard but going into the last day had dropped behind a little. But they pulled it out the bag and our teams came a very respectable 1st and 2nd.
- With our older Scouts taking part in a two-day expedition that they had to plan, arrange, cater and generally fend for themselves on. They were exemplary.

With the scouts pushing themselves to do activities like the expedition, which is them having to step up to do it, it gives us great pleasure to be able to have some of them get their Chief Scout Gold award this evening. We also have another couple really close to it which is also great news.

We are looking to the future and excited with what's already on the calendar for the next year.

Winter weekend camp at the new location of Youlbury near Oxford, Get In 2018 (County camp for all sections), defending our title at the next District patrol competition and not forgetting of course, HMS Bristol.

Now with a lot more leaders qualified for water activities, our plans for next summer term are also in motion with the aim of the term to be more 'wet' than we have had for the last couple of years.

Traditionally, this report has quoted badge numbers earned. I will give you over 180 presented and the enjoyment the young people have had and for what is to come.

I must of course finish by thanking a few people.

Firstly, my team. For whom without Jane, Phil and Aide none of what we do would be possible. My grateful thanks also go out to Martyn Field, Pete and of course Owen for their help, guidance and wisdom.

And of course, not forgetting the parents that come each week, especially throughout the summer term, to help us achieve a great program, again that couldn't be done without you.

Thank you all

Martin Tolley
Scout Leader



DIDN'T THEY DO WELL! AWARD WINNING SCOUTS.

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The Swan Beaver Scout Award.

Awarded to: Freddie Fincham.

For stepping up and taking on the responsibility as lodge leader, and for setting the right example to other Beavers.

The Ivy Blandford's Cub Scout Award.

Presented by Carol or Diane.

Awarded to: Harry Scaysbrook.

Receiving the award due to his behaviour and enthusiasm as a cub. At a recent camp, Harry - without being asked looked after, encouraged and befriended a fellow cub. He made his leaders extremely proud with he's behaviour and although he is only 9 he acted very maturely. His unwavering enthusiasm for Cubs is clear for everyone to see and as a seconder he does an amazing job guiding the younger members of the pack.

The Percy Blandford's Scout Award.

Presented by Carol or Diane.

Awarded to: Oscar Neale.

His determination to learn all about Scouting in a very short time. Having only joined in the last year. Oscar has shown impressive leadership skills and has joined in everything with a very positive attitude.

The Ron Mendham Memorial Cup.

Neil Mendham to Present.

Awarded to: Tia Usher.

For Tia's enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to take on any task given to her. She gave up her Tuesday evenings, to help with Beavers, and continued to want to help far longer than had been asked.

More Awards!

The Scouts below have all distinguished themselves in the last year, and are being recognised with a formal certificate of achievement.

Beavers

Samuel Fairbairn
Hector Edmonds
Lucca Balaretti

Cubs

Sonny Groves
Patrick Holder
Evie Russell
Thomas Spencer

Scouts

Jasmine Wakeham
Maisie Watson
Lauren Aubrey
William Jones
Louis Adcock

Explorers

Samuel Aubrey
Toby Goodman

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