10th WIDNES ST MICHAELS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16th May 2018

Financial Year 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

AGENDA

- 1) Formal Opening
- 2) Apologies for Absence
- 3) Minutes of last AGM
- 4) Chairman's Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts
- 6) Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- 7) Approval and Appointment of Auditor/Inspector
- 8) Nomination of Committee Members
- 9) District Commissioners' Comments
- **10)** Presentations
- 11) Any Other Business
- 12) Close

Hough Green Scout and Guide Group Exec Committee Minutes of AGM 14th June 2017

Present: (from signing in list) 28 people. 15 adults and 13 children.

1) Formal opening

Nick introduced the meeting.

2) Apologies for absence

Holly Ainsworth, Megan Mitchell, Siobhan Garner, Marie Symes, Jenny Washington, Denise Bonnon, Jamie Foulger, Colin Rosbottom

3) Minutes of last AGM

Accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. No matters arising.

4) Chairman's report

Nick read out the Chairman's report as per the Trustee's annual report, commenting on the success of the group over the year, and fundraising difficulties, including the contribution of Barclays Bank, Halton Borough Council, the organisers of our Nearly New Shop and all group leaders and helpers.

5) Treasurer's report and approval of accounts

Sue Rosbottom submitted the financial report.

All financial details are in the booklet. Among major changes were the introduction of council tax which we have never had to pay before. Sue added that despite our healthy overall balance, the amount of money we are able to use is restricted so fundraising is a critical issue and she expressed gratitude for the contributions from all our supporters, fundraisers and HQ users.

Nick Walker proposed that the accounts be approved. No objections.

Nick then expressed gratitude to Sue for her continued service to the group and producing accounts that are easy to follow.

6) Election of Officers

a. Chair

Nick Walker nominated by Karen Foggin. Nick accepted the position.

b. Vice Chair

Nick Walker proposed Leza Walker. Sue Rosbottom seconded. Elected unopposed.

c. Secretary

Maxine Symes nominated Gary Austin. Alison Ryan seconded. Elected unopposed.

d. Treasurer

Sue Rosbottom was proposed by Elizabeth Ainsworth. Karen Foggin seconded. Elected unopposed.

7) Approval and appointment of Auditor/Inspector

Jayne Vernon was proposed by Nick and seconded by Sue Rosbottom so she was duly appointed.

8) Nomination of Committee members

Elizabeth Ainsworth, Colin Rosbottom, Eric Winstanley were all names as members of the Executive committee.

9) District Commissioner's Address

No DC's comments were available.

10) Presentations

Laura Dyer introduced three Beavers who received their Bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest achievement for this section. Dylan Stephenson, Tom Ferguson and James Dawkin.

Karen Foggin presented Harry Walker with his Hikes Away badge.

David Worthington awarded Blake Cooper with his Nights Away badge. Declan Ryan received his fundraising badge for raising money for the church's meeting room which is used by the community. He walked 48km over just two days and raised \pounds 720.

11) Any Other Business

Alison's husband asked a question about the amount of money leaders are paying for transport to trips. He wondered if the group could provide a minibus. Nick explained that a minibus would drain our resources due to insurance, tax, maintenance etc. A way around this would be to hire a minibus for each trip but this, too, would cost a lot of money.

A short conversation followed around this with various leaders commenting. However, the general feeling was that some expenditure from volunteers is expected although leaders shouldn't be too much out of pocket. Nick advised leaders to request reimbursement confidentially from the AGM on an individual basis. Maxine suggested the use of a local school's minibus which isn't used at the weekend. There are restrictions around who can drive minibuses but this is something to bear in mind.

12) Closure of the meeting by Group Chairman

Nick thanked everyone for their attendance and urged everyone to remain for a cuppa.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 10th Widnes St Michaels Church of England Scout Group.

PLEASE NOTE

Because both Scouting *and* Guiding sections operate from the Group Headquarters a joint Annual General Meeting is held and this Report appropriately includes articles relating to Scouting *and* Guiding under 'Achievements and Performance'. Otherwise, the detail in this Report (and the associated Accounts) is presented exclusively on behalf of the 10th Widnes St Michaels Church of England Scout Group, and supports the reporting and accounting requirements of the Charity Commission under dedicated Charity Registration Number 701064. The Guiding sections are subject to Charity Commission reporting under their own Charity Registration Number.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

10th Widnes St Michaels C of E Scout Group (Group) provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for young people aged 6 to 18.

Personal development means promoting the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of the individual, helping them achieve their full potential to become positive, active citizens, regardless of gender or disability. The Group also promotes international opportunities, including camps and Scout Jamborees, with the aim of strengthening links between The Scout Association in the UK and other members of The World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The Group Executive Committee (Exec) co-operates with the Group Scout Leader (GSL) and the Section Leaders regarding the running and promotion of the Group. The Exec is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Group Headquarters (HQ) facilities (Hall Avenue, Widnes) and for supporting the Sections by fund raising in order to maximise the scope of activities available to the young people and to ensure that no youngster misses out due to financial difficulties.

In addition, the Group encourages the use of HQ for Community purposes, such as Dance Schools, Art Classes and Play-schemes.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The Group is committed to encouraging young people to learn by doing, when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves. Led by volunteer Leaders, sections for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts generally meet weekly, term time.

All objectives and activities are undertaken with due consideration to the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association, with safety paramount.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN REPORT

The last 12 months have been very successful in the development of Scouting & Guiding in Hough Green. Group numbers are solid with many groups having waiting lists for entry and this is testament to the excellent section leaders and the strong and varied activity programmes that they produce. We believe that we offer some fantastic facilities here, which as an executive committee we are continually striving to maintain and improve. This last year has been a quiet one from the exec. Committee as we prepare for a potentially challenging year ahead.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following organisations who have helped us over the last year.

- 1. Barclays Bank matched funding
- 2. Halton Borough Council
- 3. Halton Play Council
- 4. Spinney Avenue School
- 5. Cronton Cof E School
- 6. First Steps Nursery

Fundraising is perhaps one of the most important things that we do here, without our fundraisers there would be little money for general maintenance, new equipment or even heating and lighting and I would like to thank everybody who has given their energy and time to this cause.

The building continues to be used by local community groups including the Halton Playgroup and ABD theatre productions

My closing statement is one that I have used every year in my report to the AGM and I still believe it to be true -I would like to thank everybody who is directly involved with Hough Green Scout & Guide Group parents, leaders, friends and exec. without whom the first class facility that we have here today would merely be a facility.

Nick Walker

Group Chair

GSL REPORT

To the volunteer leaders and helpers in whatever role you take, I want to say thank you. But a simple thank you never seems enough for all your hard work and dedication you show to your role and to our young people.

Why do you do it? Is a question I am sure a lot of you have been asked over the years, and sometimes I am sure you don't know the answer.



What we need to remember is that we have made an impact on the lives of the young people who have passed through our sections with memories, experiences, achievements, and a sense of belonging to something a lot bigger. They will have also made lifelong friends, probably with people they will never have usually met.

During 2017 the sections have taken part in various events and activities, as a group we took part in the St Georges celebrations which was a mini parade and service at St. Bede's Church were we reaffirmed our Scout

Promise.

We took the decision to hold our Summer Fair inside due to the unpredictable British Weather which was a great idea! We had a fantastic day and was good fun as always.

Our young people took part in the Remembrance Service at

St. Michaels Church were we read out the names of the fallen soldiers from our parish and laid wreaths.

The Christmas Fair was a great fundraising event as always, and its one that our young people enjoy taking part in. Thank you to all our stall holders.



Thank you to our young people for coming along to the section nights and



wanting to take part in the events we hold whether it be in our sections, group or district.

And a final thank you must go out to the parents of our young people, for bringing them along to their sections, supporting the fund raising.

Karen Foggin

Group Scout Leader

BEAVER SCOUTS REPORT

We have once again had a fabulous year in the Beaver Scout section.

As with previous years we have provided a varied and exciting programme for all our members. Activities which we have been able to offer, and take part in, are as follows:-

- We had a Lego themed Sleepover and worked with the scouts to make pizza on cardboard ovens.
- A trip to the local bowling alley.
- Had lots of fun with our annual splash night this time the Beavers managed to get their revenge on the leaders so we were all soaked!
- Took part in the Church Lantern parade

- Made our own sushi and learnt some simple phrases in Japanese.
- Took part in the annual carol concert at church.
- To commemorate the opening of our new bridge we had a night of building our own bridges! Excellent teamwork was done in our new lodges.
- Had a lovely visit from Rev. Linda who helped us with our faith badge work.
- Trip to Hough Green Park
- Sports Skills night.
- Leant about Fair trade.
- Wrote and starred in our own plays about how a beaver does their best.

We have worked hard on badge work this year and two of our members have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award with a further five in their final stages. The dedication and hard work of our members towards their badge work continues to remain at a high standard.

As ever the support of Alison, Amanda and Laura has been brilliant. I would also like to thank the continued help from our parents who have been able to help us each week via the parent rota – this has been invaluable to us and is much appreciated.

Rachel Cooper

BSL

RAINBOWS REPORT

We currently have 21 girls, with 7 moving on to Brownies after the Easter break and another 7 Rainbows joining us at this time.

The waiting list continues to be steady, we will be running at capacity until at least September 2021.

During the Spring term 2017 we;

- Designed, made and ate healthy snacks
- Completed several Promise Activities
- Found out about Girlguiding around the world
- Attended a District World Thinking Day event
- Burns night celebration evening
- Found out about St. Dwynwen and made a love tree
- Planted sunflower seeds
- Easter crafts and cards

During the Summer term 2017 we did the following:

- Mother and Daughter Chocolate themed Quiz Night
- Games Night
- Pamper Party
- Spanish Night
- Picnic in the Park
- Petting and grooming session at Pets at Home
- End of Term trip to BeBoulder
- We also celebrated Rainbows 30th Birthday

During the Autumn Term 2017 we did the following:

- Played Karate Tennis
- Found out about New Year in other faiths, linked to Light
- Collection of donations for FoodBank, linked to Harvest Festival
- Found out about Friendship and made Friendship Hands
- Made Promise activities and renewed our Rainbow Promise
- Held our Halloween Party
- Remembrance Day Activity
- Held our Christmas Party
- We also attended several services at the local church including Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day Service and the Carol Service

So far this term we have started working towards the World Centres Challenge badge and have the following activities planned:

- Welcoming New Rainbows. Olivia Activities.
- Promise Activities and finding out about Sangam, India
- Making Peacocks
- Designing Mendi Patterns
- Finding out about Our Chalet, Switzerland
- Holding a Yodelling competition
- Finding out about Our Cabana, Mexico.
- Learning about Mexican music and culture, making God's Eyes
- Celebrating World Thing Day with GirlGuides from across the Division
- Finding out about Kusafiri, Africa and making Masks
- Finding out about Pa Lodge, UK an looking at British Values
- We will be holding a Mother (and Sister, Auntie, Grandma, Cousin) & Daughter Social evening and Quiz Night
- Attending a Beauty and the beast themed sleepover at HQ on 10th/11th February
- The girls will also be attending the Division Spring Disco at St. Basils Club

Maxine Symes

SCOUTS REPORT

The Scouts had a busy year last year. January and February mainly focused on map and compass work, kit needed for overnight hikes, camp hygiene and menus, all of which work towards their Outdoor Adventure and Expedition challenge badges.

March saw time spent checking equipment and reviewing its safe use. The Cheshire Hike was Apr 1 & 2, with 4 Scouts participating.

The Scouts also planned a menu to cook over and open fire, created the necessary shopping list for ingredients and then successfully prepared and cooked pasta over the fire.

For the Digital Citizen Badge, the Scout spent several meetings discussing safe use of the internet and completed the required activities for this challenge badge.

June saw them practising their knots and lashing and building a mini flagpole. They also enjoyed a Wii games night.

In September they had a joint night with the Beavers, cooking pizza in cardboard boxes. The Scouts were actively involved in planning the evening, preparing the cardboard boxes and discussing safety requirements.

Then in October they had a joint night with the Cubs, cooking in tin foil - including Smores!

Time was also spent on axe, saw and knife safety and practicing their use.

Our junior leaders planned and carried out a fun filled night of activities related to Hallowe'en.

November several Scouts attended remembrance Sunday services, others went on a hike with the District. Several Scouts participated in a night hike – starting in the evening and hiking until about 2 am then sleeping for a few hours before carrying on.

The Scouts ran 2 games for the Christmas Fair, then rehearsed a Christmas panto which they presented to their families at the last meeting before Christmas.

Also, this year Scout Forums have been started with the youth to allow them more input into our activities and to work towards the Teamwork Badge.

Julia Waddon

TREASURERS REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017

HEAD QUARTERS

Of the $\pounds 3,878.54$ spent on 'Repairs and Renewals' for HQ, $\pounds 1024.96$ relates to the installation of a new site alarm, hand dryers, and outside lights. The remainder was spent on routine maintenance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Solicited donations totalled £883.12 - many thanks to those who used our HQ and contributed towards our running costs; £10 from All Saints Rainbows, £30 from Spinney Avenue, £40 from Amanda (Stevens), £50 from Cronton C of E School, £60 from First Steps Nursery, £150 and £250 and £293.12 from Halton Borough Council and Halton Play Council and Barclays Bank respectively (each a valued regular contributor). The line entry on the Financial Statement for an unsolicited donation of £78.99 relates to funds raised by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections for the Manchester Bee Appeal.

A total of £1277 was received in Levy payments.

Our consistently popular Christmas Fayre raised £383.87, but we did not run a Summer Gala this year.

Including monies brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2017 totalled £156,408.05. This is £5922.52 less than at the close of the previous year, partly due to fewer funds being held on behalf of the Sections, levy payments pending clearance, and increases in HQ utility costs. The balance carried forward comprises £151,771.84 restricted funds, leaving £4636.21 unrestricted.

In addition, unspent foreign currency of 350CHF from the Scouts summer 2010 activity trip to Kandersteg remains held over for the next trip to minimise exchange rate charges.

RESERVES POLICY

We aim to maintain $\pounds 5K$ easy access monies for contingency, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We also aim to maintain a Woggle fund of $\pounds 1K$.

We continue to ring-fence bequest monies from the estate of Mr Kenneth Dean for our 'building fund'. £77281.07 of this is in a no risk fixed term investment, and £64690.56 is deposited in a Virgin (interest paying) instant access account which may be utilised as contingency, exceptionally, and subject to the approval of the Exec.

Monies held on behalf of the Sections and in the International Funds total £954.60 and £1739.97 respectively, and are restricted accordingly. £1105.64 is carried forward for future camps.

			Income	Expenses	Net
Opening Balances		Sub- total	162,330.57		162,330.57
Sections					
	Beavers		237.00	(452.99)	
	Cubs			(31.00)	
	Scouts		194.40	(631.37)	
	Levy		1,277.00	(00.101)	
		Sub-	.,		
		total	1,708.40	(1,115.36)	593.04
Capitation		Sub- total	722.00	(1,755.00)	(1,033.00)
HQ					
	Repairs and Renewals			(1,866.02)	
	Heating and Lighting			(1,040.40)	
	Insurance			(2,224.44)	
	Rent	1		(52.00)	
	Cleaning			(1,102.94)	
	Utilities			(1,820.55)	
	HBC Non-Domestic Rates FY17			(15.00)	
	HBC Non-Domestic Rates FY18			(148.49)	
		Sub- total		(8,269.84)	(8,269.84)
Fund Raisers					
Fullu Raisers	Christmas Fayre		1,026.69	(642.82)	
	Donations - Solicited		883.12	(042.02)	
	Donations Unsolicited		78.99	(78.99)	
		Sub- total	1,988.80	(721.81)	1,266.99
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Nearly New					
	Shop Takings		51.00		
	Rag and Waste		190.50		
		Sub- total	241.50		241.50
Miscellaneous					
miscenaneous	Licenses and Fees			(20.00)	
	Interest/Gift Aid		1,476.95	(20.00)	
	Sundry Expenses		1,470.90	(178.16)	
		Sub- total	1,476.95	(198.16)	1,278.79
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Total Income and Expenditure			168,468.22	(12,060.17)	156,408.05
Closing Balance c/fwd			100,400.22	(12,000.17)	156,408.05

NOTES:

1. The Financial Statement was prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Cash/Bank funds	4,636.21	151,771.84	156,408.05
350CHF cash held over from Summer 2010 activity trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland, but no other monetary assets.			
Investment assets (see Note 3)	6,200.00		6,200.00
No Liabilities (see Note 4)			

3. Fixed asset owned by the Group is the HQ building at Hall Avenue, rateable value £6200. Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include moveable furnishings and the contents of the stores (tentage, etc.).

4. No liabilities to record on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities; no bills/costs outstanding for works, services, or goods.

MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS DURING THE YEAR

	Balance B/Forward £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance C/Forward £
Camps	1,105.64	0.00	0.00	1,105.64
Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
International				
Fund	1,739.97	0.00	0.00	1,739.97
Woggle	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sections	1,638.56	431.40	-1,115.36	954.60
Bequest from Mr				
Kenneth Dean	140,496.40	1,475.23	0.00	141,971.63
	150,980.57	1,906.63	-1,115.36	151,771.84

Sue Rosbottom

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/members of 10th Widnes St Michaels C of E Scout Group

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017 which are set out earlier in this document.

Retrospective responsibilities of trustees and examiner - The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed and will fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement - In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep comprehensive accounting records; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with accounting requirements; have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. Jayne Vernon

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thanks all the volunteers, front line and behind the scenes, who work so hard to keep our Group running and to make it so lively and vibrant. We are very grateful to our Nearly New Team who, continue to work so tirelessly on our behalf to raise vital funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Scout Leaders' meetings are held in the first week of every month, term time.

The GSL (Chairman) and the Section Leaders are responsible for considering the well-being, development and progress of Group members, the planning and coordination of Group activities, and for keeping the Exec informed of the financial and resource requirements of the programme.

The Exec meets in the second week of every month during term time. It exists to support the GSL, and is responsible for maintaining the Groups property and equipment, raising funds and administrating finance (including insurance) Group public occasions, and helping to recruit Leaders and Adult support. The Exec comprises Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, GSL, Section Leaders who advise the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that they wish to sit, and elected members as approved at the (AGM). In addition, the Exec may include persons nominated by the GSL and approved at the AGM. The District Commissioner and the District Chairman also have the right to attend. Minutes from these meetings are reported to the full Exec and are displayed in the entrance hall to the HQ building for wider cascade.

Where considered necessary, for instance for a special project, a sub-committee to the Exec will be formed to meet as often as is required.

At the end of the financial year (31st December) The Group Annual Report and Accounts are prepared by the Group Secretary and the Group Treasurer on behalf of the Exec. The Accounts are examined independently by a suitably qualified person and are presented to the Group AGM. The Group Annual Report and Accounts are subsequently posted on-line to the Charity Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Group HQ is situated at Hall Avenue, Widnes WA8 8XS. The address for Group related correspondence is 3 Lea Cross Grove Widnes WA8 4FG. The HQ building is owned by the Group; we pay ground rent annually to St Michaels Parish Church Council (PCC).

The Group is registered with the Charity Commission, serial number 701064.

Current serving Exec members are; Nick Walker - Chairperson Leza Walker - Vice Chairperson Gary Austin - Secretary Sue Rosbottom - Treasurer Karen Foggin - Group Scout Leader (GSL) Section Leaders Attendance as required Eric Winstanley, Andrew Brown - Elected members