

1ST COPTHORNE **ANNUAL REPORT**

April 2017 - March 2018

Our Year of Adventures.....



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Message from our Group Scout Leader



I can't believe it has been a year since I last wrote this report. One day rolls into another as Copthorne Scouts are so busy. There again has been a lot of outstanding activities and camps across all sections.

This year I was pleased that some leaders received awards.

Well done to Jill T on 20 years service, Janette on 30 years service, Harold on 50 years' service, Peter and Suzanne on their medal of merits and Jenny on her Silver acorn.

The young people have been achieving their badges and Chief Scout's awards. This would not be possible without a dedicated leader team. So, thank you to all the leaders for the time, effort and support they given to 1st Copthorne Scouts.

This year you will have seen a big change with us trying to move with the times and with more things online. Facebook has been a big hit and shares with you some of the things your children do at scouts. Jill C has worked very hard to sort out online payments and using MyScout for communications. With new GDPR we will be using OSM My.Scout more in the future. So, if you are not signed up for it or would like more information about it please contact us.

With all this happening there are people behind the scenes raising money and managing the group. So, a big thank you to Mark H and the Group Exec.

Thank you to the parents that have helped at events this year. But to make take the strain off the Leaders and Group Exec we need more parent helpers at fund raising events.

This year the Beaver Leadership team is changing as you will have seen from previous newsletters. We thank Janette, Jo, Jill, Sue, Nick and Ellie for all they have done with Smugglers and wish them good luck for the future. And we wish Carly and Alison good luck in their new roles.

With all this happening I would like to say thank you to Gwyn for making the caving shed happen, supporting us at group events and look forward to the new SASU opening. With the day to day running of the group and sections I would like to say thank you to Esther for her continuing help and support.

Looking forward to the next fun and exciting year with new challenges.

Thank you your support.

Owen Cheesmur

Group Scout Leader
1st Copthorne Scouts

All parents are invited to join our closed Facebook Group 1st Copthorne Scouts. Keep up with news, information about meetings and see photos and videos of our activities.

Our Beaver Colonies

SMUGGLERS



This has been another fun and very busy year at Smugglers Beavers.

They have worked really well together and along the way have managed to achieve many, many badges.

We have cooked, made bird feeders, planted mini gardens in buckets, built robots, tried to understand some science experiments, learnt about aircraft, did their Digital Citizen badge plus much much more.

We visited Tilgate Park for a walk, quiz and picnic, went bowling and visited Lazer Quest. We are due to visit Gatwick Footgolf and have another Beaver Sleepover in June.

We all loved the visit from Nightingale dogs who amazed us all with their agility and who joined in games with the Beavers, much to their delight.

As usual we attended Remembrance Parade in Copthorne, the District Christingle and St. Georges Day parade in East Grinstead, plus the Groups visit to Redhill pantomime and our own fun Sports Day.

As always, without the support of such an amazing team, none of this could happen, so a huge huge thank you to:-

Jo, Jill, Sue, Nick, Ellie and Joe.

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VOYAGERS



This past year has been full of fun and new experiences in Voyagers.

The summer term began with a Willy Wonka inspired sleepover. The Beavers enjoyed a chocolate fountain, made lots of craft, had a water fight and then settled down to a movie in their tents in the scout hall.



We made another trip to Blackland Farm where the Beavers played aeroball, crossed the low ropes and climbed the bouldering wall. We also had a kick boxing session, learnt first aid and enjoyed a camp fire with songs, hot dogs and marshmallows.



The autumn term started with a fun science session, where the volcanoes were a big hit! The Beavers had great fun playing footgolf and enjoyed a visit to Tesco where they learnt where our food comes from. As part of their digital maker badge they designed computer games and delivered them to the Dragons (Leaders) in a Dragon's Den inspired evening. We continued the term with a nerf army boot camp, a visit from the RNLI, food tasting, a bonfire night and our end of term Christmas party.



At the start of the spring term we enjoyed a space evening where the Beavers made glowing planets. We had a visit from a circus duo and the Beavers learnt lots of exciting circus skills. The Beavers also learnt important home skills such as ironing, washing and tying their shoe laces.



One of the highlights of the spring term was visiting the police helicopter at Redhill Aerodrome. Despite the helicopter getting called out, we had lots of fun playing in the police cars.



We finished the term with a cycling evening where the Beavers brought in their bikes and scooters and learnt about maintenance and safety.

We are looking forward to attending Go Beavers – the biggest county Beaver day to date – and can't wait to take part in all of the activities, as well as meeting Beavers from across the county. We also have many fun packed evenings planned for the term ahead, which will include pond dipping, a visit to the fire station, cooking, pioneering and geocaching.

Our leadership team has mainly stayed the same this year, with the addition of two young leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing leadership team who gave up so many hours of their time to provide the Beavers with a memorable year. I would also like to thank all of the parents who have continued to support the colony.

Asteroid (Beaver Leader Voyagers)

Our Cub Packs

ASH PACK



Once again, Ash pack cubs have taken part in a wide variety of activities and outings, including;

March 2017 – Joint Cub hike down the Worth Way

Both Ash and Oak joined forces for a hike together.

May 2017 – Cub Camp

We visited the Walton Firs, where great fun was had by all, with lots of site-based activities.



The camp theme was Harry Potter, so everyone played lots of quidditch games and finding horcruxes. Even the leaders all got involved!



We also visited the Brooklands Motor Museum.

June 2017 – Surrey Air Ambulance visit

Following our successful fund-raising efforts in the previous year for the Surrey Air Ambulance, they came and visited us to tell the cubs all about the great things the funds would be used for.

July 2017 – HMS Cavalier Sleepover

The cubs took part in a number of activities before having a private submarine tour onboard HM submarine Ocelot.

We then slept aboard in actual crew bunks on HMS Cavalier (the last WWII naval destroyer in

existence), where we experienced what life was like aboard.

In the morning we then had a private tour of The Victorian Ropery.



September 2017 – Visit from the AA

Our local AA man visited us, where the cubs learnt all about road safety and the 4th emergency service.

October 2017 – Cinema evening

The cubs took part in a cinema evening at the Scout Centre.

November 2017 – Halloween evening

A Halloween fancy dress party was held.



December 2017 – Christmas Cub camp

Our annual Christmas camp provided a whole weekend of craft based activities. A full Christmas dinner party was held, with games, dances and good old fashioned fun all round.



December 2017 – Panto visit

This year the cubs joined the Group's panto outing to Redhill to see Peter Pan.

January 2018 – Bowling evening

We all went to Hollywood Bowl in Crawley for our annual Bowling competition.



February 2018 – Senior Citizen's Party

At the Group's annual tea party for Copthorne's Senior Citizens the cubs put on an "NHS cut backs performance", which everyone thought was hilarious.

They also gave a musical performance with their home-made instruments.

Another great year has been had by all and the leaders look forward to another fun filled year to come.

Jenny Cheesmur - Ash Pak Leader

OAK PACK



What a busy past year it has been for Oak Pack! We have done a variety of activities, been invited to camp (twice!) with Ash Pack, and completed lots of badges.

We kicked off the Autumn Term by brushing up on our map reading skills ready for our Geocaching night later on in the term. We also worked on our pioneering, fire safety, collectors and hobbies badges. Oak Pack were also invited to the SKF Dojo in Crawley, where we joined in with one of the Karate sessions being run. Everyone was awarded their own White Belt, which we were able to bring home with us. We finished off the term by going on Christmas Camp with Ash Pack – a fun filled weekend making Christmas crafts and gifts, as well as doing various other activities and eating lots of sweets, cake and chocolate!

The Spring Term brought us the annual Cub and Brownie Bowling Competition – sadly there were no winners from Oak Pack, but congratulations to Ash Pack who won a few awards! We also worked on our Home Safety badge, made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, learnt about the Chinese New Year, and had an Environmental Conservation evening where we learnt what can and can't be recycled in Mid Sussex and made posters on the impact that littering has. We then finished the term by having an Easter Egg Hunt around the field, and everyone was awarded their own Easter Egg at the end of the evening.

Summer Term has included learning the basics of First Aid, taking part in St Georges Day with East Grinstead District, and the Group Roller Skating afternoon, which was very fun (even if Akela did fall over and end up with a massive bruise!). We also had a visitor come and talk to us about being a pilot for a major airline, and he did his best to answer all the questions the Cubs had for him (even if some were quite hard!). Ash Pack also invited us to their meeting where we did a variety of games and challenges which encouraged them to get to know each other before we headed off on Cub Camp, which was a brilliant week enjoyed by everyone who took part. A massive thank you to those who helped – it was great having you and we hope we didn't scare you too much!

It has been a fantastic year for Oak Pack, and here is to hoping that next year is twice as good!

Akela, Chil, Rikki, Shada and Hathi



Our Scout Troops MALLORY



We started the year with an Easter expedition to Broadstone Warren. Here we pitched tents, cooked our own meals and hiked around Weirwood reservoir. We also took part in sumo wrestling, abseiling and archery. All the scouts that attended earned their expedition badge.

In the summer term we worked on the air activities badge which included a visit to Gatwick aviation museum.

Our summer camp this year was at Ardingly showground and was called WS2017. This is a camp for scout and guides from west Sussex and around the world. We had 14 Austrian scouts camping with us. The scouts enjoyed a fun packed week which involved 8 activities zones and nightly discos and entertainment. The activities varied from water aid games to kayaking, from wand making to quad biking. The theme of the camp was Harry Potter and everyone had a magical time.

While at WS2017 Owen and Stephen, were awarded the County Commissioner commendation and the guides thanks badge for going above and beyond the call of duty

In the autumn term the scouts had an interesting evening learning about photography, a visit to Wipeout in Crawley, where they had great fun jumping on the large inflatables and a visit to Harry potter studios in London. In October we went to Broadstone Warren for the weekend for a bushcraft camp. Here we built shelters to sleep in, built fires, which we cooked all our meals on and took part in a wide game and potholing.

In the Spring term we worked on our creative challenge badge by making videos about scouting and making bird feeders.

We have had 8 scouts achieve their Chief Scout Gold Award this year. This is the highest badge in scouts and to receive this they have to earn at least 6 activity badges and all 9 challenge badges these involve camping, hiking, trying new activities, helping others and many more scouting skills. So well done Harry, Jack K, Josh S, Elliot, Lewis, Nicholas, Ivo and Charlie, it is an amazing achievement. They have now all left Mallory and some of them are continuing their scouting in Matterhorn explorers.

We are very pleased to welcome Alaric Wood to the Mallory leadership team.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Stephen and Owen for their continuing support and hard work.

Thank you also to the parents for your support and to scouts for turning up each week and their brilliant behaviour.

We look forward to another busy year.

Esther Cheesmur Scout Leader Mallory Troop



Mallory





Over the last year Scott Troop have been very active on their troop nights doing many varied activities from making bat boxes / first aid / local knowledge / keep fit nights / mini pioneering / soap carving / footgolf / wide games and conservation evenings. This term we have run several evenings learning what they need to know about their Master at Arms badge. If any Scout wants to follow it up and gain their badge they can do so either with our instructor or an outside unit. We have been Kayaking at Weir wood. A very activity troop night.



We have joined Mallory Troop at our biggest event WS2017. We invited scouts from Austria who were much older than our scouts but we all got on well together. Unfortunately, a very wet camp. We won second place with our camp gateway. The whole camp was a Harry Potter theme, we were in Ravenclaw sub-camp. The Scouts had a chance to meet scouts from all over the world. This camp showed Cophthorne Scouts that they are part of a World-wide movement and we all make the same Promise.



Within the group and district, we have attended Remembrance Day Service, Copthorne Carnival, St Georges Parade in East Grinstead. All well attended. Thank you

My thanks go to the Patrol Leaders they have done a sterling job this year. Thank you, Joseph, George and Harrison for your brilliant work, keep it up.

Congratulation to Joseph who has gained his Gold Chief Scouts Award. Well done. Joseph has now moved on the Explorers and become a young leader with Smugglers Beaver Colony.



Now to my Assistant Scout Leaders without them we could not have completed half of the tasks this year. A big thank you to James, Miles and Keith. Many thanks to Esther, Mallory Troop leader for her hard work at arranging camps and her fantastic support.

Harold Cheesmur Scout Leader Scott Troop

MATTERHORN ESU

The last year has been quite a busy one for Matterhorn ESU. Pre-summer was filled with Harry Potter fever in readiness for WS2017. Making gateways and props, fact finding trip to Harry Potter World, activities to get to know the Copthorne Rangers and other Explorer units from around the District and secret rehearsals for the WS opening ceremony.

With Peter a WS Sub Camp leader for Dumbledore's Army, it fell to Kelly to wave her magic wand and organise the camp for the Explorers, Rangers, and their visiting participants from the USA. I am sure the camp participants would say the week was a great success, even if they were awash with Hash Browns for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The success was in no small part down to Kelly, so the Explorers say thank you to you!

We had another great night bonfire building, pizza eating and film watching ready for the Group fireworks display, rifle shooting, bowling and we won the District Explorer Challenge event, that topped off November nicely. December saw a joint scavenger hunt with the Rangers and was finished off with a lovely Chinese meal for Christmas.

The New Year started with a Million Hands reboot, decisions about how we were going to complete the project. February was Youth Shaped month again. This is not anything new to Explorers, but we still give the Young People all the chances we can to allow them to shape their own Scouting experience. With a little badge work mixed in, it was a great month.

Frostbite Camp came in March, quite literally, snow fell, and we had a great time playing in it for our annual trek to Berkshire. Backwood cooking and rifle shooting closed the month off.

In April, we were visited by a Louise Jackson from Mind, who spent the evening discussing mental health with the Explorers. We had a great turn out for St Georges Day parade at Sackville School in East Grinstead. An interesting evening playing old style board games, a murder mystery evening, quiz night, bowling and our fundraising jaunt to help the WI at Ardingly. Some of the Unit helped in June at the County Beaver adventure day, Go Beavers at Blackland Farm. 455 Beaver Scouts had a fantastic day, thanks for your help.

Many of the Unit have been working hard towards GCSEs and mock exams, and we wish them all the very best!

Peter Few
Explorer Unit Leader



Treasurer's Report

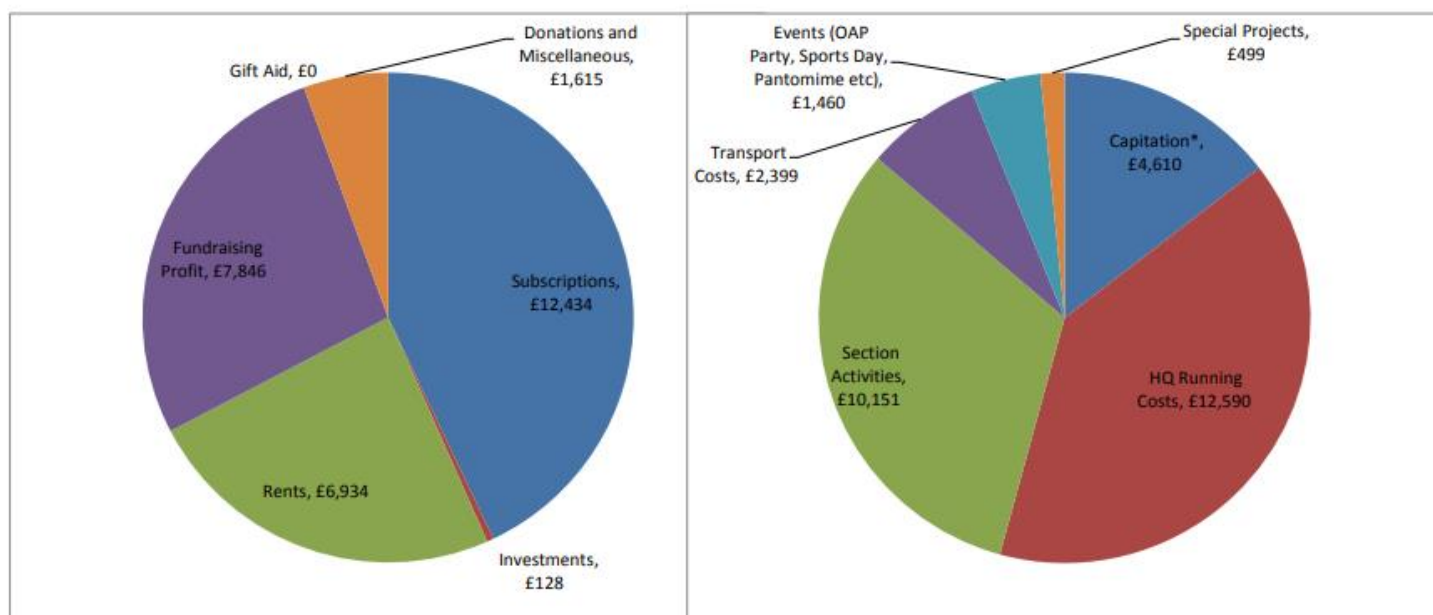
1st Copthorne Scouts Group Accounts to year ending 31st March 2018

	2017/2018		2017/2018
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£12,434	Capitation*	£4,610
Investments	£128	HQ Running Costs	£12,590
Rents	£6,934	Section Activities	£10,151
Fundraising Profit	£7,846	Transport Costs	£2,399
Gift Aid	£0	Events (OAP Party, Sports Day, Pantomime etc)	£1,460
Donations and Miscellaneous	£1,615	Special Projects	£499
TOTAL	£28,956		£31,708

Expenditure exceeds Income

£2,752

*Capitation fees have to be paid to the Scout Association & to County and District



Do YOU want to JOIN THE ADVENTURE ?

We are very grateful to all the helpers who already give their time to support the Scout Group —whether by helping collect and sort Jumble, to marshal the fireworks or help with special events at the Sections.

The Group is growing and we need support to make it work. We especially need to recruit new Leaders so that all our Sections can continue and we need more helpers on our Group Executive to organise our fund-raising and other events.

If you are unable to make a regular commitment **PLEASE** help at some of the events during the year.

The young people get so much out of their Scouting — but it can only happen if people are prepared to put something in to the Group.

For more information please contact:

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Group Scout Leader

Mark Hammond 01342 718681

Group Exec Chairman

1st COPTHORNE SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity Number 291680

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 2018

	This Year	Last Year
Receipts		
Subscriptions	12,434	12,562
Less Paid	(11,295)	(10,873)
	<u>1,139</u>	<u>1,689</u>
Interest	127	125
Property Rents	6,934	8,585
Guides Rent/Maintenance	1,438	1,202
Activities & Camps	25,050	18,994
Fundraising	16,039	14,743
Gift Aid Tax Received	-	4,838
Other Income	58	180
Donations	1,418	385
	<u>52,203</u>	<u>50,741</u>
Total receipts		

Payments		
Rent	939	997
Light & Heat	929	874
Insurance	997	1,210
Maintenance - (General Repairs)	6,665	3,186
Cleaning	3,292	2,975
Section & Activity Accounts	25,308	17,862
Fundraising expenses	8,054	6,558
Transport	2,309	3,160
Admin Expenses	1,107	1,134
Badges	1,182	1,018
Equipment	2,140	853
Training	-	81
Uniforms	174	-
Catering/OAP Party/AGM/ miscellaneous	2,013	1,247
PRS License/ On line services	437	620
	<u>55,546</u>	<u>41,775</u>
Total payments		
Excess receipts over payments	(3,343)	8,966
Accumulated funds brought forward	66,075	57,109
	<u>62,732</u>	<u>66,075</u>
Accumulated funds carried forward		

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank current accounts	37,589	41,534
Investment account	20,965	20,857
Investment account - cyclical maintenance	4,178	3,684
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Total assets		

STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Reserved for specific funds/incurred expenses		
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Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 6 July 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman, Group Executive Committee

Treasurer, Group Executive Committee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Copthorne Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Copthorne Scout Group (Charity number 291680 – "the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on the attached sheet and which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31 March 2018, the Statement of Assets and the Statement of Accumulated Funds

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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