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2018 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2018 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chairman
 - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to introduce our Annual Report, which sets out a summary of the activities undertaken by the Group throughout the last year. I hope that you enjoy reading each of the section reports, which give a great overview of the very busy and stimulating programmes enjoyed by our young people.

The continuing high demand for places within each of our sections reflects the fantastic work of our leadership team who work hard throughout the year to plan and deliver exciting and interesting activities. I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers and volunteers, and our great group of Young Leaders, who give their time and skills to deliver the Scouting programmes. I'd also like to thank my fellow Executive Committee officers who help to direct the overall work of the Group. We have space on our Committee for parent representatives for each section, if you would like to put yourself forward for one of these roles please let your section leader know.

We are fortunate to have experienced and skilled leaders who work extremely well together to maximize the benefits to the young people. But we remain concerned about our ability to strengthen our team and prepare ourselves for the future. We are actively seeking an Akela to lead one of our Cub Packs, as Mike Mayhew is planning to stand down from the role during 2019. Mike has been a warranted Scouter for 50 years, and even now is planning to continue to help with the Pack in the future rather than disappear! It is incredible to think about the number of Cub Scouts who have been lucky enough to experience Scouting during Mike's tenure! If you, or anyone that you know, would be interested in finding out more about this position, or if you can offer help with any of our other sections, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our headquarters site provides a great base to run our Scouting programmes. We are extremely fortunate to have such great facilities; we rebuilt the hall in 2014 after many years of fundraising and we are now reaping the rewards. We are also very happy to share our premises with the wider community, including as a very popular children's party venue and that we have been able to support a range of community events throughout the year.

We have a number of regular activities taking place in the building throughout the week, which provide a useful income to enable us to meet our liabilities to repay the loans that we entered into when building our new hall and to continue to invest in equipment for our Scouting activities.

Maintaining the premises and outside spaces remains a constant pressure on the Group; unfortunately participation in our regular working groups has dwindled to a few regular people. We would really appreciate more help and support during the coming year to enable us to keep the site in good order and carry out regular necessary maintenance.

Looking to the future, we are planning a Group camp in September 2019 and as well as all of our sections being invited to attend, families including siblings will also be welcome. Our last such camp was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone, more information will be provided nearer to the date!

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

This annual report highlights what has been another brilliant Scouting year. This Group has a full membership list and many youngsters wanting to join. This highlights the fact how popular Scouting is with young people.

Within the Borough/District there are not enough Scout Groups or volunteers to accommodate the number of young people who want to join the Scouting adventure; however, we are trying to recruit more volunteers to help.

This Group has continued to provide a varied mix of exciting and stimulating activities. The adult leadership team helped by Young Leaders aged 14 years upwards doing their community involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Scout awards, give many hundreds of



hours every year to achieve this. They give their time freely and some have many years experience, like Mike Mayhew with over 50 years and Dick Hooper with over 60 years of service. Without these volunteers there is no Scouting.

I meet residents in the area who fondly ask about the Group and individuals who helped them as Cubs/Scouts and who are now sending their children and grandchildren to us, such is the positive influence on the individual child.

At the HQ site we have many other groups in the community including Explorers Scouts (14 to 18 years), Brownies, Guides, home schooled-children's group, Community Church and adult fitness classes. The list has grown as more people become aware of how closely we fit in the local community, and we have gained a number of leaders from this interaction that will assist us going forward.

Please help this Group continue to succeed by giving a little of your time when asked, it is actually quite enjoyable! If it wasn't why would so many of us be doing it?

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



This year the weather has allowed us to hold many of our Beaver meetings outdoors and we have been able to complete a number of badges. We have learnt about a wide range of animals including owls, lions, elephants and tigers as part of our *Animal Friend* badge, performing songs and rhymes, playing games and participating in various craft activities.

The Beavers were very excited about performing Jingle Bells on the handbells with our young leaders at our annual Scout Group Carol Service and, during the darker evenings, they were inspired by Tim Peake's time in space to complete their Space badge. For our Group Campfire we held our own indoor campfire rehearsal evening and were joined by a number of parents. We participated in the District Beaver Bike Ride in Ravensbury Park, achieving the Cyclist badge and we learnt about Fairtrade products and The Rainforest Alliance as part of the *Global Issues* badge.

When asked what they had enjoyed most at Beavers this year the response was "exploring the site, cooking burgers, marshmallows and smores on a fire and singing around a campfire - *Three Treacherous Buzzards* being our favourite." A visit to New Malden Fire Station was another popular evening where we enjoyed planting daffodil bulbs and watching the firefighters slide down the pole.

The absolute highlight of our Beaver year was as usual the Beaver/Cub sleepover. This involved a visit to the park, a campfire, hot chocolate and a movie. One of our Beavers summed up the sleepover as "the best day ever!"

Thanks to our leadership team and Young Leaders for another successful year at the Oakwood Beavers and if any parents would like to join us on either an occasional or a regular basis you would be very welcome.

Pauline Godden (Squirrel)



MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Another year has passed, from which we reflect upon what the Colony has taken part in and achieved. Our membership levels remain high and there is still plenty of interest in joining. Over the course of the year, we have seen our older Beavers progress on up to Cubs and it is great to see them continue their Scouting journey, learning new skills and enjoying new activities. We have been lucky this year in that Josh and Charlotte have joined us (September 2017 and November 2017 respectively) as part of their DofE award. Both are valuable to the team and have flourished in their roles, leading games and activities with the Beavers.

Since our last report, the Beavers have benefitted from an evening learning about bicycle maintenance and pumping up tyres as part of a relay team. They have completed Stage 1 of their *Emergency Aid* badge and again enjoyed putting up tents outside the Scout hut, jumping about in them and then rolling all over the tent squeezing any remaining air out

so that it fitted in the bag!

With the same leaders running two sections, it can be tricky to organise offsite activities for either section when it doesn't involve the other! So when the Cubs were off for their watersports evening in June 2017 the Beavers enjoyed a very informative evening provided by members of the synagogue in Wimbledon Village, who came to visit. This was only possible thanks to Pauline and Suzanne from the Monday colony who came to supervise - thanks again, both.

Throughout the autumn term, the Beavers learnt map and compass skills as part of their Navigator Stage 1 badge as well as knots, enjoyed an evening testing their senses of sight, smell, touch and memory and reading and then writing our own spy codes for others to decipher. A handful of the Beavers from the Colony enjoyed the District Fun Day, where they experienced a sensory (blindfolded) trail, swing boat, cooking gooey chocolatey bananas, indoor go karts, inflatable sumo wrestling and other outdoor activities. Towards the end of the term the Beavers visited New Malden Fire Station, where they learnt what it is like to be a firefighter and more importantly measures to prevent fire in their homes, and there was even an opportunity to invest some new Beavers with a fire engine behind! They also undertook to complete their *Personal Challenge* badge, completing a huge variety of challenges set by themselves and also the leaders.



In the new year, the Beavers enjoyed making their own glove puppets and visiting Pets at Home as part of the *Animal Friends* badge and were able to stroke guinea pigs, rabbits and a snake! They undertook mini pioneering with spaghetti, jelly babies and mini marshmallows with the aim of building the tallest free-standing structure capable of supporting a jelly baby.

The District International Badge Day was another success, with our older Beavers 'flying' from country to country learning facts and figures, making things, learning a bit of the native language, tasting some foods and trying out some traditional dancing!

The start of spring brought the District Beaver Bike and Scooter Ride, which allows the Beavers to complete all aspects of their Cyclist badge, including an hour pedalling around Ravensbury Park. The term ended with mug painting; the mugs returned glazed and fired after the Easter break.

Over the summer term, the Beavers have made their own bug hotels from objects found in and around our HQ site, helped lay a fire on which they later toasted marshmallows, continued with learning knots, erecting tents and working towards their *Teamwork Challenge* badge.

They have also enjoyed the annual Beaver and Cub Sleepover (also known as the annual 'Wakeover') although in a little less comfort this year with the absence of the judo mats to sleep on!



We continue with a fantastic leadership team which the Colony could not do without, so many thanks to Rebecca, Tom, Denise, Josh (who has now left us) and Charlotte (who we very much hope to see back with us in September).

Here's to another exciting year in the Mayhew Colony.

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)

MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



Yet again its that time to report back on what has been going on in the Mayhew Pack over the last year. We hope the Cubs have continued to enjoy the activities and events that they have taken part in.

Shortly after pencilling our last report, the Cubs enjoyed a fascinating evening learning Jewish customs at the Synagogue in Wimbledon Village as part of their World Challenge badge.

One of our weekly meetings included a session of canoeing at Wimbledon Park, both paddling and lining them up and running across

them, with inevitable lack of success! The evening earned the Cubs many of their water related stage badges.

The Cubs returned in the autumn with their bikes (and helmets) for a night of cycling around Melbury Gardens to complete the badge, the night on which we had previously planned this having been washed out! We also had a visit to the Malden Centre which enabled the Cubs to progress with their Swimmers badge.

Before Christmas, the Cubs enjoyed an evening that tested their senses (sight, smell, touch and memory) and a fun visit to New Malden Fire Station with an informative insight into what it's like to live and work as a firefighter, a chance for Kaa to demonstrate the pole and a few Cubs were invested in front of a Fire Engine too.

After Christmas, we joined in with District Badge Day (which for 2018 was the Communicator badge) and our team put up a good show in the District Chess Competition.

Highlights for the rest of the spring term were a visit to Pets at Home for their *Animal Carer* badge, pancakes on tins for pancake day, with a very good success rate this year, mug painting and also practising our knot skills.

In the summer, the Cubs were straight into navigation (map reading, compass bearings and grid references) in preparation for the inaugural District Cub Hike. We entered two teams and spent a very enjoyable day navigating around Wimbledon Common whilst carrying out challenges at checkpoints and completing stages of their *Emergency Aid* badge, *Hikes* badge, and *Navigator* badge. Thanks to parents Nicola Kennedy and Catherine Graley who accompanied myself and Denise around with the teams.

In the lighter evenings, the Cubs have learnt square lashings to make tripods to suspend pots above fires with the aim of boiling water and cooking pasta - all were successful and sturdy - and we even brought out the rope making machine and successfully made a length of rope each.



Recently we loved the Sleepover (or now aptly named 'Wakeover') at the hut and Cub Camp at Bears Wood, where they enjoyed wide games in the dark, archery, rifle shooting, crate stacking, zip wire, climbing and endless time on the assault course.

I say this every year but it is true; none of the above would be possible without a strong leadership team, which we are very fortunate to have within the Mayhew pack. So thanks again to Rebecca (Akela), Tom and Denise (Kaa). Thanks as well to Josh and Charlotte, who have both been with us at Beavers as part of their DofE efforts but have recently also stayed on to help at Cubs.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT



The autumn of 2017 got off to a frenetic start with another trip to Cobham for paintballing with Packs around the District. It is little wonder that this is a very popular event for the Pack and one that's sure to be repeated. We worked on the Team Leader and Personal Safety badges, had an evening at the bowling alley and then honed our Emergency Aid skills before entering the usual seasonal festivities, i.e. Carol Service and Christmas Party.



The new year got us trying out the Air Activities challenge, which was a new one for most of us, leaders included! We also hosted both the District's Communicators Badge Day and Chess Competition, which proved to be popular as ever. In the latter event, the Oakwood A team came third overall, which is more than respectable! And if that wasn't enough for a spring term, we also threw in some DIY work as well - practising with tools before later using them to construct rather nifty bird feeders. The local avian population couldn't thank us enough.

Into the summer - a lot of sunny days to enjoy this year - we took full advantage by lighting fires and cooking outside, more outdoor games, practised putting up tents, got to look around Bagheera's paramedic response car and enjoyed a lovely end of term party outside (including the traditional water fights). But this term was really all about the three big events - the Cub/Beaver Sleepover which everyone enjoyed, the District Hike across Wimbledon Common and our annual Cub Camp at Bears Wood which, for some, was their first real 'away' time from their families. It stayed warm and sunny throughout which meant we all benefited from a quintessential Scout-based activity programme that included an assault course, another hike in the fields, outdoor cooking, climbing and archery.

The Oakwood Cub Pack itself remains a very vibrant one. At the time of writing we have 23 Cubs on roll. We will say goodbye to a few that are about to move up to Scouts but we will also welcome a few from Beavers.

As usual, the leadership team (Mike, Mark, Helen, Chris and Matt) have all given a lot of their time in ensuring the Cubs get the best out of each night, so thanks go to all of them. Thanks also to the many other leaders and parents who have helped out in various meetings over the last year, we appreciate it!

Mark Steed (Baloo)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS You may be aware of the recent rebranding that has been launched in Scouting. One of the new phrases that keeps coming up is 'Skills for Life' and as we reflect over the last year, it becomes clear how Scouting really can prepare the younger generations for a better future.

The Scout Troop currently has 42 members, aged 10 to 14. Over the last year we have welcomed lots of members from our two Cub Packs, but also said goodbye for now to some older members who have moved up to the Explorer Scout section.

The 2018 Winter Camp was held at Frylands Wood in New Addington. We had indoor accommodation for sleeping but spent most of the

weekend in the outdoors, hiking, learning to light fires using friction instead of matches, rock climbing, playing laser quest and other games.

In the spring term our programme focused on the World Challenge badge where we explored some international issues such as clean water and sanitation, disabilities, life as a refugee and government. We invited a representative from the charity Water Aid, plus a couple of our local councillors who were happy to try and answer our questions. We finished by taking part in the 'Jam-Bowl-Ree', an international Scout bowling competition.



In April, twelve of the older Scouts attended our leadership skills camp to help prepare them for becoming Assistant Patrol Leaders and Patrol Leaders. All of the hard work put in over the weekend was rewarded by a very fun night out at Bubble Football on the Saturday evening.

During the summer term we have attempted to make the most out of the lighter evenings by getting outdoors. The Scouts have been lighting fires, cooking giant smores, pitching tents and practicing the knots and lashings we learnt last year. Scouts have been learning some valuable navigation skills and I'm very impressed with the compass and map skills we have seen demonstrated.

In June, we held a weekend camp which 24 Scouts attended and slept in tents at the HQ. The Scouts learnt how to split logs for fire wood and the safe use of knives, axes and saws. We used these skills to make chopsticks, which came in useful for eating the Chow Mein which the Scouts cooked on a fire for dinner. We ventured off-site taking part in a Geocaching card game on Wimbledon Common and then on Sunday played a round of Mick's 'plate golf' – don't worry, there are no plates missing from your kitchen cupboards. Towards the end of the term, Scouts and leaders watched a rather tense football match together during the semi-final of the 2018 Football World Cup.

This year's summer camp was held at Hopehill Scout Campsite in Meopham, Kent. During our eleven-day camp we took part in lots of activities such as kayaking, climbing, archery, hiking, skiing, tobogganing,

swimming, pedal karting, campfire, driving real JCB's and a visit to Eagle Heights. The night hike is always a popular activity with everyone taking part and successfully reaching the middle checkpoint, and nine Scouts completing the final stage of the hike getting back to camp around 3am, having walked over 10 miles. Summer camp is an important part of the Troop programme as it allows Scouts to develop by trying new activities but also gaining valuable life skills such as communicating with each other, working together as a team and mixing with others from outside their usual social group. Congratulations to this year's camp competition winners – Tasman patrol. I would like to say a really big thank you to all the parents and Scouts who came to help before camp and at the end of camp with the loading and unloading of the lorry.

Over the last few months, four older Scouts have been preparing for the Expedition Challenge. The preparation has included advanced navigation skills, route planning, food and water, learning about equipment, actions in an emergency and a practice hike. The challenge they undertook whilst away at summer camp was a two-day expedition navigating a route of 25km with all their food and equipment needed for the two days. Completing the expedition is a fabulous achievement and a real test of the skills they have been developing over the last few years in Scouts. The expedition challenge is physically and mentally demanding and I'm very pleased to say that Lillie, Sam, Suleyman and Zac stayed positive and committed, despite the very hot weather conditions they were walking in. Each of them should be extremely proud of their achievement!

The Scouts have achieved a lot and this can be seen by the numbers of badges worn on each of the Scout's uniform. Over the last three terms, we have proudly awarded over 270 badges including the Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Team Leader, Team Work and World Challenge badges which are all part of the nine challenge awards required for the highest award in the Scout Troop; the Chief Scout's Gold Award. Congratulations to the 15 Scouts who have obtained their Gold Award over the last year, a truly well earned achievement to be proud of. Also, well done Zac, who received the Jack Petchey Award for his achievements in Scouting and in particular his commitment to helping others. Thank you to all our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders over the last year, who have all demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and assisted in the running of the Troop.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the leaders, support team and parents who have generously volunteered their time over the last year. Whether it be help on a Wednesday evening, or work for camps, helping us load a lorry or even behind the scenes with admin, finance or cleaning up, we are very grateful and it is this fantastic support that makes us a great Scout Group who can prepare our youth with those 'Skills for Life'.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



It's been another busy year for the Explorer Section.

We have had our usual mix of meeting nights, some unusual activities and some tried and tested events. This year's highlights included: Chinese New Year, Trashion, EqualiTeas, shooting and ice-skating. We also undertook a second year of Christmas tree selling, which was hard work but reasonably profitable.

Gilwell 24 is now a firm favourite. We went with two other Units plus a few leaders, travelling by coach, so that everyone could make the most out of the whole weekend from Friday evening to the Sunday morning.

For Summer Camp, Merton Park, Raynes Park & West Barnes joined forces and had a great week in Kandersteg. Under the watchful eye of Dan Fellowes they went white water rafting, ice climbing, doughnuting and taking part in International Activities on site. Many thanks to Dan and the team of leaders that made this trip possible.

We had our District mountain weekend to the Peak District this year. We camped at the 1st Dinting Scout Centre near Glossop with use of a hut for cooking and eating. We all climbed Kinder Scout on the Saturday and then had a split day on the Sunday climbing on Windgather Rocks & a half-day hike. On the Sunday night I never thought that two basketballs and one hoop could keep so many Explorer Scouts busy for so long!! Thanks to the gang of leaders who made this weekend possible.

We attended both the St George's Day and the Remembrance Day Parades as usual. The 2nd Annual Dodgeball competition was held directly after the Remembrance Day Parade. Four units took part and we managed to redeem ourselves from last place previously to first place this time. Well done to them and thanks to all who helped run the event.

Operation Red Flare, the County Night Hike: This was sadly cancelled because of 'The Beast from the East'! It was extremely cold with many of the roads and lanes around the route covered in snow! It will be re-scheduled later this year.

Award Hikes: Unfortunately we had to cancel the CSPA/Bronze DofE groups before they started and then aborted the CSDA/DofE Silver groups at lunchtime on the first day also due to the return of 'The Beast from the East'! It was extremely cold with bitter winds and it was decided that it was not safe or wise to continue.

There is a World Scout Jamboree next summer and we have two unit members who are attending (Claire & Yanni) together with leader Eric. To support this we held a fundraising Spring Party. with great support from the Group and the attendees' parents. We had a Saxophone Quartet to entertain us, superb food and a well-stocked bar. It was a very successful evening. Please look out for other events in the run-up to the Jamboree.

We have several members that help at the Group's younger sections. This is both at weekly meeting nights and at other events. Matt Sivewright and Libby Messenbird have both finished their Young Leader Awards and are now showing off their Young Leader belt buckles, woggles and badges.

After many years of me standing in as District Explorer Scout Commissioner, we can welcome Jorge Romualdo as our new DESC. Jorge has a wealth of experience with International Scouting amongst many other areas. We welcome him and look forward to exciting times for the Explorer Scouts! As always I would like to thank all our leaders for the work and time that they put in each week throughout the year to run the Unit. Also to the Group Scouters and the Exec Committee for all their enthusiasm and support.

Earlier this year Robbie McLauchlan made the reluctant decision to change his role back to Assistant Explorer Scout Leader. His journey to and from the weekly meetings was not sustainable, so I have taken up the role of E.S.L. and have recruited Nic Hawkey, Lucy Higgins and James Smith to help. Robbie's commitment and dedication to the Unit should not be underestimated. The excellent numbers and successful position we are in at the moment is due to his hard work and determination that the Unit should continue to function with very few leaders!

Neil McLauchlan (Explorer Scout Leader)

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017-2018

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Beaver Scout Leader (Squirrel) - Oakwood	Pauline Godden
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Rep	Pam McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	Jane Purchase
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	Neil O'Rourke
Oakwood Cub parent	Karen Dehlavi
Mayhew Cub parent	Paul Mutimer
Scout Troop parent	vacant
Quartermaster	Gary Clark

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2017

Jan	£15 Jackie Kitchener	Jul	£15 Jennifer Witchell
	£15 Lyn Jones		£15 Paul Wilkins
Feb	£15 Nahoko Dulson	Aug	£15 Deborah Bishop
	£15 Tony Rochford		£15 Pam McLauchlan
Mar	£15 Neil Messenbird	Sep	£15 Evelyn Bleasdale
	£15 Jane Barnes		£15 Pat Brunt
Apr	£15 Mair Rabagliati	Oct	£15 John Kitchener
	£15 Adrian Chapman		£15 Neil McLauchlan
May	£100 Joan Brunt	Nov	£15 Eric de Regnaucourt
	£15 Nigel Bishop		£15 Michael Tolmie
Jun	£15 Chris Campbell	Dec	£100 Kate Baggridge
	£15 Jane Chase		£15 Joseph Williams

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £20,000 in the latest financial year. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

This year saw further expenditure of approximately £15,000 on site development for the outside space at Group HQ. However there continues to be a great demand from various groups to use the facilities so we are generating an annual income in excess of £40,000 which offsets the running costs and helps in repaying the loans. Our positive financial situation means we are in a position to repay some of the loan capital in addition to annual interest payments and have now repaid £66,000 from the original £150,000 loans.

We have now raised over £1,600 from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. It costs the buyer nothing. Thank you to over fifty givers, who are signed up, but we'd really like to have a lot more. Details of the scheme can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.



Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £2,000.

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The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide useful additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.

The 100 Club is an easy and fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and half of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club. We haven't quite reached 100 members yet, so if you would like to join please email: 100club@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk.



Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has close links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony

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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony

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VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of our successful team, making a real difference to young people's lives and having a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Assistant Group Scout Leader. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Richard Bowyer (A.G.S.L.)

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP, HELD AT GROUP HEADQUARTERS ON 14TH MAY, 2017

Present: There were approximately 80 people present, including our District Commissioner, Leaders, Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, parents and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She also introduced the officers of the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from James Taylor and Barbara Chapman.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 3rd July, 2016 were taken as read. It was noted the Annual Report should have been recorded as seconded by Denise Wilkins not Denise Roe. Approval was proposed by Eric de Regnaucourt, seconded by Mike Mayhew, and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report booklet and encouraged everyone to read it. This year has been a special year for the Cubs as they celebrated their 100th anniversary and there were many special events, parties and badges. We are still one of the largest Groups in the District with 129 young people in our sections – but we always need more leaders. Ros urged people to read Eric's story in the Annual Report as he went from volunteer to leader via some useful training and support from the Group and Scouting. Ros hoped that everyone had enjoyed the activities outside and could see the results of much hard work on the HQ grounds and she requested all the parents to find a small amount of time each to help with the monthly working parties. A special thanks to Paul, Denise and James Wilkins for devoting so much time, energy and skills to site improvements. Also, thank you to all the parents for switching to Online Scout Manager (OSM) for subscription and activity payments – this has transformed money collection to be quick and easy. The HQ site is in use 7 days a week by many different groups in the community, approximately 500 (sometimes muddy) feet come through the doors every single week. Ros thanked all the various groups for being so cooperative and working with each other. Finally, Ros gave a big thank you as always to the Leaders, the Exec, the other volunteers and the back room helpers like Becca, Marina, Marianne, Kiki and Norma – for making it all possible! Approval of the Report was proposed by Mark Steed, seconded by Liz Strutt and agreed by the meeting.
5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st

March. He noted that with the healthy income it has been possible to overpay the loans and the balance is now down to £106,000. The lettings income reached £44,000, and Gift Aid tax refund also helps significantly. He gave thanks for donations from several sources, and particular mention to the Peter and Teresa Charitable Trust. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Marina Bowyer, seconded by Jane Purchase and agreed by the meeting.

6. **Group Chairman and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader nominated Ros Barnes to continue as Group Chair, and nominated Jane Purchase to serve on the Executive Committee.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chair was pleased to advise that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and that Adrian Chapman was willing to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Richard Porter, seconded by Mick Shade and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** Parent representatives Gary Clark, Karen Dehlavi, Paul Mutimer, Neil O'Rourke and Pam McLauchlan were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Rebecca Gregg and seconded by Mike Mayhew, and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** The District Commissioner Deborah Carter noted that it was clear from the Annual Report and the activities on show today, just how much 'learning through fun' is happening at the 19th Wimbledon. Scouting is fun, it's healthy, you can develop 'soft skills', it helps you get a job, and you might even find love! Many parents think 'I couldn't do that' and whilst your leaders are amazing, they are also ordinary, and you could be one too. She then presented a Wood Badge to Eric de Regnaucourt for completing his leader training, a 10 year service award to Rebecca Gregg and a Commendation for Good Service to Denise Wilkins. Assistant Group Scout Leader, Richard Bowyer, then presented the Ron Day Shield to the young person who had gained the most out of Scouting at the 19th Wimbledon in the previous year. On this occasion the trophy was awarded to Edward Haynes.

James Roe, on behalf of the 100 Club, then made the special May draw. He first noted that the 100 Club has raised £500 for the Group this year and distributed £500 in prizes from 93 members – he would like to actually reach 100! The May draw was won by Joan Brunt (£100) and Nigel Bishop (£15).

11. **Any Other Business:** None.

Close of Meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

The HQ building continues to attract lots of community use and our income from letting the building has enabled us to continue to overpay our loan repayment tranches each year as well as invest further in equipment and the building and grounds.

The changes we have made in the outside space are now clearly visible, particularly the improvements to the tarmac area at the rear of the buildings. The grounds are getting good use from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the other groups. It has been great to see camping, fire lighting, tent pitching, pioneering, Easter Egg Hunts and a Christmas Tree stall.

We are particularly pleased to have formed a partnership with Kingston Wheelers who now use the site as a base for the start and finish for long distance Audax cycling events. These events attract over 100 cyclists and the site enables them to eat and drink before and after a ride and sleep on site if they choose to do so. Checking with our immediate neighbours after the first of these events it was incredible to hear that despite, the large numbers of cyclists, they had not noticed the early morning and late night activities.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)



CHILDREN'S PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party?

Have you considered the Scout Hut?



Did you know that we let our Phoenix Hall for children's parties on Saturday and Sunday afternoons?

We charge £120 for a 3-hour hire period (based on a two hour party and half hour set up and clear away) and we also ask for a refundable damage deposit of £50. If you are interested, please email lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk - but make sure you plan at least two months in advance; as the hall is very popular for parties!

"We had a great time, as did all our guests.

They were really impressed with the venue" - August 2018.

"I am pleased to say, the party was a great success, with many comments about the super venue" - July 2018

FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 100 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold an annual event each year for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

e-mail: secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.

Raise funds for us while you shop!

You can also raise money for our Scout Group without doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?



If you shop online (at stores like Amazon, Next, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Interflora and hundreds of others) simply register with **The Giving Machine**, access the stores through their website and the Scout Group will receive a free cash donation at NO extra cost to you.

Visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, join as a Giver and please choose '19th Wimbledon Scout Group' as your chosen beneficiary.

Thank you.



19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Group registration number 41377 Registered charity number 303793
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2018

2017	RECEIPTS	2018	2017	PAYMENTS	2018
14,251.00	Subscriptions	16,785.00	3,770.00	Scout Association membership	3,930.00
600.00	RPESU rent	1,000.00	0.00	Headquarters site Rent	0.00
4,916.65	Donations	2,272.06	16,434.53	Development	15,816.63
44,737.05	Lettings	46,110.00	5,697.89	Maintenance	4,784.91
267.85	The Giving Machine	242.02	1,499.63	Water	715.13
558.00	100 club	576.00	3,285.00	Electricity	3,615.75
2,938.97	Gift Aid tax refund	0.00	450.07	Telephone	503.67
55.00	Miscellaneous	68.00	396.60	Bottled gas	43.80
			3,811.64	Cleaning	3,668.79
			362.00	Refuse	572.63
			31,937.36		29,721.31
			3,491.05	Insurances	3,674.62
			2,187.45	Equipment	3,952.63
			17.69	New Maintenance	27.97
			2,205.14		3,980.60
			576.19	Miscellaneous supplies	752.83
38.79	Interest Scout Association	1.86	1,940.68	Uniform, badges etc.	568.61
0.00	Bank	0.00	131.89	Website	122.34
38.79		1.86	385.59	Online Scout Manager fees	532.69
			56.18	Stationery, postage etc.	57.00
			217.30	AGM	162.30
			2,000.00	Scout Association loan interest @ Base+2%	1,500.00
			1,007.39	Training Weekend	0.00
			126.62	Training courses	0.00
	SECTION INCOME			SECTION EXPENSE	
16,902.18	Camps and outings	14,164.31	16,953.22	Camps and outings	14,012.68
30.32	Sale of scarves etc.	127.00	25.00	Badges, scarves etc.	91.71
500.00	Fund-raising and donations	0.00	1,065.26	Section activities	438.38
0.00	Other income	15.14	366.08	Stationery, postage and sundries	1,222.14
17,432.50		14,306.45	18,409.56		15,764.91
85,795.81	TOTAL INCOME	81,361.39	66,254.95	TOTAL EXPENSE	60,767.21
0.00	DEFICIT	0.00	19,540.86	SURPLUS	20,594.18
85,795.81		81,361.39	85,795.81		81,361.39

Note: The Group occupies land on the north side of Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ at a peppercorn rent.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

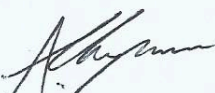
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.


Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee


A. Chapman
Group Treasurer


R. Barnes
Group Chair

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2018

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	10,805.73	Current account	8,887.93
100 club current account	1,814.00	100 club current account	2,534.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,000.00	Scout Association short term investment	1,000.00
Cash	205.02	Cash	178.14
100 club prizes payable	(710.00)	100 club prizes payable	(756.00)
Loan from Scout District	(46,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(44,000.00)
Loan from Scout Association	(60,000.00)	Loan from Scout Association	(40,000.00)
	(92,885.25)		(72,155.93)
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	852.43	Current account	1,195.93
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	852.43		1,195.93
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	4,297.00	Current account	3,818.36
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	4,297.00		3,818.36
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	(87,735.82)	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(67,141.64)
Group surplus	20,729.32		
Sections deficit	(135.14)		
NET SURPLUS	20,594.18		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(67,141.64)		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £522,634 and equipment with an insured value of £44,563.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2018.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (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 examiner's statement

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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

M. J. Barnes FCPA

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