



**Scouts**

1st Copthorne

# Annual Report 2018/19

**365 DAYS  
OF ADVENTURE.  
HERE'S WHAT  
HAPPENED...**



# Message from our Group Scout Leader



I cannot believe that another year has passed and scouting in Copthorne has been full steam ahead throughout the year.

The leaders have been helping the young people to develop skills for life and making their ideas happen. We continue to be youth shaped and let the young people chose their programme. I would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders for their on going support and time they give to Copthorne Scouts. There have been some changes to the leader teams this year. We have had several young leaders become adult leaders, Mollie, Annie and Will. Carly has moved to be Akela of Oak and thankyou to Becca for all her hard work at Oak pack and she continues to be an assistant leader at Oak.

The Scout Active Support Unit is now up and running and we thank Gwyn and Stephen for all their hard work in getting this going. The unit has over 15 members, who have already been active and helping out at cub camp, sports day and carnival.

Behind the scenes keeping the group going by fundraising to keep the subscriptions as low as possible are the Group Exec and I thank Mark and his team for all their help and support. We are steering more and more towards being a paperless group and all sections are using OSM and we continue to use our facebook group to share news and keep people up to date.

There is one person that has been beside me helping with the sections and supporting the cubs, is my Assistant Group Scout Leader, Esther, a big, big thank you to her.

We have another busy year ahead with Gang Show in November. So please can we have your support to help us put on a fantastic show as we have done in the past.

Owen Cheesmur  
Group Scout Leader  
Contact: [owen.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk](mailto:owen.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk)

## **Although not strictly covered in this reporting period we couldn't leave out the news that**

**Harold Cheemuris** retiring in July after over 50 years of service. We thank Harold for all his hard work and dedication over many years and I know he is looking forward to joining the Sasu.

**And, sadly Mowgli (Janet Cripps)** passed away lastmonth . She had been with Ash pack for over 20 years and was an important part of the team who is greatly missed.

# BEAVERS

## Smugglers and Voyagers

It has been quite a year of change for both the beavers groups this year. Smugglers said goodbye to Jan, Jo and Nick in July and welcomed Carly as the new leader. Annie transferred from a young leader in Voyagers to assistant beaver leader in Smugglers. Whereas Voyagers said goodbye and wished Carly well in her new role as leader of Smugglers and Alison took over the reigns as leader of Voyagers. Alison was joined in the leadership team by Mollie who also turned 18 in the year and was appointed assistant beaver leader, better known as Moon by the beavers!

Voyagers had a full packed exciting year with trips to Crawley fire station and Cinderwood for a camp fire.

A firm favourite of the beavers is a trip to the woods for some den building – especially in the dark!



They had a Harry Potter themed sleepover which started with some wand making and golden snitch cake pops, followed by a water fight, movie and popcorn.

A science evening was enjoyed by all with volcanos, exploding coke bottles and lots of slime making! The end of the year was marked with a joint Christmas party which included wrapping a few beavers up in Christmas paper, musical games and party food.



Smugglers started the year with some team building fun to get to know each other

Smugglers also took part in the latest craze of painting stones which were then hidden around the field and the village – have you found any?

They also took a trip to the church to meet the new Vicar, Father Wim and even invested some new beavers there.

As part of the faith badge, Smugglers celebrated Diwali by decorating candle holders and then lighting them to celebrate the festival of lights.



A big Thank you to everyone on the Teams of both Colonies for their support this year.



# cubs

## Ash and Oak

Both Cub Packs have had a very busy year. We have hiked, built bivouacs, sung at Campfires and climbed, naming only a few of the activities our cubs have taken part in throughout the year.

**May 2018** Our cubs have had an evening of fire lighting, another building and firing ballistas. We have held a Sports Day in Humphrey's Field. The cubs have also taken part in Rifle Shooting at our own firing range.

**Cub Camp – Blacklands Farm** This year we held the camp at Blacklands where the cubs took part in hiking, visiting a steam train railway, making camps, backwoods cooking, crate stacking, zip wire and many more activities.



**June 2018** As well as taking part in the Copthorne Carnival, we went for a Father's Day evening to Blacklands Farm for crate stacking



**July 2018** Our cubs took part in The Great Copthorne Cake Bake Off auction. For this evening, the cubs made their own cakes and auctioned them off. All proceeds went to Ash Packs Raksha's fund raising towards the 2019 World Scout Jamboree being held in North America. The cubs raised £305 on the night.

**November 2018** We held a Halloween Party with games throughout the evening.

The cubs attended the Crawley Wings Museum. Here they learnt all about the World War 2

**December 2018** We held our annual Christmas Camp where the cubs had a weekend of crafts and games.



**January 2019** Ash Pack Cubs attended the annual bowling competition and won lots of trophies!

Our cubs visited Copthorne Church. February Our cubs attended the OAP party and taught Fortnite dancing to everyone.

**March 2019** We had a pancake evening. We also held a "I'm a cub get me out of here Challenge" evening. Thanks as always to all the Leaders Teams of Ash & Oak Packs.

# SCOUTS

## Mallory and Scott

We started the year with an Easter expedition to Yapton. Here we spent the day in Littlehampton visiting RNLI, look out centre and the cinema. They spent the day hiking and visited Clip and climb at Angmering on the way home. All the scouts that attended earned their expedition badge.



In the summer term we did a nerf war, went to foot golf and go karting as well as the usual camp skills.

In May we took part in jamboree on the trail with East Grinstead district.

Our summer camp this year was to Thriftwood campsite in Essex. Here the scouts took part in lots of activities including kayaking, rifle shooting, archery ice climbing, axe throwing and pedal karts. They had a visit to the tower of London and did a monopoly run around London. They also took part in a water activity afternoon.



In the autumn term the scouts did their astronautics badge, communicator badge and started on their climbers badge. In October we went to Broadstone Warren for the weekend for a survival camp. Here we built fires, which we cooked all our meals on and took part in a wide game and grass sledging. We were going to sleep in hammocks but unfortunately the weather had other ideas and we ended up sleeping in the scout Centre.

In the Spring term we made bird boxes, took part in the million hands project for dementia and had a science night. We also went to Buchan park and helped the warden with coppicing for the day.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Stephen, Alaric, James, Miles, Keith 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 (Mallory) and Harold Cheesmur (Scott)



# EXPLORERS

## Matterhorn

It's been an interesting year for the Explorers, following the Million Hands programme to the next stage. A great weekend at Gilwell 24, during which most of the site watched the England World Cup match on the big screen. Our yearly event of assisting the WI at South of England Show.

We had two District Explorer events this year, one a massive water fight between ourselves, Griffyn and Rowfant Explorers, with a little help from Copthorne Rangers over the summer term, the other was a Speed Quizing night run by the Rowfant leader. The two Matterhorn teams lost against the leaders, however one of the Matterhorn teams came top of the Explorer teams

In the latter part of the year, we again built the Bonfire at the Copthorne Fireworks display, rounding the year off with a Unit Christmas meal.

Gilwell 24



Investing in unusual places!



Building  
The bonfire



Community work!



Popcorn & Shaving Foam game



## Copthorne Scouts new Section

Copthorne Active Support was formed at the end of last year to enable adults who wanted to support Scouting in the village in an organised but flexible way.

There are many Scout Active Support units in the country supporting Scouting in Activities and Events but this is one of a few specifically formed to support a Scout Group.

The Group leaders have an enormous task meeting the needs of Scouting today and if other adults can give a little of their skills this enables the volunteer leaders to concentrate their valuable time on the needs and training of the young people.

The group was formed from parents, ex-scouters and supporters who agreed a modest level of support in this the first year as we find our way and assess the ways in which our support can be most effective.

Stephen Hammond as the Copthorne Scout Active Support Co-ordinator has done a tremendous job keeping the Unit members informed of where the Sections and Group need help and making those offers of help available to the Group.

From the original 10 the Unit has grown to 16 registered members and the unit members can be recognised by their black polo shirts with the new gold logo and special Unit scarf.

This year support has been provided :

- Sorting the Gang Show props Containers.
  - St Georges Day
  - The Gang Show Launch Day
  - The Group Sports Day
  - The Scout Jumble and
  - Copthorne Carnival
- Members have arranged the Group Pantomime trip for the end of Year which will include a Group tea Party for the all the youth sections.
- The Unit will also be supporting the Gang Show in many ways but particularly in regards to helping the front of house

From just a few short meetings in a local hostelry the Unit has already made a difference to the Group as a pro-active resource for the uniformed leaders and Executive who we must remember give so much of their time completely voluntarily.

We welcome new members who would like to do just a bit to help and we are confident that as the Unit grows we can make an even bigger difference

Gwyn Cheesmur

Copthorne Scout Active Support Manager

Contact: [Stephen.Hammond@egscouts.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.Hammond@egscouts.org.uk) ( Scout Active Support Co-ordinator)

## Group Executive - Chairman's report

The group has had another successful year, due to the hard work of the Leaders, the Group Exec and the children.

We are in a comfortable financial situation which will be reported on later.

The Fund raising events, Jumble sales, bonfire and carnival gives the group much needed funds to maintain the scout centre and the group minibus.

The annual Senior citizens party in February allows the group to give something back to the local community and was attended by around 70 senior members of our community with the children providing the entertainment.

The fund raising events and the income from regular hall hire last year allowed us to support leaders going to camps, provide transport to and from camps and fund leader training.

Several members of the executive have stood down over the last year, which in turn has meant the remaining members having to work even harder to ensure the group continues to succeed.

We are all volunteers, leaders and group executive, who give up our time to ensure your children have fun while learning life skills and gaining knowledge that will help them grow in to valued and responsible citizens. I urge you parents to please consider giving up some of your time to get involved with supporting the group, by either joining the group executive this evening or signing up when requests for help go out, you never know you may enjoy it.

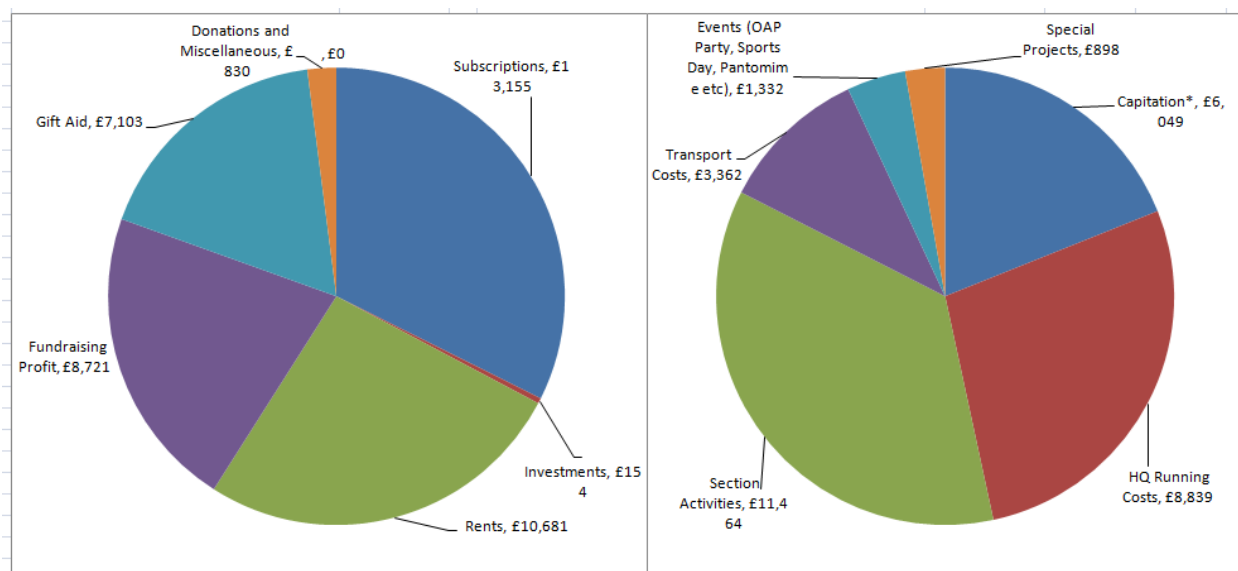
I would like to say thank you to Owen for all his hard work, all the leaders, assistant leaders, young leaders, executive members, parent helpers and the children for all their hard work over the last year and I hope this coming year will be even better than the last.

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### 1st Copthorne Scouts Group Accounts to year ending 31st March 2019

	2018/2019		2018/2019
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Subscriptions	£13,155	Capitation*	£6,049
Investments	£154	HQ Running Costs	£8,839
Rents	£10,681	Section Activities	£11,464
Fundraising Profit	£8,721	Transport Costs	£3,362
Gift Aid	£7,103	Events (OAP Party, Sports Day, Pantomime etc)	£1,332
Donations and Miscellaneous	£830	Special Projects	£898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£40,644</b>		<b>£31,945</b>
<b>Income exceeds Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,699</b>		

\*Capitation fees have to be paid to the Scout Association and to County and District  
 Note - the figures above exclude the section accounts but which are included in the audited accounts.





## **1<sup>st</sup>Copthorne Scout Group**

Our Group Scout Leader, Owen Cheesmur would like to say

# **THANK YOU**

**To everyone who made this year so amazing**

**So Thanks go to**

**Our 5 Beaver Leaders**

**Our 6 Cub Leaders**

**Our 7 Scout Leaders**

**Our 2 Explorer Leaders**

**Our 7 Young Leaders**

**Our 16 Active Support Members**

**Our 9 Group Executive members**

**Who give so freely of their time, enthusiasm and skillsto provide so many different experiences for our young members.**

And to all the other volunteers and parents who helped  
at Section meetings, on activities and events and fundraising

And to all our parents/carers for your support

**And finally to our wonderful**

**BEAVERS**

**cubs**

**SCOUTS**

**EXPLORERS**

**who make it all worthwhile!**

# The only thing missing from our team is you.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

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**#SkillsForLife**



## Why not take the Four Week Challenge?

**Volunteer for just four weeks and be amazed at the difference you'll make !**

- Week 1 – See what we get up to
- Week 2 – Start to help out
- Week 3 – Get a little more involved
- Week 4 – You'll know if scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible roles either supporting young people or behind the scenes.

And with **GANG SHOW** coming up in November 2019 we will need even more help – so why not get involved by painting scenery, making props, making costumes, helping with admin or on performance day we will need help backstage and front of house.

**WE NEED YOU !**

Simply contact your section Leader or email [owen.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk](mailto:owen.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk)

# **1st COPTHORNE SCOUT GROUP**

Registered Charity Number 291680

## **Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2019**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
Subscriptions	13,154.58
Less Paid	12,901.15
	253.43
Interest     Bank	-
Investments	153.94
Property Rents	10,681.38
Guides Rent/Maint.	765.16
Activities & Camps	23,807.89
Fundraising:	17,313.80
Covenant Tax Received	7,103.19
Other Income	32.50
Equipment Hire	-
GangShow	-
Donations	797.02
	60,908.31
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
Rent	939.32
Light & Heat	820.24
Insurance	1,006.21
Maint - (General Repairs)	2,427.87
Cleaning	2,411.06
Section & Activity Accounts	23,347.91
Fundraising expenses:	8,592.39
Transport	3,285.77
Admin Expenses	828.15
Mileage Expenses	76.00
Special Projects	898.46
Badges	1,082.67
Equipment	2,950.72
Training	510.11
Uniforms	69.00
Catering/OAP Party/AGM	1,332.41
Misc	656.37
PRS Licence and Online	564.20
	51,798.86
 <b>Excess Income over Expenditure</b>	 <b>9,109.45</b>



Accum Funds B/F	62,731.65
Accum Funds C/F	<b>71,841.10</b>
<b>Statement of Assets</b>	
Bank Current Accounts	26,069.18
Investment Account	41,096.65
Invest A/c - Cyclical maint (50%)	4,675.29
Total	<b>71,841.11</b>
<b>Statement of Accumulated Funds</b>	
Reserved for specific funds/incurred expenses	
200 Club Prizes	-
Jamboree fund	-
Cyclical Maintenance fund	4,675.29
	4,675.29
General funds C/F	67,165.83
	<b>71,841.11</b>

# **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 2019 which are set out on the attached sheet and which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31 March 2019, 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**

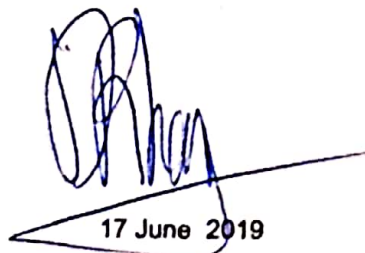
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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:

- (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 Acthave 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.



17 June 2019

Douglas R Logan Bsc, FCA  
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**1st COPTHORNE SCOUT GROUP**  
Registered Charity Number 291680

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 2019**

	This Year	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>		
Subscriptions	13,154	12,434
Less Paid	(12,901)	(11,295)
	<u>253</u>	<u>1,139</u>
Interest	154	127
Property Rents	10,681	6,934
Guides Rent/Maintenance	765	1,438
Activities & Camps	23,808	25,050
Fundraising	17,314	16,039
Gift Aid Tax Received	7,103	-
Other Income	33	58
Gang Show	-	-
Donations	797	1,418
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>60,908</u>	<u>52,203</u>
 <b>Payments</b>		
Rent	939	939
Light & Heat	820	929
Insurance	1,006	997
Maintenance - (General Repairs)	2,428	6,665
Cleaning	2,411	3,292
Section & Activity Accounts	23,348	25,308
Fundraising expenses	8,592	8,054
Transport	3,286	2,309
Admin Expenses	1,803	1,107
Badges	1,083	1,182
Equipment	2,951	2,140
Training	510	-
Uniforms	69	174
Catering/OAP Party/AGM/ miscellaneous	1,989	2,013
PRS License/ On line services	564	437
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>51,799</u>	<u>55,546</u>
 <b>Excess receipts over payments</b>	<u>9,109</u>	<u>(3,343)</u>
<b>Accumulated funds brought forward</b>	<u>62,732</u>	<u>66,075</u>
 <b>Accumulated funds carried forward</b>	<u>71,841</u>	<u>62,732</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS**

Bank current accounts	26,069	37,589
Investment account	41,097	20,965
Investment account - cyclical maintenance	4,675	4,178
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>71,841</u>	<u>62,732</u>

**STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Reserved for specific funds/incurred expenses		
Minibus fund	10,000	-
Scout centre maintenance fund	9,900	-
Cyclical maintenance fund	4,675	4,178
	<u>24,575</u>	<u>4,178</u>
General funds	47,266	58,554
<b>Total accumulated funds</b>	<u>71,841</u>	<u>62,732</u>

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 17 June 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Chairman, Group Executive Committee



Treasurer, Group Executive Committee