Group Scout Leader Report 2014

Earlier this week I read through last year's reports in preparation for writing this one and thought and wondered – did we manage to top that this year and phew I am happy to say I think we have again !!

This year we have grown our Leader team by one – Beth graduated from YL to ACSL and we welcome her to the adult team – we also grew our YL team as our ex Scouts continue to come back and support us as Explorer Young Leaders – so now we have 13 !! John and GJ help with the Scouts, Nathan, Olly, Josh, Jamie, Ed, James and Dan with Cubs, Jess, Will and Carrick with Beavers, We have recently welcomed Chloe to the Thor Beaver Young Leader team as a YL and Pascal who is doing his Gold D of E Service, who used to be a Cub with us many years ago and I remember him !!

I would like to thank all our Leaders who volunteer each week and give up so many hours of their time to provide fantastic weekly scouting for your children in the group – please remember it's not just the Colony, Pack or Troop nights – we offer many camps, district outings, competitions, attend meetings, training and more. So I think they need to stand up and take a bow, they deserve a huge round of applause, your thanks and my personal gratitude because I couldn't do my job without them.

Continued thanks also to the parents who support us each week on the parent rota which works well in the Sections with a few prompts and text reminders from the Leaders ! The parent rota is really important in maintaining good adult / child ratios and gives you a valuable insight into what your kids get up to each week, we have so many parents it often only needs to be once or twice a year.

Our Group Exec functions really well, we continue to meet together as one body (that is all the Leaders and Exec) three times a year, just once each term – we plan in advance the fundraising events, with each Section taking the organisational lead. So for example, the Beaver team organised the Xmas Fair, Cubs the Easter Fair and Scouts Bonfire Night with help and support from everyone else. Alan is in the process of planning and organising our 4th games night – please note the change of date to Sat 12th July to make sure no one misses out ! Alan has already indicated to me that this will be his last games

night as principal organiser so we will be looking for someone else to take over – but it's a well-oiled machine now for someone else to lead, please.

I would like to thank personally and on behalf of the Group Lynn H who has done a brilliant job as Treasurer for the last year with a new baby in tow and then going back to work !

My enormous thanks also go to Fiona H who has served and supported the Group as Chair of the Exec Committee, Fiona has agreed to stand for another year, with me having twisted her arm and persuading her that she does a great job thanks, long may she continue !

To the top table we welcomed during the year Vicky McGurk as Group Secretary, she also looks after the records for Richardson Troop Scouts.

Dave and Marjorie Reed, the elder statesmen of our Group, have decided to retire from active support of the Group – Dave will continue as Honorary President and both will remain members of the Group Council. Both have been involved for over 30 years and it is right that they are recognised for their tremendous loyalty and service to the Group. Please give them a round of applause.

We have been very successful once again with matching funding / U volunteer grants from a number of our parents, thanks again to Vicky Mc, Jen Edwards and Wendy Wood for applying through their work at Yorkshire Bank, Lloyds Bank and HSBC. Kath Callaghan also takes part in a similar scheme at Unilever, so if you work for a big company who have these schemes please apply – it's usually only one form !

This year we have been fundraising with a difference for Dan Callaghan, one of our Young Leaders who was successful in his application for a place on the Merseyside Contingent to the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan. What an honour and a privilege it is to have someone from our Group attend a Jamboree, we are delighted to support him and to share in this once in a lifetime experience for him and his family.

Now as usual a quick précis of each month and the highlights of the year – each Section has produced their own annual report and these will be available after today on the Group website for you to look at.

July 2013 – planning with a vengeance for our summer camp at Kibblestone International Scout Camp with our camp buddies 4th Moreton once again. Full team briefing my diary says, serious stuff ! The Scouts attended the Great Escape at Tawd Vale after it had been postponed due to snow in March. Another successful games night – I don't think it rained !! Summer camp at Kibblestone – huge thanks to Brian our Scout Leader who planned this camp, a marathon task, it was big, it was fantastic, the kids and Leaders had a great time – I seemed to spend much of the camp driving various groups up and down the M6, to Waterworld or to the Buxton Raceway !

Aug 13 – District Explorers camped at our HQ, 12th Wallasey borrowed the bus for their summer camp – we usually ask for a donation but waived it this time as their bus (formerly our old bus) was written off by a drunk driver whilst parked up. We had a successful day at the Anchor Pub in the Village – they wanted to fundraise for a local cause in the Community and chose us – thanks to them for a successful day and the sun shone.

Sept 13 – Group Exec meeting, Sections planning, District CSL & SL meetings, GSL meeting. Sections restarted after the summer break. Explorers went to Moot – I drove again ! a theme is developing here ….we had a work day at the hut. Invested new Beavers in both Colonies. QCW District Cub Camp – our turn to organise another busy camp, missed out of the Tug of war trophy again. Scouts attended the Lord Derby Challenge and County Backwoods Cooking Competition at Tawd Vale.

Oct 13 – Overnight camp at our HQ for our Beavers, we took them over to Liverpool Museum, got the ferry and a bus, had a camp fire, great camp. Scouts took part in the District 5 a side footie, Gang Show auditions started. Explorer Young Leader training programme began, another of my jobs !

Nov 13 – Scouts took part in JOTA and JOTI – ask Alan ! Cubs went to the Greenwood Centre in North Wales, by golly did it rain ! Scout Post distribution

night, Remembrance Parade with the Bishop fantastic turnout, very proud. Scout District camp fire at our HQ, Bonfire night, Beaver craft day, Chief Scout Awards ceremony in Liverpool for all Sections, Cubs Children in Need Splash fund raiser. 28th Wallasey camped at the hq. Tesco Xmas post stamps sales begin, the Xmas Fair. Cubs went bowling, what a busy month !

Dec 13 - Scout Post, Village stamp sales, sorting begins and 2 weekends of deliveries , all the Section meetings in Dec are held elsewhere due to the Scout Post, all attended their District Carol Services, Cubs had a night hike as did the Scouts. Cubs visited Williamson Tunnels in Liverpool.

Jan 14 – Group Exec meeting, all Sections return after the holiday break, all Section Leaders had District meetings. Both Cubs in the District 5 a side footie, Reed Pack were runners up in the closest final I've ever been to, nail biting finish ! Scout Group Leader team and Exec had their Christmas night out. Chamboree places for summer 2014 for Scouts and Explorer camp booked.

Feb 14 – First camp site visits looking for a venue for Cub summer camp, as they can't attend Chamboree this time. Scout Post presentation evening, GSL meeting and Census, both Cubs took part in the District Swim Gala, we came First and Third ! Scouts had an overnight stay at the hut and went climbing in Liverpool. We booked Waddecar Camp site for joint camp with 4th M Cubs, held a leaders meeting to plan for camp. Bag pack at Tesco for Dan – hugely successful day. Scouts took part in the District Quiz and won !

Mar 14 – First Xmas Post meeting of the year ! Scouts took part in District Orienteering, Cubs went skiing, Cub Safety Poster competition, Fletcher Pack were runners up ? Scouts took part in District Bowling and laser quest, Cubs had fun raising money for Sports relief and then went to Deiniolen for a great weekend pack holiday in North Wales – more rain ! All Sections attended the WW Gang Show – great show, very late night for the Cubs and Scouts, well done to our 3 star performers in the cast. SL's and I held a meeting to agree and plan for 2nd Scout troop opening.

April 14 – Mother's Day Mezze treat at Cubs courtesy of the Fun Food Chef, thanks to Pat Oakes. Beavers went to the Fire Station. St George's Day parade which we lead as Presidents Prize holders , Chester Zoo outing for the Cubs, District CSL and BSL meetings. Scout attended the Great Escape at Tawd Vale

and ran the District Base, well done Alan it was fantastic. Group Exec, Easter Fair. New Scout troop opens on 29th April – named Martin Troop after one of the founding members - Brian takes it forward as Scout Leader.

May 14 – Group Camp, Commonwealth theme first one organised by Matt, great success well done ! Cubs Skills competition now an overnight camp, again organised by Matt, we came second and third just one point splitting the top 3 places ! District AGM – Cubs win jointly the Fitzpatrick Cup as Best Cub Packs on the District – hooray ! Beavers went to Gulliver's World, we held a work day at the hut. 4 night Cub camp at Waddecar – more rain but a fantastic camp in an Indian tented village !

June 14 – this week we have taken part in Scout Community week and each Section went litter picking in and around the Village. Some of our Leaders are attending Nights Away training tomorrow and next weekend we are away again with the Cubs at Sandiways !

Well that's it - another fantastic year at 1st Thurstaston, I truly believe our huge success as a Scout Group is because we are a great team, with fantastic Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and old leaders ! Thank you for listening, I am looking forward to another fabulous year with you all !

Thor Beaver Colony Report 2013/14

Since last year's report, the Beavers have had a busy and fun filled year. We have been learning how to tie Reef and Figure of 8 knots, this was a fun night with some strange knots.

We have held our annual Sandcastle building competition at Caldy beach which is always an enjoyable night. On another night we had a Scavenger hunt at Thurstaston beach and Country Park finishing with chips and a drink.

The Beavers have made their own holiday Passports, they have learnt about the following countries, India, when they made Samosas, pasta necklaces, learnt Indian signs and played Hindi traffic lights. They have learnt about Australia, including the native wildlife, some Beavers wished to have their faces painted Aborigine style. We played 'Joey in the pouch' and 'Kangaroo hop', they all went home with a smile on their faces.
The Beavers have designed their own Rangoli patterns and made Origami windmills.

We have had a Joint Fancy dress Halloween party with Ismay Beavers, the Beavers have made poppies, which they wore at the Remembrance service at St Bartholomew's Church.

We have attended the following District Beaver events:-
Craft day in November, with each Beaver going home with a bag of crafts that they had made.
The Carol service, with this years theme being Christmas around the World, this was followed by a party, ending with a visit from Father Christmas.
The Beaver Challenge was held at the beginning of March. Recently the District day out to Gullivers World.

We have walked along the Wirral Country Park, from Caldy to GJs café at Thurstaston by torch light, this was enjoyed by all who attended. The Beavers have enjoyed a night at Bromborough Bowl. We have raised money for the Practical Action charity. This charity helps desperately poor children around the world.

The Beavers have had a visit from Linda Sillitoe a P.C.S.O. from Upton Police Station, she came to talk about Stranger danger, this was part of the Safety activity badge. On other nights they have learnt about Home Safety and Road Safety, also on the safety theme each Beaver drew their own safe route from home to school and back. They have learnt about water safety and we have visited Heswall Fire station where Kevin the station officer talked to the Beavers about fire safety. They then looked around the 2 fire engines, tried on the uniforms and had a squirt of the hose pipe which they all enjoyed. At the end of the night the station officer presented them all with their safety badge.

At the end of March we went to watch the West Wirral Gang show, they all enjoyed the performance. The Beavers have had an Easter egg and rabbit hunt on the field, and made chick and rabbit masks.

We have had a visit to Irby Library, were the Librarian gave them a quiz to do on the history of Irby. They enjoyed looking around the Library for the answers and in the reference books. They had some help from the leaders and parent helpers. We have had a visit to the Lifeboat station in Hoylake. We invested one of the Beavers in front of the Lifeboat. Some of the Beavers took part in the recent Group camp.

The Beavers have made a Worm World, the best part of the night for some of them was digging holes looking for worms. They have each planted their own sunflower seeds, we will be watching them grow over the coming weeks.

I would like to thank my leaders, Ellie, Sue and Lisa and all my parent helpers for all their help and support throughout the year.

Jayne Oliver Beaver Scout Leader.

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in the
Beaver Scout Colony
THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE
I promise to do my best,
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.
Signed
Beaver Scout Leader
Date
SCOUTS
BEAVERS

Ismay Beaver Colony

AGM REPORT 2013/14

This year at Ismay Beavers has been awesome!!! The Beavers have achieved so much, covering a range of badges.

So let's begin!!!!!!!!

Global Challenge

Beavers had so much fun making their own pizzas and learning all about the climate, currency and flags of Brazil. Those who enjoy football taught the leaders a thing or two as it's the world cup in 2014.

Creative Challenge

We have never seen such wonderful homemade instruments, guitars made out of boxes, foil and elastic bands (not as loud as the real thing for parent's ears!!)

Then came Halloween, each beaver made their own ghost witch, made great decorations for our Halloween party. What a great party it was, duck apples and doughnuts, dipping faces into chocolate mousse with sweet worms in (Beavers favourite!!) Every Beaver arrived in fancy dress, including the leaders AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fitness Challenge

Very interesting night, to begin we monitored our heart rate before exercise, this took a while for some to find a pulse! Beavers were amazed in the difference between before and after exercise. They all took part in Tae Kwon Do as a keep fit session followed by healthy eating, consisting of fruit kebabs, sandwiches and pancakes.

Friendship Challenge

Heswall Fire Station, great night. The Beavers tried on all the firemen's outfits, sat on the fire engines and even used the fire

hoses, trying to wet the leaders! During our visit the fire crew were called out on a 999, the Beaver's experienced a real emergency call. Our next visit, Hoylake Lifeboat Station, learning all about the different lifeboats and crew.

Promise Challenge

Remembrance Day has been part of this badge, the Beavers took part in the flag ceremony and service within the church.
St Georges Day, what a proud moment. As 1st Thurstaston received the President's award this year , our group led the parade, so many turned out for this event making us all really proud to not only be proud of being part of the scouting family but proud to be a member of 1st Thurstaston . The theme at the church service was honour, the Beavers all took part in celebrating this event.

Outdoor Challenge

This badge was mainly achieved by the Beavers attending group camp. We hiked to Thurstaston Wirral Way and played a very big game of rounder's (60 + children!) A sleepover also went towards this badge.

Our Beaver Christmas party and service was yet another great event. Starting with a church service and finishing with a party, lots of games, dancing, topped off with a visit and present from Father Christmas.

In January a very different kind of visitor arrived at our headquarters, PIGS! Can you believe it? The Beavers learnt about their diet and the environment that pigs require. We even invested the pigs and they acquired a 1st Thurstaston necker!! . This covered the animal friendship badge.

Safety is always a good thing for any child to learn. We covered the green cross code and water safety.

I am sure as parents you all enjoyed the valentine and mother's day

cards, the Beavers always take such pride in making things for their parents.
One of our memorable nights has to be making armpit fudge, such a funny night! The Beavers put coco powder, sugar, vanilla essence and butter in a sealed bag and guess what they did then, yes you're right they squashed it under their armpits, what a sight!!!

Group camp, well another great time in the scouting family. Camp is a great way for the children to make friends, enjoy new experiences and to gain some independence. I know myself, being a parent it can be a daunting time to let our little cherubs be away without us, however be proud as your children are fantastic and really embrace the camp atmosphere. The tents are erected, games played, dinner served, campfire which is a personal favourite of mine, film and bed.

Gulliver's world for the district Beaver day out this year, many rides and getting wet in the splash zone!!!

1st Thurstaston Scout Group have had the privilege of new members;-

Zack Amithalingham
Joshua Anderson
Thomas Bell
Louis Best
Ben Gorman
Ryan Gorman
Ben Griffin
Joel Heseltine
Ewan Jones
Theo Khader Lindon
Thomas Mottershead
Sam Roberts
Edward Speed
Finn Williamson
James Withe

Ben Woods
Dan Young

All of which we welcome to the group.

A lot of planning and organising happens on a weekly basis at 1st Thurstaston Scout Group. This could not be achieved without the dedication of all the leader team. Our young leader team our an overwhelming asset to the group ;- Will Flush, Jess Jones and Carrick Hurley, to whom myself , Bev Ashton, Kath Callaghan and Lucy Churchill thank for their hard work and commitment.

Ismay Leader Team would also like to thank you as parent helpers, not only for the help with the rota, but giving your children encouragement each week. We are all responsible for making the Scout Group a fun, happy and successful group.
We are looking forward to planning another amazing programme in 2014/2015. If any parents have time to help at section nights please let us know, or contact me on 07542952218.

Thank you for an amazing year, your children are awesome and this is why we love doing what we do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Yours in scouting
Helen Bevan BSL (Bubbles)

1st Thurstaston Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Cub Section Report – 2013/14

Once again it is time for me to write another report for the AGM, this is the third I've composed now and every year I seem to have to make it longer and longer not for one of boring you all, but I simply can't miss out some of the incredible activities we offer in our Cub section, and the last 12 months have been even more incredible.

Post AGM last year, before we finished for summer, we ended with the usual array of outings and activities such as our annual water games night and our annual trip to West Kirby for crabbing. The Cubs also attended the annual group games night and completed some more activities on their outdoor challenge.

Over the summer holidays we visited Kibblestone International Scout campsite for our annual summer camp, 7 nights along with our Scout section. We had an amazing time completing all sorts of outdoor adventurous activities such as high ropes, low ropes, caving and rafting and we even slept indoors. Everyone had an amazing time.

We welcomed the new academic year by completing the communicator activity badge along with the global and creative challenge badges. Once again we made shoe boxes for operation Christmas child, attended the remembrance service at St. Bartholomews and went bowling. We also went on a night hike, whilst our parents helped sort the Scout post. I think I'm still recovering after the busy term.

In spring term we attended the district 5-a-side football competition and we finished 2nd place, well done to all the Cubs that attended. We completed the home help badge and came 2nd in the district safety poster competition. Not to mention we also entered the district swimming gala and came 1st and 3rd! We also made an amazing Mother's day Greek Mezze with help from the fun food chef, which was also incredible. Furthermore we raised money for Sport Relief and attended the district gang show. Well done to our Cubs, Scouts and Leaders who took part in that. Finally we started our fitness challenge which was finished in the summer term.

After a very late Easter break we got back in to it in May with first aid, completing a variety of stages. All the Cubs completed stage 1 and 2 with some going on to complete 3 and 4, unheard of in Cubs! This was thanks to a little help from School where they attend had just completed a first aid course! After this we had half term and our Cubs summer camp to Waddecar. Whilst on camp we took part in lots of exciting activities such as caving, gorge walking, rafting and a hike! Everyone had a great time even though the weather wasn't so great! We have also taken part in Scout community week 2014, by having a big tidy up in Irby village, well done once again to the Cubs who took part in this activity and we are hoping to develop our

partnership with ITPAS (Irby, Thurstaston, Pensby amenity society) to help keep our presence visible within the village.

During May we also attended the District Cub Skills Competition, this is usually just a one day activity but for the very first time it was run as an overnight experience. Well done to all 13 of our Cubs that were in our teams as we came 2nd and 3rd with only 1 point between 1st place and 2nd place and 2nd place and 3rd place! It was a very tightly fought competition but you all did us and the group proud. Well done!

Another achievement this year was both Cub packs winning the Fitzpatric cup at the District AGM. This just shows how amazing our packs are and how well the leaders work with the Cubs to provide a well-balanced and exciting programme. This award is for the leaders and the Cubs. Well done everyone!

We still have all of our usual fun activities to come before we finish for summer but no AGM report would be complete without thanking the amazing team that run our Cubs section week in week out. Without their tireless effort and dedicated support none of these activities would be possible so I would like to thank them all on behalf of me and the Cubs, Thank You.

I can't wait to see what 2014/15 has in store for us and how we as a team of Cub Leaders and Cubs are going to develop and what unusual activities we will go on.

Yours in Scouting,

M Jones

Matthew Jones, Akela,

Cub Scout Leader

Assistant Group Scout Leader

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September/ October 2013

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The start of the Scouting year saw the usual building the Guy's for "Who's that Guy?" competition held at our Bonfire Party. The Scouts made 5 great Guy's which helped raise nearly £250 for the Group (as the prize was not won!)

Later in the month the Scouts had a weekend at Tawd Vale in which they took part in two competitions. The Lord Derby Challenge involved various bases around traditional scouting skills. The following day the Scouts took part in the County Backwoods Cooking Competition. This involved making a two course meal and hot drink, over an open fire with limited equipment. The Scouts had the following meats to work with rabbit and pigeon.

Although we did not win any of the competitions, all of the Scouts had a fantastic weekend away.

The Scouts also worked towards their ICT stage 1 activity badge.

Last year was the Scout

Group's 80th birthday. To mark this special event, we lit the bonfire at our Bonfire Party with the number 80 in flames.
The Scouts also took part in the District Camp Fire held at our hut.

This year for the first time the Scout Group took part in JOTI. This is an international gathering of Scouts via the internet. The event runs over a weekend but starts the week before with a variety of challenges set for Groups taking part. It was this that we did including posting a video of the Scouts doing the Haarlem Shake.

December 2013

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	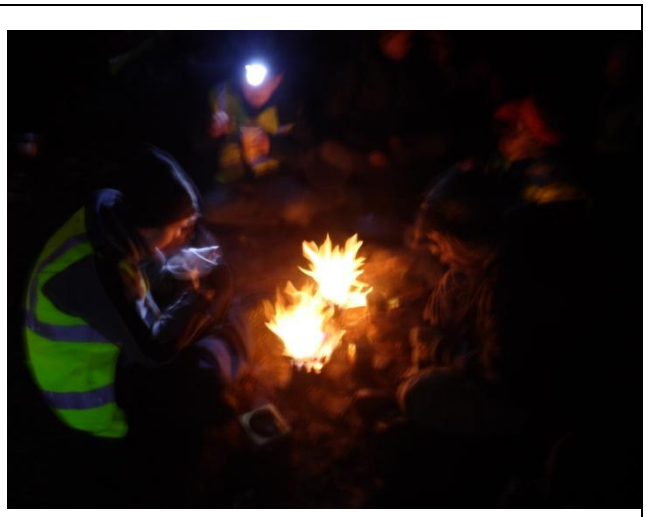 In the run up to the Scout's Winter Night Hike, they practiced various skills including map reading, first aid and fire lighting. On the hike that Scouts had to use all these skills culminating in cooking a meal at Royden Park (ok it was boiling water for Pot Noodles!)

January / February 2014

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Another first for the Scout Group as we entered our first ever film competition. With an original script based on the Scouts ideas it was the story of a zombie dog infecting the Powell Brothers Dangerous Animals Petting Zoo.

Also in February the Scouts had a sleepover in the hut following a (wet) days cycling along the Wirral Way. The highlight for some was playing cards by torchlight as the hut and several other properties suffered a blackout.

March / April 2014

Communicator Badge, Creative Challenge and "The Great Escape"

In the Spring we worked on a number of badges. Some of the Scouts have completed their Communicator Badge. A number of Scouts have also done sufficient to earn their Creative Challenge Badges which will be presented at the AGM.

Once again we entered two teams in "The Great Escape" at Tawd Vale. The event based over a weekend involves the Scouts taking part in 15 bases all with an escpae theme.

This year for the first time 1st Thurstaston Scout Group devised, organised and ran one of the basis. Entitled "Escape from the Puzzle Room" this involved two rooms being built in one of our party tents. To move from the first room the teams needed to solve 4 puzzles in four minutes. If they could not solve all the puzzle then the forfeit the team had to pay was to have a balloon containing water burst for each unsolved puzzle over one of the team. Once in the second room the team had to remove an unexploded booby trapped bomb from its crater without touching it. They were given string, an elastic band and some paperclips.

All in all a great but very tiring weekend away.

May/June/July 2014

It Takes Two!

With the increasing size of the whole Scout group it became inevitable to ensure better quality Scouting that the Troop would have to be split and have two nights in the week . We now have 41 Scouts currently and as few of the Scouts are due to leave in the next twelve months this number is only likely to increase. Brian Young has stepped up to lead the new Troop which meets on Tuesday nights and is called Martin Troop. Richardson Troop continues to meet on a Friday night.

To help the new Troop, and to provide a resource for other parts of the Group, the Portacabin has recently been cleared and refurbished.

As this is written the Scouts are preparing skills for their first ever Survival Camp. This will be like no other camp that they have experienced before. It will be extremely challenging, it will be an adventure!

The itinerary for Survival Camp will (without giving too much away:

	• The Scouts will be transported to a location in Cheshire, from where they will hike into camp. Whilst they will be accompanied, they will be responsible for the navigating. They will also be carrying their own kit (apart from sleeping bags) so best pack light! • They will need to construct a shelter at the campsite for themselves to sleep in. We are not planning on taking any tents! • They will prepare and cook their meals themselves over fires.

1st Thurstaston Scout Group – Treasurers Report AGM 2014

This year showed an increase in subs of £3799. This resulted from a lower charge from the district.

Donations came in £680.00 lower this year, compared to last.

Gift Aid however was increased by £841.00.

Income from the group activities had also increased this year.

Overall fundraising for the year was down against last. Scout post had increased fractionally, with Bonfire night being the second largest source of income followed closely by the July Games Night.

General expenses expanded throughout the year, with increases for the Rent and electricity, being major factors.

Fundraising expenses have decreased, meaning it cost the group less this year to raise more....well done.

As treasurer, I will be spending some time in the near future looking into our investment plans and seeing if we can get a better return on the money that we are investing.

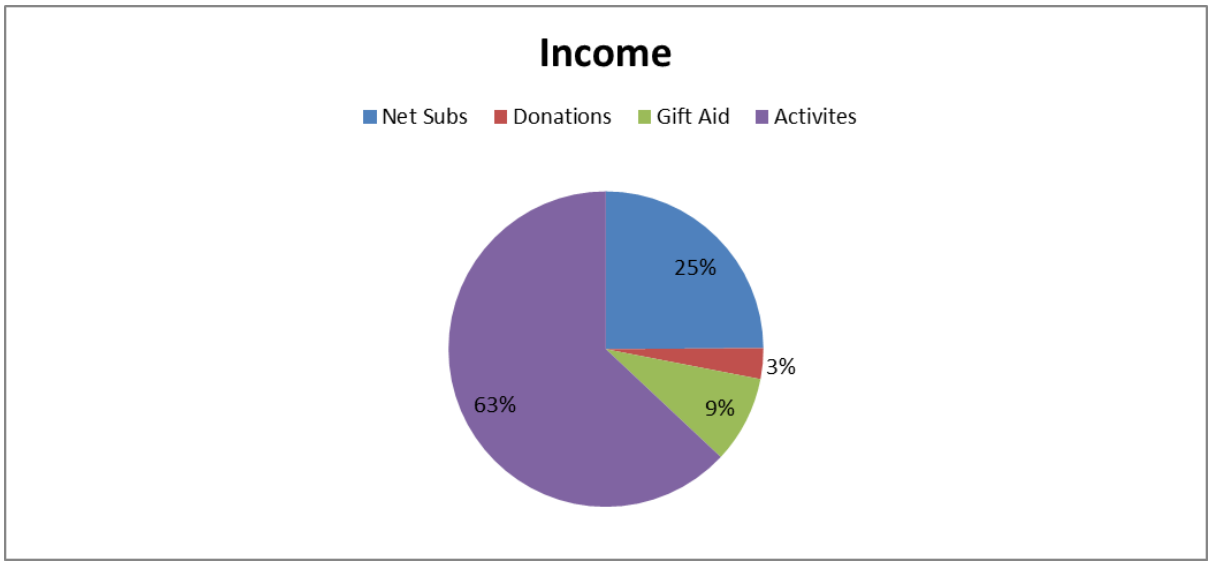
Overall, compared to last year April12-13 we lost a whopping £23.93, considering the rent alone increased by £500 per annum, is not a bad result.

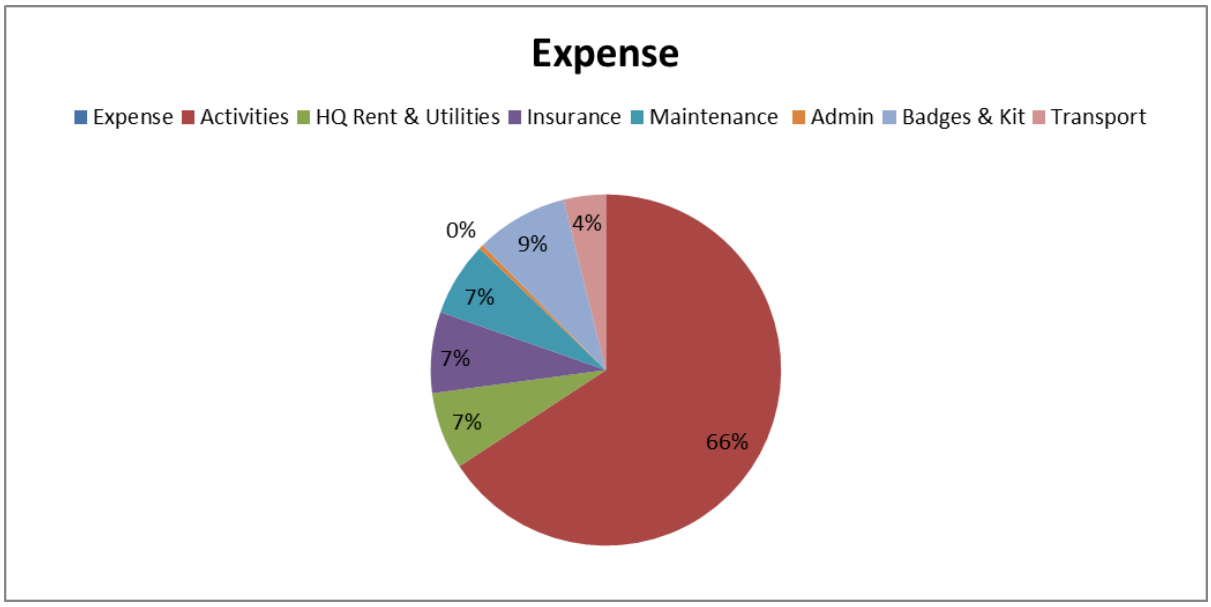
The accounts have been checked and approved by our external examiner.

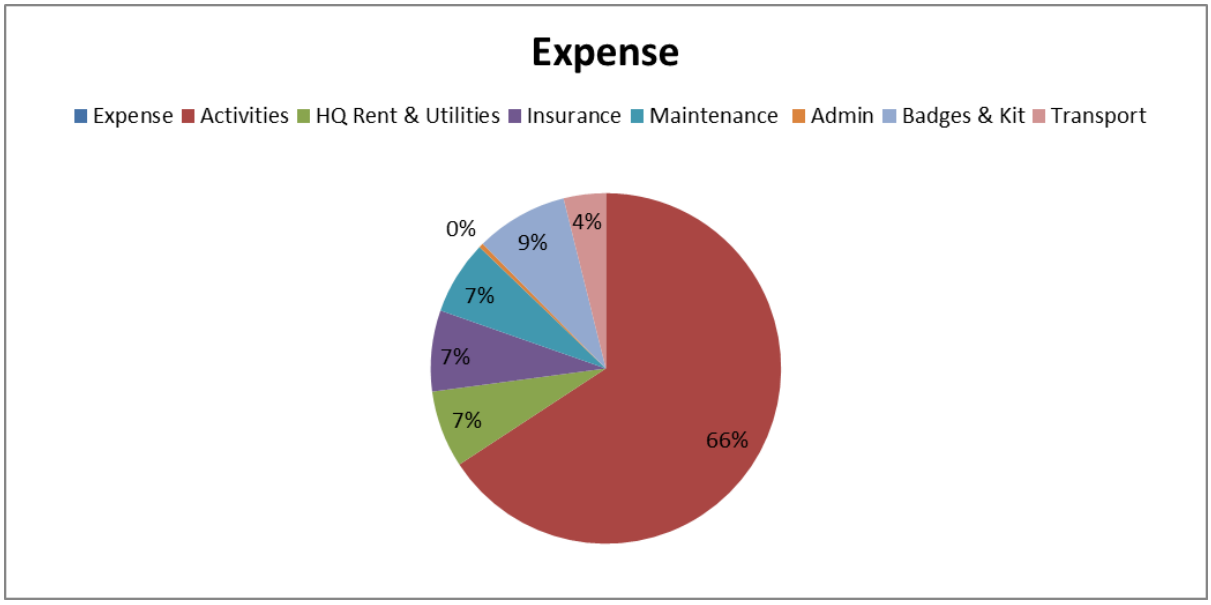
I have also attached information regarding easy fundraising to the accounts, it's really easy to use, log onto the site then shop using their search engines and the group will receive a percentage of the amount you spend, without it costing you a penny.....couldn't be simpler, if you want further information or any assistance please contact me.

Going forward, we will be making changes to the methods of payments for subs, we will be phasing out termly payments and payments of subs by cheque. This we hope will enhance regular payments and reduce administration. We aim to introduce this in September this year and hopefully all parents will work with us to achieve this.

Whilst on the subject of subs, we would like to highlight that again for the third year running we are not increasing the subscriptions, however, we would like to advise that there will be a 11% increase introduced in September 15, this will bring the fee to £120 a year, or £10.00 per month, again we propose this for September 15 after 4 years with no increase.



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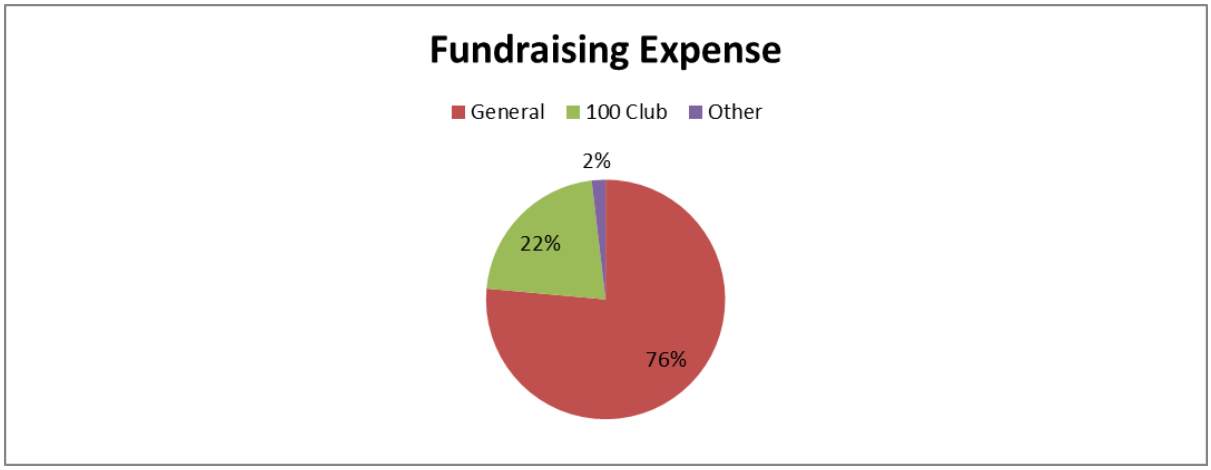
Fundraising Expense
General
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1st Thurstaston Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th June 2014 11.00 am

1. Flag Break – Ed Rudd

2. Welcome from Chair – Fiona Hurley

3. Apologies – Steve Webster, Carrick Hurley, Rachel Colburn, Various Parents.

4. Minutes of previous AGM – Proposed by Liz Hughes, seconded by Chris Perry.

5. Chairperson's report – By Fiona Hurley.

6. Treasurers report – By Lynn Harrison, Subs increase proposed by Fiona Hurley, seconded by Jon Oliver.

7. Group Scout Leaders Report – By Sue Flush

8. Appointment of officers – by Sue Flush as GSL. Fiona Hurley to continue as Chair, duly appointed by GSL

9. Election of officers – by Fiona Hurley as Chair. Lynn Harrison has agreed to continue as Treasurer for this year. Vicky McGurk took over as Group Secretary in September 2013 and will continue in this role.

10. Election of Executive Committee Officers – by Sue Flush as GSL. The group council elected Steve Webster, Jane Fieldhouse, Rachel Colburn, Dawn Rudd, Matt Burdon, Chris Perry, Wendy Wood, Steve Anderson, Gillian Carswell as elected officers and these were seconded by Matthew Jones. All in favour. Co – opted members of the Group Council were Fergus Lang, Gill Burton, John Burton, Steve Hare, Dave Reed and Marjorie Reed.

11. Guest Speaker – Brian Tucker.

12. Awards – Please see below.

13. Flag duly lowered in closing ceremony by Ed Rudd

AWARDS - AGM 2014

Thor Colony

:- Beaver of the year:-Sam Quayle, Most Enthusiastic Beaver:-James Jones, Beaver Sportsmanship:- Tom Lambe, Most improved Beaver:- Ethan Kewin.

Global Challenge:- Max Heaps, Thomas Barr, Harrison Slawson, William

Johnson, Alfie King, Joshua Longworth and Tom Lambe.

Friendship Challenge:- Thomas Barr, Ethan Kewin, Harrison Slawson, William Johnson and Max Heaps.

Outdoor and Promise Challenge:-Sam Quayle

1st Nights away badge:- Dylan Hughes, Alex law, William Johnson, Ethan Kewin, Tom Lambe, James Jones, Jack Edwards and Jack Phillips

Chief Scout Bronze award:- Tom Lambe and Sam Quayle.

Ismay Colony

Best improved Beaver -- Joshua Anderson, Most enthusiastic beaver--- Theo Khader Lindon, Best camper --- Finn Williamson, Beaver of the year -- Louis Best.

Chief Scout Awards

Nat Hughes, Miles Khader lindon, Ben Roberts, Lesedi Makondo --- at agm

Finn Williamson -- at agm

To be invested at agm

Henry White.

Fletcher Pack -

Most Involved new cub – Nia Jenkinson

Participation Award – Sam Burkett

Sportsmanship Award – Jamie Edwards

Cub Skills Award – Aaron James

Cub of the Year – Fin Newton

Reed Pack

Most Involved New Cub – James Wood

Participation – Alex Brenchley Williams

Sportsmanship – John O'Toole.

Cub Skills – Matthew Holroyd

Cub of the Year – Owen Allport

Richardson /Martin Troop

Scouts- Joint Troop for 2013/14

a) Leadership - Matthew Costall

b) Most Improved - Matthew McGurk

c) Participation - Sam Costall, Jacob Foley

d) Best Newcomer - James Lemon

e) Scout Of The Year - Dan Callaghan

f) Special Award - Matthew Callaghan and Will Brady for exceptional work on gang show.

Investitures Richardson

Matthew Baker, Ben Green, Sam Maxwell, Henry Rudd, Alistair Carswell, Anthony Hallas.

Chairman's Report 2013 - 2014

Welcome to you all. Lovely to have so many of you here for our AGM

I know you don't want a long report, and what I have to say is similar to last year, the minutes of which I know you've all read from the website, but just a few things to report:

The Group Exec is responsible for the fund raising programme of the Group, and supporting the leader team. Anyone can join; we have three meetings a year at the start of each term to discuss the events we will be supporting, and we get to hear first hand what each pack is up to. In the last year we helped with the games night, the firework night, the Christmas & Easter fairs, to supplement the on-going events of the Christmas post, the 100 club and Easyfundraising/Easysearch. If anyone has any other ideas then please discuss them with us.

The income from these events allows us to keep the cost of the subscriptions lower than is required to cover our running costs.

This is the point were I'm asking for some parents to join the Group Exec as Parent reps (I know you've all been prompted to think about it!) - we would like one new parent for every Section. In such a big group it really is vital that we have more adult support from the parent body.

We have wonderful grounds but they need a great deal of time and effort to maintain. Thanks to Andy Costall, Jon Oliver and all those who have helped at the work days we have had this year - many hands make light work and as the scouts have cottoned on - Akela is very generous with sausage & chips for lunch for the helpers! Again anyone can come and help at the work days – they are great for bringing everyone together and the field always has lots of twigs that need picking up before mowing…

While mentioning outside I'll briefly thank you all for your continued cooperation shown over the access issues to the site.

Thanks go again to Dave Reed for maintaining the group website - please take a look as the archives and photo gallery, and thanks to Matty Jones for Facebook and twitter.

Also a big thanks to Akela our Group Scout Leader for all her hard work