

Scouts



30th Lincoln (1st Bassingham)

Annual Report

Annual General Meeting

Monday 28th September 2020 8pm



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Existing Committee:

Group Scout Leader
Chair
Treasurer
Secretary

Stuart Credland
Michael Saunders
Jane Bartle
Susan Nightingale

Beaver Leader
Cub Leader
Scout Leader
Explorer Leader

Paul Hubbard
Jo Slater (Rep)
Lucy Taylor
Tony Davis (Partnership)

Campsite Sub-Committee Rep
Fundraising Sub-Committee Rep

Darren Booker
Kathy Tomlinson

Beaver Parent Rep.
Beaver Parent Rep.
Cub Parent Rep.
Cub Parent Rep.
Scout Parent Rep.
Scout Parent Rep.
Explorer Parent Rep.

Jon Bennett
(Vacant)
Dee Harrison
Tracy Holman
(vacant)
(Vacant)
(Vacant)

Agenda

- Apologies
- Matters from the minutes of the last AGM (Click the group menu on our website)
- Treasurer's Report
- Any questions on the Chairman and Leaders reports (found here in the Scout Group Booklet)
- District Leader's Address
- Election of Officers
- Any other Business

Could we ask as many of you as possible to please join us?
We look forward to seeing you.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome everyone to our first and hopefully last **ONLINE** 30th Lincoln (1st Bassingham) Scout Group AGM, I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I cannot thank you all enough for what you are doing for the young people in our community.

So to summarise our year, where to start?

It has certainly been eventful but not for all the reasons we were expecting. This year was always going to be a difficult and demanding after the extremely sad loss of Group Scout Leader Alison Kelley. If that was not bad enough, we were then of course hit with the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Group is reliant on volunteers to run and administer the Scouting activities, fortunately for us the Scout Group has some amazing and creative members who have been working hard to keep the Scouting spirit alive.

Stuart Credland has now taken on the role of Group Scout Leader under the most difficult of circumstances and has worked very hard to keep everything in order and I have no doubt that we are all in very safe hands.

I am very pleased to be able to introduce this annual report. The 30th Lincoln (1st Bassingham) Scout Group have enjoyed another successful year and the group continues to be in high demand from young people who wish to join us. The coronavirus situation continues to challenge everyone in many ways and the cancellation of face-to-face scouting at the end of March was inevitable. However, it has not stopped things happening and many leaders, young people and parents have embraced a new way of scouting. Shortly you will hear from the Section Leaders or their representatives and get an insight into what each section has been

doing during their weekly meetings and other events over the past year, I hope that you enjoy reading it!

This has been my 3rd year as Chairman and I am astonished by the responsibility taken and the amount of time and effort the Leaders, their assistants and helpers have given. They have all worked hard throughout this most difficult of years to plan, develop and deliver interesting and enjoyable events for each section under the most testing of circumstances. We are extremely fortunate to have a great team of skilled and enthusiastic Leaders and the continuing popularity of Scouting is evidence of the value that young people attribute to the opportunities that they are given throughout their years in Scouting.

Although we have a brilliant leadership team we remain keen to strengthen it further. We would like to invite anyone who may wish to help us to come forward!

I would also like to thank parents and carers of those who attend the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for all their time and commitment in making the Group as productive and successful in all that it does.

Last year I reported on the Development Project, we remain focused on the building of a new facility for the Scout group and on ensuring that this goal is achieved. This exciting plan contains all the Groups hopes and aspirations to make Scouting even better. The project has gained further momentum and Darren Booker remains at the forefront of this venture. He has again worked hard in putting together plans for submission, as well as looking into the feasibility of fund raising from the many different areas. This remains a large project and for it to work we would still like to hear from members of the community who may be able to give their time, skills and knowledge to this undertaking. Thank you to all those who have already contributed and continue to contribute.

The Finances including the development fund continue to build in line with expectations and are kept well in control under the watchful eye of Jane Bartle. The Group Executive regularly monitors bank balances and considers the cash flow requirements of the Group. The Group is in a good financial situation which is absolutely necessary to carry the Development Project through to its conclusion.

So, especially this year, in these extraordinary and unprecedented times we find ourselves in, I would like to say a really HUGE 'THANK YOU' to the rest of the Committee members to helpers to leaders and assistants who make this Group achieve what it does for young and the community of Bassingham. All the work is undertaken on a voluntary basis and many of our Committee work full time and have very busy lives. Their contribution to Scouting is not always visible but is important. Thank you ALL very much for what you do and continue to do.

Finally I hope that you will find this booklet of interest and whilst some things have changed considerably since Scouting began I would expect that many of the things that our current Group enjoy would still be familiar.

Certainly the Leaders and all those who help in making this group work would like to see as many of you as possible attend the meeting.

If you have any feedback concerning this report or on any other aspect of the Group's activities, please let me know at michael.saunders@bassinghamscoutgroup.org.uk

FINANCES

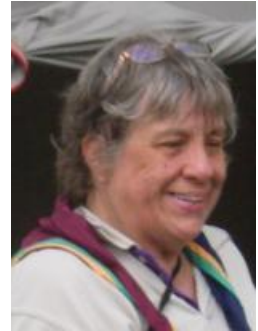
Please find below a summarised version of the Annual Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2020. A detailed version is available on request.

	2020	2019
Income	£	£
Subscriptions	10,846.00	10,530.00
Trips	1,149.13	1,393.50
Camps	3,521.00	3,858.50
Gift Aid	2,112.23	1,937.32
Fund raising	2,519.41	1,647.23
Donations	3,476.47	4,486.63
Other income	262.73	517.53
Total income	23,886.97	24,370.71
Expenses		
Activities & trips	(4,609.55)	(4,038.86)
Camps	(2,781.96)	(4,140.77)
Rent	(1,575.00)	(2,159.10)
Capitation	(4,371.00)	(4,227.50)
Insurance	(535.79)	(535.79)
Equipment	(1,120.50)	(599.04)
Badges, neckers & uniforms	(1,079.28)	(1,480.88)
Misc. expenses	(1,112.15)	(753.43)
Total expenses	(17,185.23)	(17,935.37)
Cash Flow for the Period	6,701.74	6,435.34

GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT



It has been a very challenging year for the Scout group following the sad loss of Alison Kelley as well as the Covid-19 pandemic.



Alison has been part of Bassingham Scout Group since 2000 starting as a Cub leader

and became Group Scout Leader in 2002. She was instrumental in the growth of the group and providing guidance and support to all leaders involved. It wasn't evident how much work this great lady put into the Scout group and the local community until she was no longer with us. From Bassingham Scout Group. Thank you, Alison.

I decided to take on the GSL role for the group after many years of being under Alison's leadership. It was going to be a challenge, but I want to see the group improve and grow and continue to provide skills for life for all members.

Our numbers were still strong at the point of our census (31st Jan) with 123 members (-3.9% change from 2019) made up of 93 young people and 30 leaders but I expect that to be down in 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The group is still finding its feet following the loss of Alison, and that has not been helped by Covid-19. The stalwarts of the group have all been looking for change and new challenges, and we hope to re-shape the group and share the leadership tasks out between all our leaders, to become more resilient.

All leaders (who are volunteers) have persevered throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to provide content and activities to keep scouting going in

the community in as safe a way as possible, despite us all having challenges of our own.

We have been working hard on digitising and standardising the group's administration using Office 365 and Online Scout Manager. This has all been an aid to improving record keeping, compliance and information sharing between leaders, allowing leaders to spend more time planning awesome activities and events rather than sifting through paperwork before and after each meeting.

We have said good-bye to one of our young leaders, Alice and Beaver Leader Lauren (Rabbit) and thanked them for their hard work. We had 2 other young leaders (Daisy and Celia) become Adult members of the group. We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to join the group, please let me know if you feel the urge to join the group on a more regular basis

I wish to thank all our leaders and members for their continued support.

There has been a renewed push to continue with our campsite project that I am really excited about. The creation of the site will provide skills and opportunities for years to come.

Vision of our campsite phase one



BEAVERS



The colony year started ok and number wise we continued to thrive with 24 Beavers. Planning is based on the Scout Associations colony programme; this gives the Beavers a wide range of activities and badges to achieve while learning about Scouting and how to be a good scout. Challenges and activities are achieved each week through craft, games, discussions, visits from groups and organisations, getting out and about exploring the local area. This last year the colony has followed the programme and been working on the My World and Adventure

Challenge badges. Beavers have also had the opportunity to build on their Teamwork Challenge and work on some personal activity badge during meetings. These have included the International, Global, Community Impact, Safety, Cyclist, Navigator, Camp Craft, and Hikes. Plus, any individual badges they have requested to do. The programme is challenging, and the individual Beavers have to put in a lot of effort to gain their awards. Beavers that have met the requirements have been awarded their badges accordingly throughout the year. They need to regularly attend meetings and undertake the activities set, some of which this year have include: - Fairtrade, grass hedgehogs, maypole traditions, community support, games from around the world and built two guys. Beavers have planted bulbs in pots to sell, made a wreath for Remembrance Day, looked at ways to save the planet, made water filters, learnt about endangered animals and flags, foods and languages from around the world. We have learnt to tie several simple knots, looked at water safety, leant the green cross code, discussed dangers around the home and strangers. The group has made contact with the Dexter Den Wolf Cub Scout Den 4 in Michigan. As March came, we managed to squeeze in making Mother's Day gifts before everything stopped. The Covid-19 pandemic forced us to move to scouting at home. Weekly activities were issued, and we started holding Zoom meetings. Activities included experiments, a treasure hunt, mapping, compasses and exploring. Horizontal climbing, bike maintenance, paper straw rockets,

mini kites and pioneering with spaghetti. No group camp this year so instead a Robin Hood virtual camp and a chance to camp out in our own back garden.

July 2019, 19 Beavers visited Cub camp for the day all having a great time exploring the great outdoors. In the same week we had B.O.B. (beavers on boats) 19 went along to Girton and had a great time out on the water. We were treated to visit Brant Broughton Fire Station and had a fun night at the Whacky Warehouse. 13 Beavers went on the District Beaver sleepover to The Deep, a thrilling once in a life time experience to sleep under the fish. We ran a Church coffee morning and held a stall at the local Christmas fair to raise funds for the Swaziland Schools project. 15 Beavers took part in the parade and service on Remembrance Day.

The last 12 months 14 Beavers have progressed to Cubs, 2 decide Scouting wasn't for them and we've had 13 new starters (additional new starters have been delayed due to Covid-19). This year 12 Beavers have been awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award, this is the highest award available to a Beaver Scouts and signifies all their hard work and commitment to scouting.

Thank you to Ian, Amy, Mark and Lauren for their leadership support, our young leader Celia and all other group leaders, committee and parents for all they do.

We are always sorry to see someone leave and this year we have said bon voyage to Mark as he takes his leaders roll up to Cubs, fair well to Lauren as she moves back down south and all the very best to Celia as she heads off to University.

I want to finish if I may and reflect on the sudden and sad passing of Alison (Akela) last October. Someone I was able to call a friend and a huge part of our scouting family. Alison played a pivotal role in my Beaver leader appointment and our scouting journey has spanned 16 years plus, her friendship, support and scouting knowledge will be greatly missed.



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The year got off to a good start, Weekend Walks, Camps and other activities planned. Cubs numbers were still high at around 30, then we unfortunately lost Alison which was a shock and blow to us all. We took some time to get back to something close to a normal programme, looking forwards to camping in 2020. Thanks to the help of Lucy (Scout Leader) and Kaa we joined forces and recommenced scouting online and have run some fun virtual meetings via Zoom, and an exceptionally well received virtual camping weekend which brought many families together for outdoor fun in the comfort of their own homes.



As I am taking up the role of GSL, the Cubs leader position is in flux, but the plan is that Lucy will move to be the Cubs leader. Lucy began as a parent helper whilst her children were in cubs and continued from there. Cubs have also gained Mark from Beavers, who hasn't had chance to meet face to face yet but is getting stuck in with our virtual meetings.

7 Cubs have gained their Chief Scout Silver award this year! Well done

We hope to have further virtual meetings until we are feeling safe and have a meeting place available.

Thank you to all the leaders, Young leaders and parent helpers.





SCOUTS

Well this has been a very strange year! We have all had to face challenges that we did not envisage this time last year! For me the greatest has been the loss of my dear friend Alison. Alison inspired me in all my leadership activities, together we would often brainstorm ideas and devise plans for Cubs and Scouts! I do miss Alison. The Scout Troop has continued to be very full, with over 40 members up to the start of the Covid-19 lock down. September 2019 saw us run a successful (despite a few map reading errors!) expedition for all the older scouts with many of these now on the way to completing their Gold Chief Scout award. In the Autumn term we ran a bake-off competition and using some resources provided by Games Workshop the Model Maker Badge. About 24 of us attended Chiller Camp at Walesby for which this year the weather was kind to us!



We started 2020 with the aim of getting as many of the older scouts to complete their GCSA as possible so we set them the community challenge of litter picking and thus 9 scouts achieved this top award.

We all started working on our Farmers Activity Badge but then lock down happened. I have tried to maintain some scouting activities for all the group as well as the scouts during this time, but it is just not the same as doing "Scouts". So much of scouts is about being together and doing the activities together.

Several Scouts took up the "camp at home" challenge - 2 Abi and Callum camping for a whole month and Tom used it to complete his GCSA! So, we do finish the 19/ 20 year in the happy state of having 10 scouts complete their GCSA, still with about 40 scouts in our membership and with lots of ideas for the term ahead. As we get back to face to face activities, we hope that the Scouts will come back. We have some zoom

meetings planned and by the time you read this. this month a few more scouts will have completed their expedition award.

As always in Scouts we need to “Be prepared” for whatever comes our way!

YIS, Lucy



EXPLORERS



The year started off well for the TREX explorers, we had 13 members comprising 7 girls and 6 boys. 7 took part in the 'Rabbit-Run' a night hike with a quiz, and chasers trying to find you. Despite the poor weather our explorers did well being in teams that came 3rd and 8th. Unfortunately the prospect of GCSE mock exams meant only 1 explorer went to the Chiller camp in November, however that didn't prevent wide range of activities at the regular TREX

explorers meetings, which included a bake-off competition, printing your own LOGO on a T-shirt, Cyber Security, a film night, orienteering games in woods, a level 3 first aid course and a navigation evening. However, like all other sections things can come to a sudden halt in mid-March with the lockdown, and plans for night hikes, bivouac building and overnight survival had to be cancelled at short notice.

Since then we have survived on ZOOM meetings, which although they do allow us to see and speak to each other, does mean the essential part of scouting – the outdoor activities - has been missing. However, we have tried cup-cake recipes, quizzes, discussions, and various games over the internet.

We have had 4 explorers leave due to them reaching the 'old' age of 18, and several of them have applied to become assistant leaders. This year I'm hoping to welcome several of the scouts who are now eligible to join and to start face-to-face meeting soon, albeit outdoor only (so very weather dependent), and with socially distant activities that have been risk assessed and approved by the scout association.

So despite the set-back of Covid-19 The TREX explorers still carry on.

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