

Scouts



30th Lincoln
(1st Bassingham)

SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 16th JULY at 7.30pm

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St George's Day Parade 2018

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Existing Committee:

Chair	Michael Saunders
Treasurer	Jane Bartle
Secretary	Susan Nightingale
Group Scout Leader	Alison Kelley
Beaver Leader	Paul Hubbard
Cub Leader	Stuart Credland
Scout Leader	Lucy Taylor
Asst Scout Leader	Rob Birch
Fundraising/Troop Ass	Darren Booker
Beaver Parent Rep.	Owen Mathias
Beaver Parent Rep.	(Vacant)
Cub Parent Rep	Rob Vaughan
Cub Parent Rep.	(Vacant)
Scout Parent Rep.	Jane Bartle
Scout Parent Rep.	Rachael Ward
Scout Parent Rep.	Dianne Atkin
Explorer Leader	Tony Davis (co-opted)

AGM Agenda

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 30th LINCOLN 1st BASSINGHAM BEAVER, CUB & SCOUT GROUP

**TO BE HELD IN
BASSINGHAM SCHOOL HALL
on**

Monday 16th July from 7.30pm to 7.50pm

- 1.Apologies
- 2.Matters from the minutes of the last AGM
(found on the group website under)
www.bassinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
- 3.Treasurer's Report
- 4.Any questions on the Chairman and Leaders reports
(found here in the Scout Group Booklet)
- 5.District Leader's Address
- 6.Election of Officers
- 7.Any other Business

Could we ask as many of you as possible to please attend?

The AGM is part of the Cub meeting and will include refreshments

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

I hope that you will find this booklet of interest and that you will be able to attend the AGM on Monday 16th July. Certainly the Leaders and all those who assist in making this group work would like to see you there.

The 30th Lincoln 1st Bassingham Scout Group has again had another successful year, as you will be able to see from the reports included by each of the Leaders from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts covering the past year.

The Finances continue to build in line with expectations under the watchful eye and control of Jane Bartle

The Building of a new facility for the Scout group has gathered momentum this year. Darren Booker heads this project and has worked hard in putting together plans ready for submission, as well as looking into the feasibility of funding from the many different areas. This is 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.

This has been my first year as Chairman and I am amazed by the amount of time and effort the Leaders and the people who support them have put into the successful running of this group and all of its activities. This of course has all been voluntary.

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.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER



Last year I started my report with 'What a Great year!' and this year has been as good if not better. The Beavers increase their numbers to 24 and had their own sleep-over in May. The Cubs had their first girls join the pack, (5), we also had a successful joint camp with the Witham St Hughs Cubs at the County Camp, LinCub. The Scout troop is now the biggest in Lincoln District and attended the

Poacher International Camp last summer, the Bassingham Guides joined them. The sections continue to work well together with joint camps, canoe events, community projects and attending Remembrance and St George's Day parades. This year we are developing this cohesion by having a meeting of the sections so the youngest members understand how our programmes and activities develop as they move through the Scout Group.

You will see the wide range of activities provided for all our young members in the Section Leaders reports. These would not be possible without our excellent group of Leaders and their dedication and also the support of our 10 Young Leaders. The way they support each other not only in their own section but in also other sections when necessary makes me proud to be their Group Scout Leader.

The exciting development this year is the progress of our new camp site. We are applying for planning permission and sorting out the long term lease. Information and plans will be available at the AGM. The support for this project of the local community has been tremendous. We have been given a grant of £1000 from the Masons (Granta Lodge, Grantham) as their secretary had been impressed by the benefit his granddaughter had gained from scouts. The Hammond Hall supported us in running a Village Garage Sale raising over £400. Bassingham Village Playing Field Charity are donating the proceeds from the Open Gardens (over £3000) and Bassingham Village Show. Another Bassingham resident is giving the proceeds from her Tea Afternoon to our project. Thank you so much to all of them.

A Scout Group like Bassingham can only thrive if we have the support of the Parents, so thank you to the Parent members of the Executive Committee, those who help at meetings and bring children to Scouting events.

BEAVERS



The colony has had a good year and continues to thrive. Numbers have increased to 24 to alleviate demand on the waiting list. Planning is based on the Scout Association's 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 and 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 Team Work Challenge and work on some personal activity badge during meetings, these include the International, Global, Community Impact, Safety, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Cyclist, Navigator, Camp Craft, Hikes and Water Activity. Plus any individual badges they have requested having a go at. 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 and undertake the activities set, some of which this year have include: - Two accompanied hikes, a sponsored night hike for Children in Need, canoeing, a visit from the Swaziland Charity, built a Guy, built two scarecrows, held an international night, played traditional games, built water filters, IT, held log chews, fund raiser for the Swaziland project and much more. Plus learnt, discussed and if appropriate made something on a variety of annual calendar events. We have also visited Whisby Nature Park, Wacky Warehouse, Carlton le Moorland, Hill Holt Wood, Newark Air Museum, the climbing wall at Birchwood leisure centre and the colony has hosted St Michael's Church Coffee morning, held a fundraising stall at the village Christmas fayre and supported the Christmas tree festival. Last July 15 beavers visited Cub camp for the day, this visit gives the Beavers the opportunity to experience a camp environment and the surroundings as well as joining in with the group's activities. In August 14 Beavers attended Poacher 2017 for the day, February two Leaders and 13 Beavers joined the District sleepover at The Deep and 15 Beavers had a colony sleepover in the hall in May. We had a good turnout at Remembrance Day service at St Michael's in November but unfortunately only nine Beavers attend this year's St Georges Day Parade at the Cathedral in April.

The last 12 months seven Beavers have progressed to Cubs, two decide Scouting wasn't for them and we've had 16 new starters. This year six Beavers have been awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award, this is the highest award available to a Beaver Scouts and signifies their commitment to scouting. Thank you to Ian and Amy for their continued leadership support, our young leader Celia and all other leaders, committee and parents for all they do.



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Another successful year with [#SkillsforLife](#) being introduced throughout! We started off working on our Adventure, Skills and Disability Awareness badges making the most of the evening sunshine and joining forces with Witham St Hughes Cubs. We managed to fit in a hike around Whisby Nature Reserve and a Campfire before we retreated indoors for the winter. We continued to fundraise for the Swaziland Project by holding a chocolate tombola at Hammond Hall. We worked through our Digital Citizen badge and did various Christmas crafts leading up to our Christmas party. Bag Packing at Sainsburys and Christmas Post were enjoyed by the cubs and were good fundraisers for

the group. We started 2018 off making hot chocolate, going bowling and being healthy, all of which contributed to our Skills, Adventure and Digital Citizen badges. We also enjoyed our annual trip to PlayZone! The cubs split up into 3 groups to complete either the Local Knowledge, DIY or Home Help badges. We held a fund raiser for Sports Relief which was enjoyed by all and raised £77 (in 10p's). With the weather improving we went for a Night Hike to Aubourn and had a great turn out for St George's Day parade. Canoeing at Thurlby has been held on various Sundays and some went to Cubs On The Water and experienced rafting, sailing, canoeing and other water sports. Getting towards camping season, we started with learning how to safely create a campfire and cook sausages and marshmallows on it at Akela's house. We had various joint meetings with Witham St Hughes Cubs, getting to know each other as they would be camping with us at LinCub. LinCub was an excellent camp with lots of fun activities throughout the weekend for everyone to have a go on. Unfortunately, it did rain a little bit, but luckily the cubs were well prepared for the weather. Spring went quickly as we then began preparations for our own spy camp at Laughterton to find out who had kidnapped Bear Grylls and where he had been hidden whilst being distracted by mosquitos and football.

I would like to thank all parent helpers, young leaders, assistant leaders and anyone else that has helped with planning and running activities during the year as this is key for supporting a successful pack!

SCOUTS



It has been another busy enjoyable year of scouting fun for our large Troop: Last Summer we joined with the Guides Senior Section to attend The Poacher International Jamboree at Lincolnshire Showground. This was a weeklong fest of exciting, intriguing, thought provoking, adventurous and exhausting activities. At Poacher five scouts were presented with their Gold Chief Scout Award and following another expedition event in September six more scouts have received their award. Over the year we have maintained the

adventurous activities part of Scout programme with two night-hikes, a cycling weekend in Clumber Park, fires at "the woods", a caving night, a climbing weekend, canoeing, attending the Sudbrooke, 60th Birthday District Camp and a trip to the Tattershall Lakes Aquapark.

For the community impact and service elements of the programme we have helped at a Conservation Day and Bat night at Hill Holt Wood, joined the Senior Section Guides at a coffee morning, raising funds for our chosen charity, supported the Bassingham Christmas Tree Festival joined with the rest of the group to do Bag packing at Sainsburys, to do the Garage sale, refreshments at Bassingham Open Gardens and had a good turnout of smart Scouts to the Remembrance service.

During the Spring term we divided into groups to successfully complete various activity badges: Chef, DIY, Craft, Photographer and Modelmaker. Leo made a fountain for his DIY project and the Modelmakers together made a model village.

At St George's Day Parade we were asked to provide a bearer for the District Scout Flag and this honour was taken by Jenna, who did an excellent job. We had plenty of Scouts in the Parade - all very smart and well behaved - we are the largest Scout Troop in the District! Thank you to all the support and help given by my fellow Leaders and Scout parents that means we can provide such an active programme.

EXPLORERS



The TRES Explorers Group in Bassingham is for 14 to 18 year olds. Unlike the other section we meet every 2 weeks, this enables more planning for each meeting.

The program is decided by the explorers themselves, (albeit with some guidance from the leaders). This results in a wide range of activities from an evening with the bowls

club, a Nerf gun evening and disability awareness, to a night hike with sleepover, canoeing at Brayford pool and a night-time car navigation trial.

There are also a number of events for explorers run by the district team – usually involving late nights walking around country lanes trying not to get caught by leaders. Many of the explorers also help with others section as ‘young leaders’ which has its own training program.

We had 6 new explorers join us last September, but had 3 leave (mostly due to an old age of 18!) so we’ve had a regular number of 11 at meetings. Our future plans include attending a winter camp and an ‘Explorers splash weekend’ water activities.

Finances

Please find below a summarised version of the Annual Accounts of the 1st Bassingham Scout Group for the Year Ending 31st March 2018.

A detailed version will be made available at the AGM.

	2018	2017
Income	£	£
Subscriptions	8,846.50	9,452.00
Trips	734.00	1,088.00
Camps	4,202.50	6,414.50
Gift Aid	2,044.06	1,701.11
Fund raising	2,023.10	1,957.26
Donations	1,076.10	876.00
Other income	151.29	614.22
Total income	19,077.55	22,103.09
Expenses		
Activities & trips	(2,902.25)	(3,984.88)
Camps	(5,566.49)	(3,506.59)
Rent	(2,022.70)	(2,338.13)
Capitation	(3,440.00)	(3,563.00)
Insurance	(449.98)	(441.94)
Equipment	0.00	(702.73)
Badges, neckers & uniforms	(872.03)	(2,267.70)
Misc. expenses	(511.72)	(328.63)
Total expenses	(15,765.17)	(17,133.60)
Cash Flow for the Period	3,312.38	4,969.49

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The Scouts display at 2018 scarecrow weekend

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