

Scouts



30th Lincoln (1st Bassingham)

SCOUT GROUP 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 2019 at 7pm

BEAVERS
CUBS
SCOUTS
EXPLORERS



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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.	Tracy Holman
Beaver Parent Rep.	(Vacant)
Cub Parent Rep	Rob Vaughan
Cub Parent Rep.	Owen Mathias
Cub Parent Rep.	Jo Slater
Cub Parent Rep.	Dee Harrison
Scout Parent Rep.	Kari Buffey
Scout Parent Rep.	Kirsty Harrison
Scout Parent Rep.	Dianne Atkin
Scout Parent Rep.	Julie Banks
Explorer Leader	Tony Davis (co-opted)
Explorer Parent Rep.	Rachael Ward

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

TO BE HELD IN
BASSINGHAM SCHOOL HALL
on
Wednesday 10th July at 7pm

The proposed agenda is:

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 join us
and we look forward to seeing you there?

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

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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. Within the report you will find details of 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 second year as Chairman and I am astonished by the undertaking and the amount of time and effort the Leaders, their assistants and helpers have given. They all work hard throughout the year to plan, develop and deliver interesting and enjoyable events for each section. 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 mentioned the Building of a new facility for the Scout group and we remain focused on ensuring that this goal is achieved. 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 ready 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. I would also like to thank the rest of the Committee for their work in keeping the Group in good order, 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. 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. I hope that you will be able to attend this year's AGM which will be part of the Beavers meeting on Wednesday 10th July. Certainly, the Leaders and all those who help in making this group work would like to see you there. 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 of the 1st Bassingham Scout Group for the Year Ending 31st March 2019. A detailed version will be made available at the AGM.

	2019	2018
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	10,530.00	8,846.50
Trips	1,393.50	734.00
Camps	3,858.50	4,202.50
Gift Aid	1,937.32	2,044.06
Fund raising	1,647.23	2,023.10
Donations	4,486.63	1,076.10
Other income	517.53	151.29
Total income	24,370.71	19,077.55
Expenses		
Activities & trips	(4,038.86)	(2,902.25)
Camps	(4,140.77)	(5,566.49)
Rent	(2,159.10)	(2,022.70)
Capitation	(4,227.50)	(3,440.00)
Insurance	(535.79)	(449.98)
Equipment	(599.04)	0.00
Badges, neckers & uniforms	(1,480.88)	(872.03)
Misc. expenses	(753.43)	(511.72)
Total expenses	(17,935.37)	(15,765.17)
Cash Flow for the Period	6,435.34	3,312.38

GROUP SCOUT LEADER



Our Group has achieved a great deal this year, firstly we have the highest number of young people since the group began (95). We have also achieved targets set by our District Scout Association we have many girls, a good number of beavers, cubs and scouts gained their Chief Scout Award and we offer more outdoor and adventure activities than expected for our badge work. Add to this our good work in confirming our Camp site plans and raising money for this project we have had a great year.

I must give a big thank you to our excellent group of Leaders and their dedication, for providing such varied and interesting programmes for meetings and organising such exciting camps and visits. These activities are made easier by the help of our 10 wonderful Young Leaders. As the Group Scout Leader, it makes me proud to lead such an excellent Scout Group.

One of our aims this year was to introduce things to help the Beavers and their parents to feel part of the whole group. The Wednesday before Remembrance Sunday we had a joint meeting to make poppies and decorate the church for the service marking 100 years since the end of the First World War. Also, the group is organising BBQ for the parents attending the Beaver Canoeing in July, so they can meet the leaders of Cubs and Scouts.

The progress of our new camp site has not progressed as fast as we would like as we need to get a water tight legal lease together, which we now have. Then looking at the expense of putting mains electricity and water we have changed our plans to provide these facilities in a different way. This needed a new outline of the scheme, so we are now ready to apply for planning permission. We have had tremendous support for this project from the local community. Chris Ward ran a very successful tea afternoon in August, both parents and members of the village supported the Scouts Curry event to help us make over £800. We also give huge thanks to Witham Oil and Paint Limited for their donation and the Witham Staple Magazine who have also donated money towards our project.

A Big Thank you to all our parents that support us in different ways, taking money, helping at meetings, serving on the executive but also bringing children to Scouting events outside of the meetings. This with the hard work of the leaders ensures we have a wonderful group you should all be proud of.

BEAVERS



Another successful year and the colony continues to thrive. Planning is based around the Scout Associations colony programme, this gives the Beavers a wide range of activities and badges to achieve while learning about Scouting. All these challenges and activities are achieved each week through craft, games, discussions, visits from groups and organisations and getting out and about exploring. The last 12 months the colony has continued to work on the Scouting programme this has included the My Skills and My Outdoor Challenge badges, Beavers have also had the opportunity to work together on personal activity badge these have been the Cook, Creative, Experiment, Health & Fitness, Space, Communicator, Air Activity, Explore, Emergency Aid Nights away and Camp Craft. Some Beavers have also selected and completed several activity badges the Leaders have set aside to encourage individually to do in their own time. The Beavers have to put in a lot of effort to gain their awards. Beavers have been meeting the requirements and have been awarded their badges accordingly throughout the year by regularly attending meetings and events and undertaking the activities set, some of which have including:- knots, explore, discover, star gazing, balance diet, exercise, experiments, craft and card making, hygiene, problem solving, shoe lace tying, communication, semaphore, paper planes, air activity, bird feeder and scarecrow building. Plus, we have had a joint Remembrance night with the cubs and scouts and learnt, discussed and if appropriate made something on a variety of annual calendar events.

This last year we have visited Whisby Nature Park and The Lincoln Observatory. Last July 18 beavers visited Cub camp for the day. This gives them the opportunity to experience a camp environment and the surroundings as well as joining in with the group's activities, 19 Beavers also experienced the thrills of canoeing at the groups Sunday session. We had 10 Beavers join us for Remembrance Day service at St Michael's last November and 8 Beavers attend this year's St Georges Day Parade at the Cathedral in April. We have also had the opportunity to join in with District Beaver events to, in February 4 Leaders and 14 Beavers went to Conkers.

The last 12 months we have had 4 Beavers progress to Cubs, 5 decide Scouting wasn't for them and 1 move away. We've had 15 new starters upping colony numbers to 24. 3 of the Beavers that progressed to Cubs were awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Award before leaving; this is the highest award available to a Beaver Scouts and signifies a commitment to scouting. Thank you to Ian, Amy, Mark and Lauren for their continued leadership support, our young leaders Celia and Esmee for their help and all other leaders, committee and parents for all they do to help us keep the colony running each week.



Beavers in picture





Cubs Report 2019



Time goes fast when your having fun, and we certainly have had lots of that in the last year. We have been looking a disability awareness, how to care for animals, religions and other scouting\outdoor skills which have included climbing, fire lighting, camping skills, canoeing to name a few.

Cub numbers have been steady (25ish) throughout the year and have recently started to increase again with recent intakes from beavers. As well as badgework we have been running a youth led programme which included the cubs creating and running activities (splat the rat, spinner game, how far you can jump etc) for a fundraising evening which was a great success. This is allowing the cubs to have a day out at Sundown adventure which was their own choice. We give sixers and seconders a chance to focus development in their roles with a day during a weekend where they learn team building skills.

We had a good turnout at St Georges day parade and we were exceptionally pleased with the tidy marching.

We are currently looking forward to our annual camp at Laughterton which is very exciting, especially for new cubs that haven't been camping before and should finish the term off nicely.

Raksha received her wood beads, which means we have another warranted cub leader. This is great achievement for her and she is a great asset to the group.

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!



Canoeing



Camping Skills Day



Cubs in picture



Clearing tables at Open Gardens



Climbing at Sudbrooke



Another busy scouting year is coming to a close for our large scout troop. We currently have 44 members and soon have 3 more young people coming to a trial night so by September we will be at our maximum of 45 again!

So many scouts means we need so many Leaders but thankfully this year we have had Jo and Anna Join us, Lucy Davis has become a Leader and just recently Gemma has volunteered.

Well what have we been doing this year - the list is endless: trips to the woods, village hunts, incident hikes, canoeing, Chiller Camp at Walesby, a walking / activities weekend in Derbyshire, night hike, 2 expedition weekends, conservation day at Millennium Green, first aid training, joint remembrance meeting with the Cubs and Beavers, Campfest here in Bassingham, visit to Lincoln Castle, St George's Day Parade and still to come a trip to the Aquapark, bivouac night, Group Camp at Laughterton and bike ride! All these activities have added up to lots of badges for the scouts and I scout has achieved her Gold Chief Scout Award, though by the end of term I expect I will be giving out a few more! We have worked on our Skills, World Challenge and Personal Challenge awards and on our Emergency Aid, Local Knowledge, Artist and Chef activity badges. Our cooking skills were in action at the very successful "scouts cook for you" curry night in November. Successful in that everyone who attended seemed to have an enjoyable evening and thought our curries were tasty and we raised funds for our new campsite.

Thank you to all the Scouts, Parents and Fellow Leaders for all your help and support over the past year. Looking forward to more scouting fun.

Lucy



Receiving a donation towards the new Campsite from Witham Group.
(Witham Oil and Paint Ltd).

Scouts in picture



Tansley Wood Activity Weekend.



Expedition



Millennium Green



At the District Awards Night



Campfest

EXPLORERS

The explorers group in Bassingham is for 14 to 18 year old. Unlike the other



section we meet every two weeks, this enables more planning for each meeting and allows those taking GCSE's time to revise. The program is decided by the explorers themselves, (albeit with some guidance from the leaders). This results in a wide range of activities from a 'ready-steady-cook evening, awareness of senior citizens disabilities, a night hike with sleepover, canoeing, backwoods cooking and a night-time car navigation trial. We also had a weekend walking in the Peak district,

tackling 'Jacobs ladder' climb up Kinder Scout and then onto Mam-Tor and staying in a Scout hut outside Manchester as well as running two scout evenings. There were also several 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 4 new explorers join us last September but had 2 leave (mostly due to an old age of 18!) so we've had a regular number of 13 at meetings, plus having Rob Birch and Elliot as leaders who now help us regularly.



Scouts Grouts Display at 2019 Scarecrow Weekend

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