

Scouts



30th Lincoln (1st Bassingham)

Annual Report

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30th September 2021 7:30pm

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Executive Committee Members

Group Scout Leader
Chair
Treasurer
Secretary

Stuart Credland
(Vacant)
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.
Cub Parent Rep.
Scout Parent Rep.
Explorer Parent Rep.

(Vacant)
Karen Smith
Gareth Bartsch
(Vacant)

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2020 AGM to be received and adopted
4. Group Scout Leader Report
5. Appointment of Chair
6. Financial Report for 2020/2021 to be received and adopted
7. District Leader's Address
8. Election of Officers
 - o Chair – (Vacant)
 - o Treasurer – Jane Bartle
 - o Secretary – Susan Nightingale
 - o Campsite Sub Committee Chair - Darren Booker
 - o Parent Representatives (Beavers\Cubs\Scouts)
9. Campsite Update
10. AOB \ Any questions on the Chairman and Leaders reports (found in the Scout Group AGM Booklet)

Finances

Please find below a summarised version of the Annual Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2021. A detailed version is available on request.

	2021	2020
Income	£	£
Subscriptions	1,235.00	10,846.00
Trips	0.00	1,149.13
Camps	510.00	3,521.00
Gift Aid	2,254.48	2,112.23
Fund raising	612.53	2,519.41
Donations	1,210.97	3,476.47
Other income	104.16	262.73
Total income	5,927.14	23,886.97
Expenses		
Activities & trips	(549.39)	(4,609.55)
Camps	(281.95)	(2,781.96)
Rent	(0.00)	(1,575.00)
Capitation	(3,542.50)	(4,371.00)
Insurance	(637.83)	(535.79)
Equipment	(80.33)	(1,120.50)
Badges, neckers & uniforms	(270.59)	(1,079.28)
Misc. expenses	(1,177.36)	(1,112.15)
Total expenses	(6,539.95)	(17,185.23)
Cash Flow for the Period	(612.81)	6,701.74

Group Scout Leader Report



I am keeping my GSL Report brief to allow you time to read the Section Leaders Reports which will more than adequately tell you all about the excellent work that each section has been doing during this difficult period. Due to COVID19 we have not been able to hold any Beaver, Cub or Scout meetings at Bassingham School since 16th March 2020, all “meetings” have had to be by Internet. I wish to thank our Leaders and Section Helpers for their tireless dedication to provide a regular programme of on-line meetings which, despite the restrictions, has enabled our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to maintain their enthusiasm and continue gaining badges over the past year. We currently have a strong Leadership Team in all sections but need to plan ahead and encourage additional persons to join us, so that we can ensure the continuance of the Group in the years ahead, particularly when long established Leaders retire from “active service”. Can you help us? – At present we are looking for additional regular adult help in all sections. Sadly, due to the pandemic, all Canoeing, Camping and other activities have been cancelled, however, following the recent Government announcements, we are now able to look forward to the lifting of Restrictions which will permit us gradually to return to some form of normality and we will soon be able to resume our meetings indoors.

Throughout lockdown, our Group Executive Committee have continued to give valuable assistance to the Group by taking from the Leaders much of the administrative tasks required by The Scout Association and in particular the administration of the Groups finances. We have been without a Chair for the last year and are looking forward to appointing a new person to this role to assist in overseeing the group. The Group Executive meets about 5 times a year and we currently need additional Parents to join us so that the views of Parents with children in each section, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are represented during our discussions. If you feel that you might be able to help and join our Committee, please speak to any of our Leaders.

I wish to thank all our leaders and members (past and present) for their support.

Campsite Project

During lockdown we have been looking for an alternative location to call home, due to the last location not working out and are excited to have found somewhere that looks feasible on the outskirts of Bassingham.

We will be working with the landowners over the next 6 months to develop sustainable plans and ensure they are in the best interest of the Scout Group so we can provide additional opportunities to young people for years to come.

I would like a special thank you to go to those who are making regular donations towards this project, groups that have pledge funds towards this, organisations that have already donated items to build the site, local people who are kindly storing the donated items and everyone who has been helping fundraise towards this project so far. (if you would like to make regular donations towards this project, please contact one of the leaders)

Vision of our campsite phase one

- A secure outdoor space to meet, camp and run activities
- Sheltered\indoor area to gather
- Accessible Kitchen\WC facilities
- Secure storage for equipment
- Parking\Pickup\Dropoff area



BEAVERS



Another year done and what a year, thanks Covid! Planning continued to be based around the Scout Associations colony programme, with the added rules of Covid to still give the Beavers a range of activities and badges to achieve while learning about Scouting virtually in the main part. All these challenges and activities are achieved through craft, games, discussions and getting out and about exploring. The

last 12 months the colony has continued to work hard at Scouting during these very difficult times. Covid has brought us so many challenges but the dedication of the Beavers to continue their journey is unprecedented. In the 12 months programme we have worked on My Skills and My Outdoor Challenges and some Teamwork, Beavers have also had the opportunity to work on personal activity badges, these have been their Cook, Creative, Experiment, Health & Fitness, Space, Communicator, Air Activity, Nights away and Camp Craft. Some Beavers have also selected and completed several activity badges the Leaders have set aside to encourage individuals to do in their own time. The Beavers have had to put in a lot of effort themselves this year to gain their awards. Beavers have been meeting the requirements and have been awarded their badges accordingly throughout the year by regularly attending zoom meetings and completing set at home activities, some of which have included: - knots, discovering in your garden, star gazing, cooking and a balance diet, exercise, experiments, crafts, problem solving, shoelace tying, communication with each other, paper planes, air activity, bug hotels, feeders and so much more at home skills. Plus, we have had a joint virtual camp at home and done a variety of annual calendar events including Halloween, Christmas, valentines and easter.

After going almost 16 months without meeting up, 6 Beavers attended an outdoor group meet up to renew their promise on St George's Day, (all social distancing guidelines followed). Then after a great deal of form filling in and lots of if's and but's on the 19th May we finally met up for our first Beaver meeting in 428 days. On the success of this, we then managed 4 more meetings in Carlton le Moorland Village Hall before the summer

break. A few old faces, some virtual faces, and a few new faces. We spent the 4 meetings getting to know each other again and slowly get settled back into what was once a normal weekly thing.

The transfer market has been very different during covid, but the last 12 months has looked a little like this, we have had 7 Beavers progress to Cubs and 11 decide Scouting wasn't for them anymore. We've had 9 new starters during the past 12 months giving us a colony of 16. 2 of the Beavers that progressed to Cubs were awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Award before leaving, an exceptional achievement this year given the circumstances as this is the highest award available to a Beaver Scouts and signifies a commitment to scouting. Thank you to Ian, Amy and Daisy for their continued leadership support, our young leader Jess for her help and all other leaders, committee, and parents for all they do and have done to help us keep the colony running throughout covid.

Finally, we say farewell to Ferret as he retires from his duties, he's been with the Beaver group for 10 years and over this time has been a great asset to the colony. The colony will not be the same without him. Thank you Ferret.





Another year started with Covid at the forefront and the question of how we could continue to bring Scouting to our Cub Pack. It is fair to say that it has been a challenge to keep Cubs engaged over Zoom when the essence of the Movement is being active in the great outdoors.

However, our amazing and resilient Cubs rose to the challenge and kept Scouting! **Thank you to each and every one of you** – including parents who were instrumental in making this happen.

The Leaders delivered a programme of activities virtually, including our very popular Scavenger Hunts, code breaking, showing off our pets, LEGO-building, model-making, astronomy, birdwatching. One of our virtual highlights was our action-Skills Night, when we had a variety of activities going on simultaneously – writing in Morse code, sewing, setting dinner tables, building LEGO models. It was hard to keep up!

Covid meant we again had to think of a different way to help the community than our customary dishwashing and table-clearing at village, church, and WI community events. With the help of donations of plant pots from villagers, guidance, garden products and a Zoom appearance from Jo Woods of Mary, Mary Gardening Services, the Cubs embarked on a Community Herb Project. They grew herbs from seeds, starting in April, tended them, potted them on and finally donated a variety to the community, thanks to Green's of Bassingham allowing us to use their shop front. We have had some lovely feedback on how well this was received.

We still managed to deliver Cubs Christmas Post – though with a reduced number of volunteers to be Covid-safe. Thank you to all of those who helped.

One of our first face-to-face events was St George's Day when all Sections were invited to re-make their Promise and 2 Cubs were invested. As the last half term began, our Cub Pack resumed regular face-to-face meetings.

Naturally, our first was a Games night and it was a real joy to see the Cubs back together. Fire-lighting, Backwoods Cooking and Camp Preparation followed, and we closed a difficult year with a fantastic Family Sports Day.

It has been a tough year – we lost some Cubs to Zoom-fatigue - and we ended the year the Pack currently having 14 Cubs, 3 Young Leaders, 7 Active Leaders/Assistants and 3 “dormant” Leaders/Assistants.

To those who stuck in and kept Scouting – our Cubs and our dedicated Young Leaders, Niall, Sophie, Jenna, local businesses, and the whole community, thank you for supporting our Cub Pack.

Special thanks go to Lucy, who has once again led Cubs (as well as Scouts) through the year and highlighted how we really all are part of one Scouting family.



Be Prepared bags – hand made by Lucy for every Cub (& Leader!) – for our return to Face-2-Face

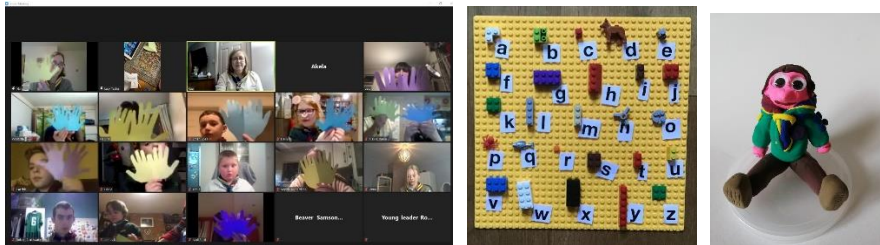


The Leaders marked the first anniversary of Alison Kelley's passing by taking a walk together at Whisby, with Alison's widower, Grahame. We

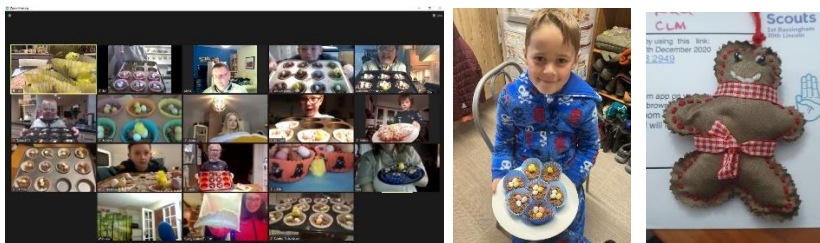


also visited to Belton House where we laid her Gone Home memorial. We all miss her.

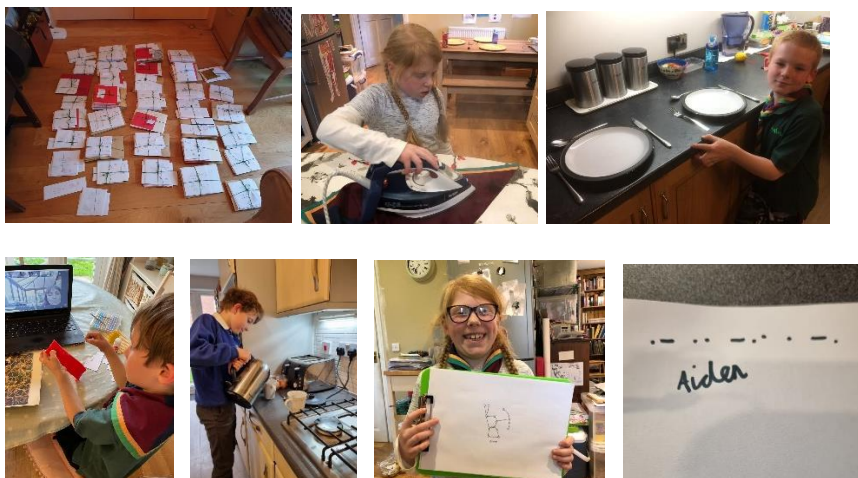
Father's Day card making, LEGO codebreaking, Model-making



Easter preparation, Christmas decorations



Cubs Christmas Post Skills night – homemaking, astronomy, morse code



Community Herb Project



Games



Backwoods Cooking



Family Sports Day



Thank you.

SCOUTS

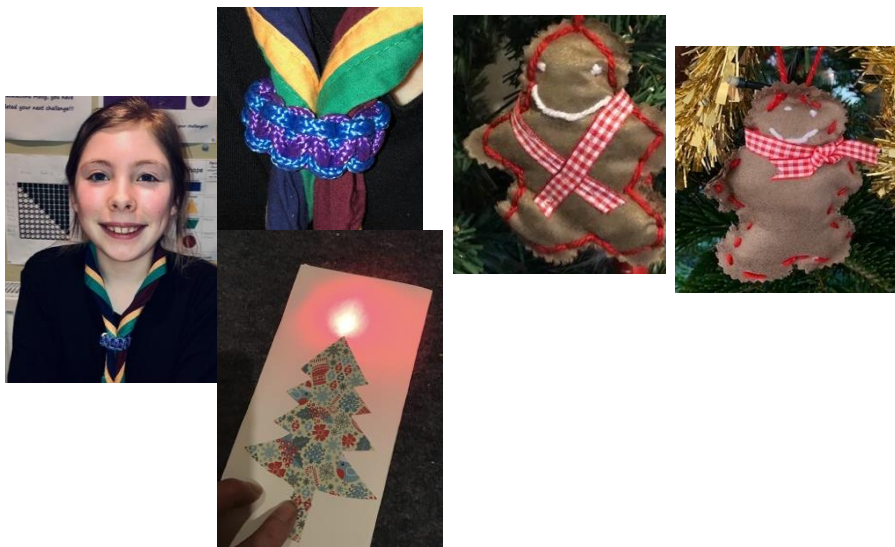
In my 19 / 20 report I described the year as being strange and a challenge to the Scout Troop - well that strange challenge has continued!

We are now back having face to face meetings and we soon hope to be back camping!

Last Summer we were hopeful to be back together again, but restrictions locked us down, so we Zoomed on! By far the most popular zoom activity was cooking often with Mum, Dad and siblings joining in.



This hard work in the kitchen enabled many scouts to achieve their chef badge and further zoom meetings enabled the Scouts to achieve their Local



knowledge Activity badge and their Craft badge.

The Covid restrictions meant that the older Scouts could not complete the usual expedition but excellent work by this group in hiking in pairs on their own from Lincoln Cathedral back to Bassingham meant that we have had our usual high achievement of Gold Chief Scout Awards! Eight Super Scouts- well done and thank you to their parents for all their support.



Summer Term at last saw us back to face-to-face Scouting and it was not long before the marshmallows were out!



We head into this new year with far fewer Scouts than in the past but have lots of things to look forward too - especially Poacher International Jamboree!

Thank you to all parents and my fellow Leaders for your ongoing support and to the Scouts for all the fun!

EXPLORERS



The year started off well for the TRENCH 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 TRENCH 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 take 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 TRENCH EXPLORERS still carry on.

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