

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 279339



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Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16

Annual General Meeting – 24th September 2016



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Agenda



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group to be held on 24th September 2016 at 8th Worthing HQ.

1. Welcome and Introductions by Group Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Scout Council.
4. Address by the Group Scout Leader.
5. Address by the Group Treasurer.
6. Approval of the annual report and Accounts. *Members of the Group Executive Committee will be available to answer questions.*
7. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chairman. *Roger Green*
8. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee. *Mark Anderson (Deputy Group Chairman)*
9. Approval of the Group Executive Committee's nomination of the Group Honorary President. *Ian Wetherell*
10. Confirmation of Section Leaders' willingness to sit on the Group Executive Committee. *Deirdre Green (Midship Cubs), Alyn Laughlin (Port Scouts)*
11. Election of the Group Secretary. *Sue Jenkins*
12. Election of the Group Treasurer. *Diane Waring*
13. Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee. *Gill Collins (Beavers), Sam Bell (Cubs), Vacant (Scouts), Jackie Usher (Explorers)*
14. Appointment of non Executive roles. *Bethan Norman (independent examiner), Vacant (Group Quartermaster), Robert Tennent (Gift Aid administrator), Barbara Wells (Group Administrator), Roy Wells (Health and Safety advisor)*
15. Presentations.
16. Close of meeting.



Previous Minutes



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group held on 19th September 2015 at 8th Worthing HQ.

Present: The District Commissioner of Worthing Al Chartres, Group Chairman Roger Green, GSL Ian Wetherell, Group Treasurer Diane Waring, Group Administrator Barbara Wells (mins) plus many leaders and parents/friends of the group.

1. Chairman, Roger Green welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the DC.
2. Apologies for absence from: Mel Doyle, Emma Wallace, Jim Green, Tim Chipperfield, Petula Bladen, Iain Stewart, and Sarah Mitchell.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM of the Group Scout Council (2013/14) were agreed. Proposed by Jane Preston. Seconded by Deirdre Green. Approved by all.
4. Address by the Group Scout Leader, Ian Wetherell in which he thanked everybody for all they had done. Report accepted by all. His full report can be viewed on the Group's web site.
5. Report by the Group Treasurer, Diane Waring. She outlined all the financial activities of the past year. Proposed by the DC. Seconded by Roy Wells. Approved by all. The full report can be viewed on the Group's web site.
6. Approval of the Accounts: Proposed by Deirdre Green. Seconded by Mike Lytton. Approved by all.
7. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chairman – Roger Green. There being no other applicants Roger agreed to continue for another year. The whole group wish to thank Roger for all he has done in the last year. Proposed by Keith Preston. Seconded by Louise Scott. Approved by all.
8. Confirmation of Section Leaders' willingness to sit on the Group Executive. Jane Preston (Port Colony), Fiona Bodey (Starboard Colony), Mike Lytton (Starboard Pack), Deirdre Green (Midship Pack), Alyn Laughlin (Port Troop), Hannah Kemp (Starboard Troop), Paul Chaplain (Explorer Unit).
9. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of members to the Group Executive – Mark Scott (Bosun) and Barbara Wells (Group Administrator). Proposed by Jane Preston. Seconded by Fiona Bodey. Approved by all.
10. Election of Group Secretary – vacancy at the moment. There is a volunteer to be interviewed.
11. Election of Group Treasurer – Diane Waring. There being no other candidate Diane agreed to continue for another year. The whole group wish to thank Diane for way that she has

modernised the group's financial transactions – in line with the 21st century. Proposed by Paul Chaplain. Seconded by Jacky Green. Approved by all.

12. Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive: Jackie Usher, Mark Anderson, Jessica Holmes, Robert Tennent. GSL thanked Jackie for all her hard work in producing the amazing group Newsletter and Robert for overseeing the Gift Aid process. Proposed by Deirdre Green. Seconded by Jayne Lytton. Approved by all.
13. Appointment of non-executive roles: Bethan Norman (Independent Examiner), Roy Wells (Health and Safety Advisor). Proposed by Mark Scott. Seconded by Jacky Green. Approved by all.
14. Closing remarks by the Chairman, Roger Green. His full report can be viewed on the Group's web site.
15. Presentations – by the District Commissioner, Al Chartres. Al said that he had already made presentations to leaders attending this meeting at previous times this year and he had some to make to leaders who were not attending today – so will make other arrangements for them at a later date. He went on to say that, because of the quality of leaders in the 8th Worthing group, he had made many of them members of his District Team. He praised the Group for all that it has achieved.

Meeting ended – 20 minutes from the start – and a family barbecue followed.

Many thanks to Port Troop Leaders for organising the BBQ

Gone Home



Don Silverwood – previous Chairman of 8th Worthing and the father of four sons who spent many happy years of scouting within the Cub, Scout, and Venture Scout sections of the group.

His funeral took place on Friday 3rd September 2015.



Executive Committee



Group Scout Leader:	Mr Paul Chaplain gsl@8thworthing.org.uk
Group Chairman:	Mr Roger Green chairman@8thworthing.org.uk
Deputy Group Chairman:	Mr Mark Anderson mark.anderson@8thworthing.org.uk
Group Secretary:	Mrs Sue Jenkins secretary@8thworthing.org.uk
Group Treasurer:	Mrs Diane Waring treasurer@8thworthing.org.uk
Midship Cubs:	Mrs Deirdre Green midship.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
Port Scouts:	Mr Alyn Laughlin port.scouts@8thworthing.org.uk
Elected: (Beaver Parent Rep)	Mrs Gill Collins gill.collins@8thworthing.org.uk
Elected: (Cub Parent Rep)	Mr Sam Bell sam.bell@8thworthing.org.uk
Elected: (Explorer Parent Rep)	Mrs Jackie Usher jackie.usher@8thworthing.org.uk



Group Scout Leader



In April this year I took on the challenge of becoming your new Group Scout Leader. I should like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Ian Wetherell who held the role since 1986. We made a presentation to Ian at this year's District St George's Day celebration and he is now our Group Honorary President.

I've picked out a few activities from the section reports where they've worked together to make our young people more aware of the wider family of Scouts.

Port Beavers (led by Jane) took part in "Jamboree On The Trail" and raised an amazing £279 for Canine Partnership.

Starboard Beavers (led by Fiona) set up a postcard swap scheme on Facebook and now over 950 groups throughout the world have joined in.

The 2 Beaver Colonies joined together for a joint picnic held at the Scout HQ, they both attended the District Fun Day at Dappers Lane and they held a joint party where they were entertained by Clumsy the Clown!

Starboard Cubs (led by Mike) promote healthy competition, within the pack and take part in many District activities, some of which they have won with dignity, some of which they have lost with grace.

Midship Cubs (led by Deirdre) had a visit from Hannah Walker who ran a 'Japan in a Box' evening, towards the International Badge. They entered a team and hosted the Cub District Football.

Port Scouts (led by Alyn) had several Scouts in the Gang Show. They also entered the District Archery competition and are taking part in the national "A Million Hands" initiative.

Starboard Scouts (led by Sam) won the District Raft Race.

The 2 Scout Troops joined together for a great Outdoor Challenge camp. Both Troops entered the District Raft Race and District Survival Skills camp. Both Troops went on the Fire and Ice camp with other Scouts from the District. It was a great adventure for them and an excellent time to meet up with other Scouting friends from across Worthing.

Osprey Explorers were in the Worthing Gang Show. They won the Explorer trophy at the District archery competition. They went to Gilwell 24 and Wintercamp at Gilwell Park. They attended the District swim at Arundel Lido and entered the local Explorer go kart race and the Charlton Chase. They're taking part in "A Million Hands" which they helped The Scout Association to launch at the Labour Party conference.

Group events included very impressive turn outs at both the District St George's Day celebration and the town's Remembrance Day Parade. Andy Price ran another mountain expedition to Snowdonia. 4 of our members went to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan.

Worthing Radio Events Group organised a “Jamboree On The Air” event for us. We ran a Christmas Post.

This evening Mark Scott retires from the role of Group Bosun. Mark has held this role for over a decade and I should like to take this opportunity to thank him for the exceptional service that he has given to the Group during this time. I should also like to thank his wife Lou and children Georgia and Finlay who have given up their time to accompany and support Mark in this role. A presentation will now be made to Mark in thanks for his time as our Bosun.

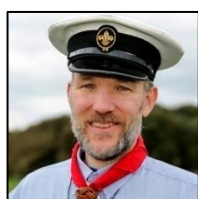
In order to reduce the effort required to continue Mark’s great work, the Group is now searching for a team of volunteers to look after its equipment. If you would be willing to volunteer some of your time to lead or assist in this team please contact me.

Section Leaders have to indicate to the Group AGM each year if they wish to be Group trustees. Later this evening Deidre Green and Alyn Laughlin will be exercising that right but this year Fiona Bodey, Mike Lytton and Jane Preston won’t be. I should like to take this opportunity to thank them all for undertaking this role over the past year in addition to leading their section.

The Thanks Badge is the means of expressing the appreciation of the Association to those who are not members but who have been of service to Scouting. The Group will be presenting Mark Roberts the school Premises Manager with a Thanks Badge in recognition of his support.

Many other events took place. Full details are included in the Group Annual Report, available on the Group Website. Lots more events have also taken place since April but these will be in next year’s report.

At this year’s census there were 57 adults volunteering their time as Scouters or trustees at 8th Worthing. I haven’t named them all in this report but thank you to each and every one of them for this year’s adventures and making so many happy memories possible for so many young people.



Paul Chaplain
Group Scout Leader



Group Chairman



Firstly, I would like to extend best wishes from all the Executive Committee to our retiring GSL, Ian Wetherall, and our thanks for all his hard work in running the Group for the last three decades. He has also been Bosun and Assistant Scout Leader prior to that - in all some 37 years of active service to the 8th. Ian has now moved on to become an Honorary President of the Group, congratulations from all of us.

We must also now welcome Paul as our new GSL, who will lead us into the Chaplain era of the 8th.

The refurbishment of the HQ is still ongoing, the replacement electrical wiring is now complete and new water heaters will shortly be fitted in the galley and boys' and girls' toilets. As many of you may know there were problems with the roof with three separate areas that leaked - this has finally been completed so we are dry for the time being! A plan for a schedule of work is being prepared and hopefully with willing volunteers we can turn our attention to the fabric of the building and carrying out these essential repairs. Please contact either Paul or myself if you can offer your time please.

Due to the ever expanding activities offered to the young people by our dedicated Scouters it has been decided that another minibus might be a way forward rather the expense of hiring another one when required. A Minibus Sub-Committee has now been formed and is being chaired by Andy Price, one of our Skills Instructors. We look forward to their proposals during the coming months and a shiny new bus for next year.

We must also thank all Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Skills Instructors and the many other helpers that give their time and energy so freely in supporting all of our young people to achieve their best in whatever activity that takes place, be it from a Beaver sleepover to canoeing or even mountain walking. This will prepare our young people for the many skills they will ultimately require as they go onto adulthood. This last year has seen the formation of a Gold DofE Group, the first for over 10 years and we wish them every success in completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award early in the coming year.

The Executive is in place to support all the Warranted Leaders, Skills Instructors and helpers to achieve their goals in creating the right environment for all our young people. If you have a skill or wish to volunteer to help with a section then join us in helping our young people enjoy Scouting to the full. For more information please contact either the Section Leader or our GSL. We really do need your help. If training is required then it will be provided at no additional cost, subject to Executive approval.

Once again many thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee, Leaders, Assistant Leaders, helpers and everyone else who makes the 8th work so well.

Roger Green
Group Chairman



Group Treasurer



Below are the audited group accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016. They represent the accounts for the Group and Sections combined, plus a breakdown of these for individual Sections. Explorers and DofE are shown separately as requested by District.

The group continues to be in a strong financial position, with a surplus in the year of £12,455.28 (mainly due to collection of gift aid), and cash reserves of £76,000. Approximately £40,000 is placed in fixed term deposit account.

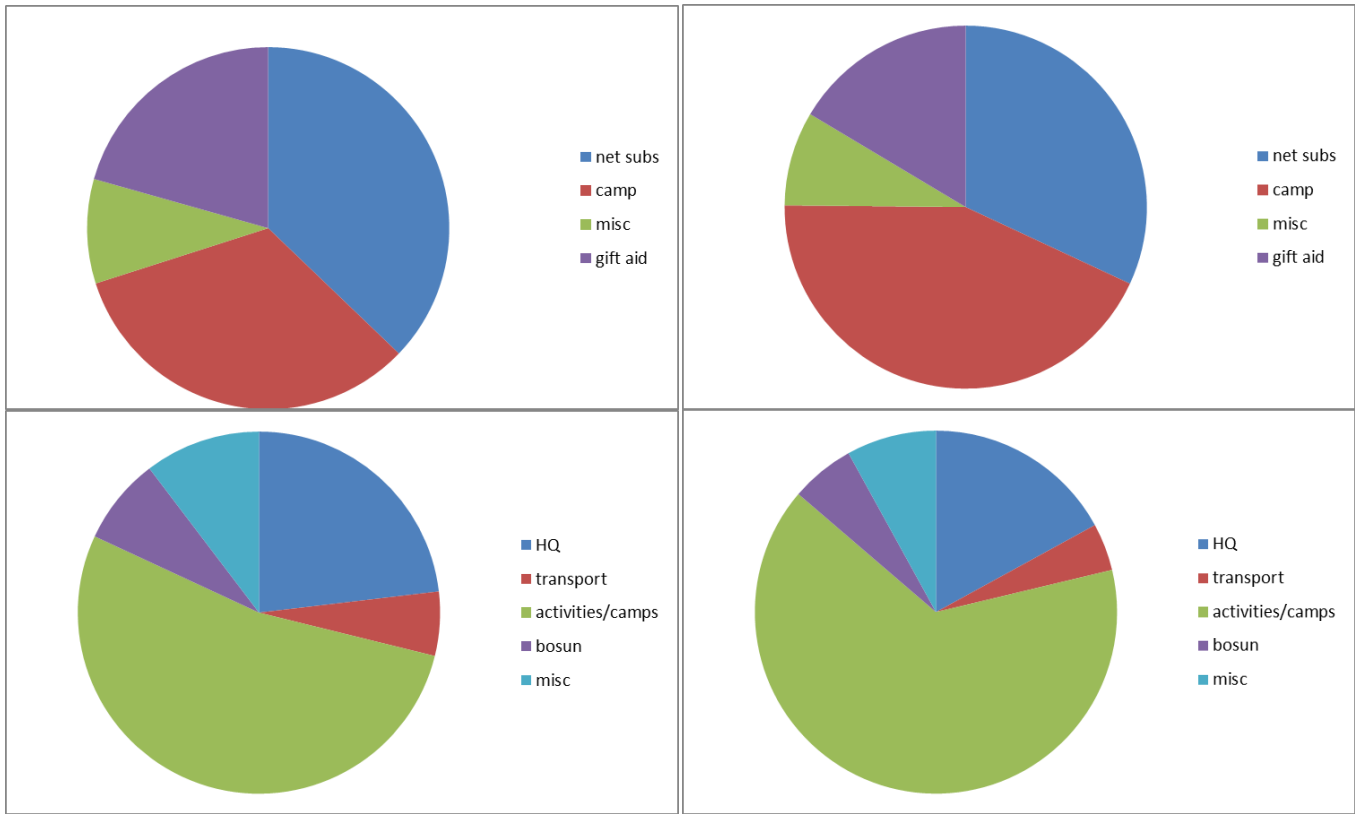
Subs income has decreased by approximately 8% from last year. Port Troop and Midship Pack subs increased.

Our Gift Aid Secretary has continued to work hard and we are now more or less up-to-date. In the financial year 2015-16 we received over £10,000 for the years 2013/14 and 2014/15. We also received donations of over £2,500, including £750 donation from Liberty, £495 from Don Silver’s funeral collection, and £395 from the quiz.

Southern Water has refunded over £10,000 (which will be in next year’s accounts), thanks to the perseverance of Mark Anderson.

The cost of maintenance was significantly higher than last year, largely due to locks on the doors, but also due to the new TV, carpet and blinds. All other costs are in line with the previous year.

Below are pie charts showing where group’s income comes from and what it is spent on. The ones on the left exclude Explorers and DofE.



Diane Waring
Group Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

8th Worthing Sea

.....SCOUT GROUP/~~DISTRICT/COUNTY/AREA SCOUT COUNCIL~~

I report on the accounts of the Group/~~District/County/Area~~ for the year ended ...31st March 2016.....
which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, ~~the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages~~.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

~~* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply~~

Name:Bethan Norman.....

Qualification:FCA.....

Address:21 Malvern Close, Worthing, BN11 2HE.....

Date:2nd September 2016.....

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2015								
Expl&DoE	8th worthing		2016	Group	Sections	Explorers	DoE	Explorers&
		RECEIPTS						
8,163.00	24,935.00	Membership subscriptions (&fees)	22,933.00	17,660.50	22,933.00	7,368.00	348.00	7,716.00
1,861.20	8,283.60	Less subscriptions (&fees) paid on	7,354.60	7,354.60	17,660.50	5,823.50		5,823.50
	6,108.50	Explorers subs	5,823.50	5823.5				0.00
	1,861.20	Explorers subs paid on	2,130.00	2130				0.00
449.00		DoE Registration fees					348.00	348.00
1,605.50	20,898.70	Net subscriptions (&fees) retained	19,271.90	13,999.40	5,272.50	1,544.50	0.00	1,544.50
	7,474.11	Gift Aid - Received for 2011/12						
	6,620.01	Gift Aid - Received for 2012/13						
		gift aid received for 2013/14	5,771.89	5,771.89				
		Gift Aid - received for 2014/15	5,283.01	5,283.01				
232.00	2,299.03	Donations	2,626.21	2,626.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Contributions to Camps/Activities						
7,803.35	15,091.12	Current year	14,981.18		14,981.18	9,265.67	50.00	9,315.67
3,015.34	986.25	Future events	2,655.00		2,655.00	1,324.00	795.00	2,119.00
	506.50	Polo Shirt sales	150.01	150.01				
		Other uniform sales	0.00					
	4,158.40	Other fund raising	446.75	399.75	47.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	248.00	Charitable collections	279.50		279.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
	66.88	Bank Interest	201.66	201.66				
	377.93	Sundry Income	1,293.97	30.40	1,263.57	2.00	154.29	156.29
12,656.19	58,726.93	TOTAL INCOME	52,961.08	28,462.33	24,498.75	12,636.17	999.29	13,635.46
		PAYMENTS						
1,011.42	3,290.13	Youth programme & activities	3,147.72		3,147.72	328.05	0.00	328.05
	1,277.00	Adult support & training	738.00	738.00				
	2,363.68	HQ Rent, Cleaning & maintenance	4,292.64	4,292.64				
	1,019.77	Water & Refuse	557.06	557.06				
	750.00	Electricity & Gas	726.40	726.40				
	554.36	Telephones & Internet	533.26	533.26				
	3,084.47	Insurances (apart from Minibus)	3,257.98	3,257.98				
	2,733.47	Repairs & Renewals (Trailer, Boats & etc)	3,134.34	3,134.34				
	-244.71	Minibus Fuel Costs	-571.07	-571.07				
	3,343.93	Minibus other running costs	1,266.36	1,266.36				
		Other transport costs	1,623.88	1,623.88				
		Camp/Activities costs						
11,094.72	18,078.55	Current year	17,976.55		17,976.55	12,476.11	995.59	13,471.70
295.80	512.41	future events	372.80		372.80	442.00	0.00	442.00
	561.34	Fundraising expenses (incl. Policing)	0.00	0.00				
	1,002.35	Uniforms	164.37	164.37				
	273.00	Charitable payments	329.50	0.00	329.50	35.00	0.00	35.00
488.98	1,236.31	Expenses (incl AGM)	1,286.01	243.67	1,042.34	143.89	43.31	187.20
	590.05	Registration & Membership fees	250.00	250				
	7,383.75	Jamboree	1,420.00	1,420.00				
12,890.92	47,809.86		40,505.80	17,636.89	22,868.91	13,425.05	1,038.90	14,463.95
-234.73	10,917.07	Surplus(Deficit) of Receipts over	12,455.28	10,825.44	1,629.84	-788.88	-39.61	-828.49

2015(all)	2015	Balances at 31st March						
5,694.62	52,992.24	Balance brought forward	63,909.31	55,269.41	8,639.90	4,064.77	1,395.12	5,459.89
-234.73	10,917.07	Surplus/deficit for year	12,455.28	10,825.44	1,629.84	-788.88	-39.61	-828.49
5,459.89	63,909.31	Balance carried forward	76,364.59	66,094.85	10,269.74	3,275.89	1,355.51	4,631.40
		Financed by						
5,459.89	63,909.31	Cash in hand & at banks	76,364.59	66,094.85	10,269.74	3,275.89	1,355.51	4,631.40

Summary of Sections' income and Expenditure s/cs from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016												
		Starboard Beavers	Port Beavers	Starboard Cubs	Midship Cubs	Port Troop	Starboard Troop	Totals	Explorer Unit	D of E	Totals	
Income												
	Total subs recvd	3,060.00	3,612.00	3,588.00	4,536.00	5,100.00	3,409.00	23,305.00	7,368.00	348.00	31,021.00	
	less paid to other sections		324.00	48.00				372.00			372.00	
	Net subs	3,060.00	3,288.00	3,540.00	4,536.00	5,100.00	3,409.00	22,933.00	7,368.00	348.00	30,649.00	
	Less paid to Group	2,441.50	2,631.50	2,793.00	3,477.00	4,009.00	2,308.50	17,660.50	5,823.50		23,484.00	
	Registration fees									348.00		
	Net subs retained	618.50	656.50	747.00	1,059.00	1,091.00	1,100.50	5,272.50	1,544.50	0.00	6,817.00	
	Donations											
Other income:												
	Contributions to camps/Outings											
	current year	180.00	1,536.03	2,785.00	3,266.00	6,354.15	860.00	14,981.18	9,265.67	50.00	24,296.85	
	deposits for future			385.00	15.00	1,665.00	590.00	2,655.00	1,324.00	795.00	4,774.00	
	uniform							0.00			0.00	
	fund raising						47.00	47.00	500.00		547.00	
	charitable collections		279.50					279.50			279.50	
	sundry income incl transfers		107.22		1,070.00	75.55	10.80	1,263.57	2.00	154.29	1,419.86	
Sub totals		798.50	2,579.25	3,917.00	5,410.00	9,185.70	2,608.30	24,498.75	12,636.17	999.29	38,134.21	
Expenditure												
	Youth Programme & Activ	530.02	371.20	742.34	1,062.85		441.31	3,147.72	328.05		3,475.77	
	Adult Support										0.00	
	Camp Outings costs:										0.00	
	Current year	362.50	1,668.12	3,117.55	2,989.59	8,337.79	1,501.00	17,976.55	12,476.11	995.59	31,448.25	
	Deposits for future			10.00	10.00	176.40	176.40	372.80	442.00		814.80	
	Uniforms										0.00	
	Fees to WSCC										0.00	
	Charitable payments		279.50	50.00				329.50	35.00		364.50	
	Expenses		7.00		444.94	552.00	38.40	1,042.34	143.89	43.31	1,229.54	
Sub Totals		892.52	2,325.82	3,919.89	4,507.38	9,066.19	2,157.11	22,868.91	13,425.05	1,038.90	37,332.86	
Surplus/Deficit		-94.02	253.43	-2.89	902.62	119.51	451.19	1,629.84	-788.88	-39.61	801.35	
Surplus/Deficit 2014-15		188.14	-244.39	414.62	378.19	-295.46	-416.46	24.64	-592.71	357.98	-210.09	
	Balance 1/4/15	983.65	771.82	1,161.49	2,386.35	2,772.15	564.44	8,639.90	4,064.77	1,395.12	14,099.79	
	Add receipts	798.50	2,579.25	3,917.00	5,410.00	9,185.70	2,608.30	24,498.75	12,636.17	999.29	38,134.21	
	Less payments	892.52	2,325.82	3,919.89	4,507.38	9,066.19	2,157.11	22,868.91	13,425.05	1,038.90	37,332.86	
	Balance 31/3/16	889.63	1,025.25	1,158.60	3,288.97	2,891.66	1,015.63	10,269.74	3,275.89	1,355.51	14,901.14	
	Bank balance 31/3/16	889.63	1,417.25	2,580.60	4,016.03	3,901.38	1,688.14	14,493.03	3,275.89	1,355.51	19,124.43	
	Less outstanding cheques		392.00	1,461.70	727.06	1,009.72	672.51	4,262.99			4,262.99	
	Add outstanding credits							0.00			0.00	
	Cash balance held			39.70				39.70			39.70	
	Net bank balance	889.63	1,025.25	1,158.60	3,288.97	2,891.66	1,015.63	10,269.74	3,275.89	1,355.51	14,901.14	
	Deduct deposits h	0.00	0.00	385.00	15.00	1,665.00	590.00	2,655.00	1,324.00	795.00	4,774.00	
	Add deposits paid	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	176.40	176.40	372.80	442.00	0.00	814.80	
	Net Balance	889.63	1,025.25	783.60	3,283.97	1,403.06	602.03	7,987.54	2,393.89	560.51	10,941.94	
	Discrepancy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	



We started off the Summer term by looking at hiking and doing our navigator badge. We then did our JOTT sponsored walk and the Beavers raised an amazing £279.50 for Canine Partnership. We then did a town walk, a nature ramble and visited the lifeboat station at Shoreham. We then had a sea theme and had a boats evening, went rock pooling, made octopus biscuits and had a pirates evening. In June we had another fantastic time at Blacklands Farm, where they did their camp craft badge, as well as having a go on the low ropes, tunnels and assault course.

In the Autumn term the Beavers did their air activity badge, their emergency aid 1 badge and their communicator badge. We had an nature theme and made bug hotels and nature collages. We also took the Beavers to Out of Bounds where they had a fantastic climbing evening. We had our annual sleepover at the HQ where the children went bowling and then did their cooks badge and made their own tea. Most of the Beavers also attended the District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was once again a great success. We finished the term with a joint party with Starboard Beavers where they were entertained by Clumsy the Clown.

For the Spring term 2016 one of our leaders Mel 'took' the children on the trip round the world that she did with her family when she was young. They tasted food from Europe, had a campfire evening from Canada and learnt about Beavers in other countries. We had a visit from Jaws and Claws, who brought a selection of animals from tropical rainforests, and had a noisy evening of African drumming. We also took the Beavers to the Winchester Science Museum where they had a brilliant time. They gained their International activity badge and then finished off the term by visiting St Mary's church, Broadwater and doing their Faith badge.

All those Beavers going on to Cubs gained their Chief Scout Bronze Awards before leaving. I would like to give special thanks to my ABSL Keith Preston and my Colony Assistants Emma Wallace, Mel Doyle, Nick Chambers and Alex Owen for all their invaluable help and support. I would also like to thank my Young Leaders Kieran Wallace and George Usher for all the assistance they give to the Colony.



Jane Preston
Beaver Scout Leader
Port Colony



Starboard Colony

BEAVERS



Starboard beavers are running to full capacity with a full to bursting waiting list. In September we did the transition from our old Activity and Challenge badges to the new ones. This change has certainly made us put our thinking caps on!

Nevertheless we managed to achieve 15 Bronze Scout Awards, 33 of the new challenge badges, 200 activity badges and 27 of the new staged badges. Quite an achievement I think you will agree.

In the summer term we made the most of the outdoors and held beach evenings one of which involved crabbing, a walk up on Cissbury, tracking at Honeysuckle Lane and a joint picnic held at the scout hut with Port beavers.

We had a great day out at the beaver fun day in September with 20 of our beavers attending.

We included quite a few new badges in our programme over the year which included cooks badge, space badge where we learnt about the planets and did junk rocket modelling and the international badge.

In September I had an idea to ask other 30 other beaver groups if they would send me a postcard from wherever they lived and our beavers would send one back. This was on a beaver Facebook site and the response was phenomenal!! Over 120 groups replied to me so I asked if anyone else would like to do this. To date over 950 groups throughout the world have joined in and I have to say that I think beaver scouting has probably helped out the Royal Mail no end.

The beavers have had great fun finding out where all the groups are from who have sent us postcards and one is as far reaching as the Falklands!!

At Christmas we held a joint meeting with Port beavers where we had a magician entertainer and all the beavers brought some party food. A good time was had by all.

None of these activities or the smooth running of our colony would be possible without the support I have from my Assistant Beaver Leaders. So to Raine (squirrel) and Stephen (fox) I give my huge thanks. We also are fortunate enough to have Harvey who came to help as an explorer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award and decided to stay with us as a Young Leader.

Hopefully Harvey will be one of my Assistant Beaver leaders in the near future.

Also thanks to Max and Josh who have completed their bronze d of e with us and decided to stay with us to do their silver d of e. They are a great part of the team and will certainly be missed when they go.

Many thanks to the parent helpers without whom we would not be able to run our outdoor activities.

Looking forward to another year of fun and friends with our beavers.



Fiona Bodey
Beaver Scout Leader
Starboard Colony



Starboard Pack cubs



Starboard Watch Cub Pack – Our Pack, Our year, what we do...

This has been another exciting and challenging year for our pack with the emphasis being on sustainable growth, achievement and most importantly fun!!!

Cub scouting is moving forward and “look wide” which is the original scout and cub motto, is an apt one for Starboard Pack.

Badge achievement remains our key feature for both Cubs and the Leadership Team. New Badge requirements set by the Scout movement have brought a big challenge for cubs and Leaders alike, we keep a fun and balanced program which aims to give the Cubs the sense of achievement and skills they need while also giving new learning and training opportunities for the leadership Team.

We have looked at our strengths and where we can make even more improvements to our organisation, especially for parents, who are the key to any Cub Pack success as their effort and input is invaluable. For this, the whole Team are looking at improved communication methods and better ways to involve parents from the very start of new Cub induction.

Our summer camps are always a challenge and by definition our biggest achievement. Taking away and putting up approximately two tons of canvass and kit is a fantastic Team effort, then to add 25 plus cubs and a large Leadership contingent is not for the faint hearted but has fantastic rewards, especially when after last year’s camp at Bentley Copse, after three days of torrential soaking rain and actually discussing abandoning the camp, a damp cub stood up and said: “This is the best camp ever!!!!!!”. That wonderful, innocent comment shows that Scouting can overcome and adapt to anything and makes what we do totally worthwhile.

We focus on diversity and supporting all of our cubs needs both as a pack and on an individual basis where needed. We use our own skills and knowledge along with visits out; i.e. Life boat station and visits to us from special guest and speakers, such as Worthing churches Homeless Project, Guide dogs for the Blind to name but a few.

We are very proud starboard Cub pack have supported in large numbers important events such as ‘Remembrance Day’ and St George’s day parades, which show off how smart, committed and well behaved our Cubs are.

We also promote healthy competition, within the pack and taking part in many Cub District activities, some of which we have won with dignity, some of which we have lost with grace. The key for our cubs is always to have pride in their achievement win or lose. As the Cub Scout law states: "Cub Scouts always do their best" – these guys really do!

In terms of badges achieved and personal awards our Cubs have excelled but as with all successful things it would not be possible without the dedication of a varied and multi skilled Team, especially our developing young Leaders who without doubt are the future of 8th Worthing and the scout movement.

I would like to give my personal thanks to a very supportive, dedicated and committed Team, for their willingly given time, skills and effort.

Thank you to: Jayne, Sarah, Iain, Nick, Helen, Matt.

Also a big thank you to our young Leaders; Megan, Hannah, Joe and James who give up their time to help support us and encourage our Cubs.

But most of all a huge thank you to our Cubs! Who in every way are a source of energy and inspiration to us all.



Mike Lytton
Cub Scout Leader
Starboard Pack



Midship Pack
cubs



Midship Cubs have had another successful, busy, fun-packed year.

Summer Term 2015: We started the term with a visit from Hannah Walker who ran a 'Japan in a Box' evening, towards our International Badge. Amie, one of our Young Leaders, ran a Gymnastics evening, and we had a visit from Beau & Friends, who brought in many different animals for the cubs to hold eg snakes. Also the Senior Cubs ran an evening towards one of their Challenge Badges. Midships entered a team and hosted the Cub District Football, and worked towards their Athletics, Athletics Plus, Cyclist, and International Activity Badges. We had an outing in June to a farm in Lewes, and the Cubs hiked from Lewes Station to the farm and back. Midships made Fathers Day crafts, had an obstacle course evening, and at the end of term we held a BBQ at Goring Gap.

We held two camps. In May at Yapton for the older Cubs towards their Outdoor Challenge Badge. In August we camped at Lyons Copse Campsite, Wickham, Hampshire. The camp was well attended and many badges were gained eg. Camper, Naturalist, Scientist, Astronomer, Local Knowledge, Physical Recreation and My Faith Activity Badges. Also Emergency Aid 1, 2, & 3, Navigator 1, 2, & 3, Time on the Water 1, Nautical Skills 1, Nights Away, Hikes Away and

Outdoor Challenges. I would like to thank Hilary Calvert and Mark Jones for all their invaluable help doing the catering.

Autumn Term 2015: This term we had a visit and a talk from the Police, Amie ran a Yoga evening, Roy ran a Problem Solving evening, and we had 2 Choose Your Own Badge evenings. The Cubs picked 2 badges from Hobbies, Collector, Sports Enthusiast, Book Reader, Martial Arts, Skater and Musician. The Cubs also worked towards and passed their Entertainer Badge. We also had a Recycling and an Oxfam evening. We ended the term with a Christmas Crafts evening, a visit to the Pantomime, and on the last week a Christmas Party.

Spring Term 2016: We started the new year with a Karioke Evening, which the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed. At the end of January 11 of the Cubs attended The Chief Scouts Silver Award Ceremony where they received a certificate and they met the Mayor. The Cubs worked towards their Home Help and Chef Badges. We had a cooking evening, a window cleaning, and a brass cleaning evening. Roy ran a Knotting evening, and the Cubs also worked towards their Artist Badge, (the younger Cubs), and their Pioneer Badge, (the older Cubs). We ended the term with an Easter Crafts evening.

Over the last year I have awarded a total of:

426 Activity Badges

94 Challenge Badges

11 Chief Scouts Silver Awards

I have to say a big thank you to my Assistant Cub Scout Leaders Roy Wells and Thegla Christopher, my Sectional Assistants Jim Green, Mark Jones and Sam Rippon without whom our busy and varied programme would not have been possible. Also thank you to Young Leaders Amie Hall and Declan Southby. I also would like to say a big thank you to Paul Christopher for his endless energy at camps, on hikes, outings, and various pack meetings.

Lastly thank you for the parental support we have received this year, and a big thank you to my Cubs who have made every pack meeting fun and challenging, with their neverending energy and enthusiasm, without whom none of the above would have been possible.



Deirdre Green
Cub Scout Leader
Midship Pack



Port Troop
SCOUTS



During the Easter Break of 2015 we had several Scouts take part in the Gang Show at the Pavilion Theatre, we also took 7 Scouts on a kayaking Expedition trip on the River Thames, shooting weirs and staying overnight at Longridge.

During the Summer Term of 2015, we went back to the mammoth rotational programme. This year all the scouts managed to go to the lake 3 times to kayak, and learn many of the skills they would need for Summer Camp. We covered cooking so they wouldn't go hungry and Tent Pitching so they wouldn't get too wet on Camp.

The Summer Term is always busy for time away on camps and this year has been no exception. We had Scouts join with Starboard Troop and the Explorers for a trip to Snowdonia. We also ran a great Outdoor Challenge camp, taking 12 Scouts away for a weekend. As well as sending some of our Scouts and leaders to the District Survival Skills Camp.

We entered into the District Raft Race, but we did not the trophy again, and we had Scouts enter the District Archery competition. We could repeat last year's success but we were very proud of the Scout's efforts.

We held our Summer Camp at the 22nd Oxford Scout's HQ site on the banks of the River Thames, where the 27 scouts who attended went kayaking, pulling, and rafting. They also got to take part in lots of land based activities. We also had a great shore leave day when we went swimming. It was slightly sad at the end of camp as we said goodbye to Mick Orpin, as he retired from Scouting after having spent many years teaching scouts how to kayak.

In the Autumn Term of 2015 we covered loads of team building and other soft skills. We managed to have a great night out at the Flying Fortress and a visit to Shoreham Lifeboat Station, as well as throwing a great Christmas party for the Scouts at the end of the term. Also we organised had a visit from The Guide Dogs Charity which was an excellent evening. We also had a great turn out for Remembrance Sunday, I was so proud that so many Scouts turned out for the event. They were a real credit to themselves and to the Troop.

The Spring Term of 2016, started out with a very cold camp, as members of the troop attend Fire & Ice with other scouts from the District. It was a great adventure for them and an excellent time to meet up with other scouting friends from across Worthing. We also had a great programme that was very varied, from Emergency Aid, to Pioneering using Strawberry laces! We also looked at our topic for "A Million Hands".

We are looking forward to a great summer term and an exciting joint camp with Starboard troop.

This year we have achieved so much, and the following badges have been awarded: Adventure Challenge – 15, Community Challenge – 3, Creative Challenge – 5, Fitness Challenge – 5, Global Challenge -1, Outdoor Challenge – 2, Outdoor Challenge Plus – 7, Expedition Challenge – 7, Communicator - 31, Entertainer -6, Fire Safety -23, Hobbies -1, International – 6, Martial Arts – 4, Master at Arms – 1, Survival Skills – 5, Air Activities – 11, Swimming 3 – 3, Emergency Aid 2 – 4, Emergency Aid 3 – 1, Navigator 3 – 6, Paddlesports 2 – 12, Paddlesports 3 – 10, Nautical Skills 1 – 9, Nautical Skills 2 - 20 and a host of staged badges – including Time on the Water, Nights Away and Hikes. And Chief Scout's Gold Award 9 times.

All of the achievements by the Scouts would not have been possible without the support and help of the leadership team. So I would like to thank the following members of the team: Mark Scott, Lou Scott, Tim Chipperfield, Mick Orpin, Teresa Price, Helen Laughlin, Noreen Javaid, Ben Dunnachie, Rachel Austin, Charlotte Price, Josh Earl, Tom Branch, Jack Bruford, Andrew Shakespeare, Zac Boucher, Hannah Walker, Ben Rees, Ryan Porter and Oli Lifford.

Thanks to all the parents and everyone else who has helped out over the year.



Alyn Laughlin
Scout Leader
Port Troop



Starboard Troop SCOUTS



April: Started of the month with a trip to see the Gang Show. Worked towards the new Teamwork Challenge badge. Combining modern technology with walking the Troop went Geocaching along Worthing seafront. The Troop attended the District St George's Day event that took place on Goring Gap to also celebrate 105 years of Scouting.

May: This month started with a bush craft evening at Hillside Scout camp. The Troop went and played Laser Tag at Out of Bounds in Rustington. We welcomed Hannah Kemp as the new Scout Leader with an open evening for parents and family to come along too. Worked towards the new Global Challenge badge. 3 Scouts attended the Wales Mountaineering Trip with Explorers and Port Troop thanks to Andy Price for organising this.

June: Starting this month with a creative session, making model hot air balloons and flying them from the School field. 3 Scouts attended the Outdoors Challenge camp with Port Troop - thanks to all their leaders for organising and running the camp. Our Young Leaders successfully organising and running an evening for the Athletics badge. On the 13th June 7 of our Scouts took part and won first place at the District Raft Race. The Troop hiked from Bramber Castle to Streamside where we finished off the evening with a sausage sizzle. 6 Scouts and 1 leader attended the District Survival Skills camp.

July: Sam Rippon joined the Troop as a Section Assistant. The Troop had a tennis session at Field Place with their Tennis Coach Colin Piper. Matthew Bird achieved his Chief Scout Gold Award. We invested 3 members into the Troop. Ending out term with a BBQ and games down Goring Gap.

August: Unfortunately there was no Summer Camp this year. But we had some Kayaking session provided for us by Paul Chaplain & Mark Scott.

September: Started off the term playing Pirates. Worked on our Nautical Skills. Did some castaway cooking. Played Tag Rugby – thank to AEL Ian Tester for running this.

October: Started this month with a Troop forum to get the Troops opinion on what they would like to do for the next year. It was also decided to change the Patrol names to the Harry Potter houses - Ravenclaw, Slytherin, Gryffendor & Hufflepuff. We had a Paramedic Visit to help work on First Aid. 5 Scouts attended a session organised by Worthing Radio Event Group for JOTA. Played wide games at The Warren near Washington.

November: Starting the month looking at Diwali and investing 7 members into the Troop. 12 Scouts went Scuba Diving at Ocean View in Lancing. 12 Scouts attended the Remembrance Day Parade in the town centre. Worked towards the World and Creative challenge badges. Hannah Kemp stepped down as Scout Leader; Samantha Briscoe stepped in as acting Scout Leader.

December: Will Radley joined the Troop as a Section Assistant. The Troop designed posters promoting the Scout Law; these are now on display around the HQ. Had our Christmas party early. Went swimming at Lancing College on the last Friday of term.

January: Started the year doing home-based science experiments. 12 Scouts and 1 leader attended the Ice & Fire camp with the district. Our Young Leaders successfully organising and running an evening for the Communicator badge. The Troop went Ice Skating on the Worthing Ice Rink.

February: Started this month with a hike along Worthing seafront. Invested 7 members into the Troop and learnt the story behind Chinese New Year we also tried Chinese writing. Working on Nautical skills.

March: Finishing of the Communicators badge. Started a stop start animation project being lead by the PL's as part of their Team Leader challenge badge. Ending the term with an egg challenge.

It has been a fun year of event and activities, and the Troop is slowly growing in size. A special thanks to Paul Chaplain, Mark Scott and Lou Scott - for all their extra support with the Troop and Leaders. And a thank you to all the other Leaders who have supported the Troop over the year: Sam Rippon, Will Radley, Richard Worsfold, Oli Kershaw, Lewis Chidwick, Matt Appleton, Hannah Kemp & Denise Richards. As well as our Young Leaders: Nick Short, Luke Turner, Sophie Chaplain, Alex Davies, Reece Faithfull, Andrew Shakespeare & Samuel Price.



Samantha Briscoe
Assistant Scout Leader
Starboard Troop



Osprey Unit EXPLORERS



At the end of March this year, we had 48 invested Explorers (43 boys and 5 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: **O**cean, **S**omerset, **P**ortland, **R**ichmond, **E**xeter and **Y**ork. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 17 so we are 3 times this. We continue to be one of the biggest Explorer Units in the UK.

April: 7 of our Explorers and 1 of our leaders were in the cast of the Worthing Gang Show. We introduced Senior Patrol Leaders. We made adverts and filmed them on our mobile phones! The 3 Bronze DofE teams went on a training weekend. We turned the HQ into Casino Royale

and dressed up to play some casino games to learn the futility of gambling! We joined the rest of the District at Goring Gap to celebrate St George's Day and make a giant 105. We went paintballing at Holmbush Paintball.

May: We won the Explorer trophy at the District archery competition. We had a murder mystery with some familiar faces returning to be in the cast. The Bronze DofE teams completed their practice expedition. We went go karting at Lancing. We went to Snowdonia for a week of hill walking on the Group's annual expedition. Thank you to Andy Price for organising this and Al Chartres, Wayne Dix and Peter Harvey for their help as mountain leaders.

June: We played pitch and putt at Rustington Golf Centre. We took part in the London to Brighton bike ride to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. We had a water fight. Peregrine ESU challenged us to a go kart race. We went to the Flying Fortress in Ford!

July: We went to the annual Gilwell 24 Camp. The Silver DofE team completed their practice expedition. The Bronze DofE teams completed their qualifying expedition. We went kayaking at Southwater and had a barbecue. We attended the District swim at Arundel Lido. 4 of our Explorers went to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan.

August: For Summer Camp we stayed onboard a ship! – the Lord Amory at Dockland Scout Project. 26 Explorers and 11 Leaders attended. We stayed at YHA London St Pauls on the first night then split into 3 teams for a Top Gear Challenge to race to the Lord Amory by bus, tube and DLR. During the week we visited the Royal Museums Greenwich, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum and the London Dungeons. We held our annual banquet with a Titanic theme! We had a Monopoly Challenge with teams racing around London using Travelcards to visit Monopoly board locations. We watched War Horse in the West End. We did "Extreme Aqua Splash" in the competition pool of the London Aquatics Centre and went up the ArcelorMittal Orbit. Other activities included: geocaching, canoeing, kayaking, powerboating, pulling, team building and a regatta. Throughout the week we played Assassin! Thank you to Petula Bladen, Sam Briscoe, Steve Briscoe, Jacky Green, Roger Green, James Hackett, Kevin Lawrence, Harry Rippon, James Swift and Ian Tester for their help in running the Camp.

September: The Silver DofE team completed their qualifying expedition. We had a mobile phone photography competition. We went "Park & Play" kayaking at Nene Whitewater Centre. The 4 Explorers who went to the Jamboree in Japan gave a presentation on their adventure to the rest of the Unit. We chose mental wellbeing as our issue to focus on for A Million Hands. We helped The Scout Association to launch A Million Hands at the Labour Party conference. We went on a beach walk from Shoreham Fort to Splashpoint.

October: We launched Osprey Youth Council to help make the Unit more Youth Shaped. Stuart Burchett visited us to explain about the Scout Network reboot. We entered a team in The Color Run Brighton. We went roller skating at Davison Leisure Centre. We held The Great Osprey Bake Off competition to find the Unit's best baker! We went indoor kayaking at Lancing College swimming pool.

November: We used the Rock Enrol resource to learn about voting. We attended the town's annual remembrance service and parade. We hired the sports hall at Durrington High School to play basketball. We made more adverts and filmed them on our mobile phones! We had a wide game with a Hunger Games theme! We went skiing and snowboarding at The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead, some had lessons. We went to the AirHop trampoline park in Guildford.

December: We started the new Community Impact Staged Activity Badge for A Million Hands. We delivered the cards posted in the Group's Christmas Post.

January: One of our former members was on Pointless! Daniel Gilmore from Sussex Music Workshops ran an African drumming workshop. 10 hardy Explorers attended Wintercamp at Gilwell Park and got very muddy! During the camp they met Alfie Deyes' and got on his Pointless Blog, and also got in a photo for a Vodafone advert! We had a reunion and showed a video of our Summer Camp at Dockland Scout Project. We went on a night hike from Bramber Castle to Downland Business Park. We entered 3 teams in the local Explorer go kart race. We visited Worthing Mosque. We entered 2 teams in the Charlton Chase.

February: We made pancakes. 2 local magistrates from "Magistrates in the Community" visited to run an excellent interactive evening. We turned the Main Deck into a cinema to watch Zoolander!

March: We had a first aid training evening. One of our Explorers was sponsored to attend the weeklong Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).



Osprey Explorer Sea Scout Unit - 6th June 2016

Our attendance is flexible to allow for the school and college coursework and exam commitments which affect our members' age group. 13 new members joined us from Scouts; 7 from Port, 5 from Starboard and 1 from outside. 15 members left; 9 of these were older than 17½ and 7 of these went on to be Leaders. We have a Unit Forum to make sure our programme is balanced and the Explorer Scouts have a big say in what their programme contains. We include the whole Unit in our forum and set aside a meeting twice a year when everyone can have a say about the Unit and its programme. Our Patrols are reorganised every term to give Explorers the opportunity to mix with different people and hopefully make some new friends. The oldest 6 Explorers become PLs and the next oldest APLs. Anyone with below average attendance in the last term isn't eligible to be a PL or APL. Anyone due to move on from

Explorers to Network, regardless of attendance, will become an SPL for their final term with us. Our Explorers selected to go to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree organised fundraising and attended a programme of events with the rest of the County contingent in readiness for the Summer. A summary chart of our accounts appeared earlier in this booklet. Thank you to Jacky for her work as our treasurer. Most of our Explorers have previously been Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 38 of our Explorers are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 19 of our Explorers are registered with the District Young Leader Unit and help regularly at all Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

In September I will be stepping down as ESL. Petula has kindly agreed to take over from me. I am very proud to have been the Leader of Osprey Explorers for the past 10½ years, but I could not have done it without the team of Leaders that supported me. A huge thank you to them for their consistent dedication that kept the Unit running so successfully and made it so much fun. They are: Petula Bladen, Sam Briscoe, Jacky Green, James Hackett, Kevin Lawrence, Harry Rippon, James Swift and Ian Tester.



Paul Chaplain
Explorer Scout Leader
Osprey Unit



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-25. Founded by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in 1956, there are 3 progressive levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. At each level participants undertake activities in 4 Sections: Volunteering – undertaking service to individuals or the community. Physical – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities. Skills – developing practical and social skills and personal interests. Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad. Gold programme participants must also do an additional 5th Residential section which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity. The DofE offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to learn about commitment, responsibility and independence. Gaining any one of the 3 levels of the DofE is a huge achievement.

This year has been very successful for the Unit. We have gained 14 Bronze Awards. Well done to Amie Hall, Chris Sherman, George Usher, Harrison Price, Harvey Cranford, Joe Birch, Josh Appleton, Luke Turner, Oli Lifford, Ryan Porter, Sam Hyde, Samuel Price, Sophie Chaplain and Will Radley.

As usual a large number of our participants carry out their Young Leader Training through Explorers and help with various sections in the Group to complete the Volunteering Section of their Award. Others have taught karate and helped in a rest home.

The participants also show their other abilities in the Physical Recreation and Skills Sections of the award. The Physical Recreation section always includes a wide range of activities. At Bronze level these have been Tai Chi, basketball, tennis, football, rugby, aerobics, cycling, karate, hockey and golf. The Skills section is always interesting as the young people show what a wide variety of skills they have. These include playing the guitar, drums and piano, cookery, car restoration, learning to drive, Gang Show and newsletter publication.

The Expedition Section again took place on the South Downs.

This year I have had a number of one-to-one sessions with the participants on a Monday evening at Explorers and this has certainly proved beneficial, but some participants still do not log on to eDofE on a regular basis, but hopefully we can work on that this year!

This coming year we are running the usual Bronze and Silver Expeditions, but in addition we have enough participants to do a Gold Expedition as well and the training and practices are going well with the Qualifying Expedition planned for the May half-term in the Brecon Beacons.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Leaders – Petula Bladen, Paul Chaplain, Wayne Dix, Rachel Drew, James Hackett, Tim Hill, Kevin Lawrence, Andy Price, Sam Rippon, Mark Scott, Andy Sephton, Ian Tester and Martin Wilton – for all the time and effort they put into planning and supervising the expeditions. Without them these expeditions would not go ahead.

Jacky Green
DofE Co-ordinator



Awards



Youth:

Beavers - Bronze Chief Scout's Award

Port	Billy Beaumont, Oliver Bennett, Jack Bradley, George Brown, Thomas Chambers, Violet Doyle, Alfie Duggan-Rees, Leven Fullman, Cameron Gilham, Ruby Noble, Oliver Peters
Starboard	Alfie Baker, Julia Barros, Charlie Bell, Adam Ben-Hamda, Miles Bradley, Hadley Davies, Freddie Dingwell, Charlie Green, Cassius Humphrey, Fraser Johnson, Jem Lewis, Lewis Oakton, Barney Taylor, Abigail Torricelli, Safari Zyambo

Cubs - Silver Chief Scout's Award

Starboard	
Midship	George Bradley, Jamie Bunce, Isabelle Butler, Pearl Clark, Regan Cunningham, Louie Eden-Rea, Michael Edwards, Charlie Giles, William Griffiths, Benjamin Haste, Angus Jones

Scouts - Gold Chief Scout's Award

Port	Aidan Baker, Joe Bruford, Ciara Ingold, Joshua Jones, James Keys, Becky Laughlin, Hannah Mitchell, Rachel Usher, James Walker
Starboard	Matthew Bird, Dane Earl, Harry Leamon

DofE - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Josh Appleton, Joe Birch, Sophie Chaplain, Harvey Cranford, Amie Hall, Sam Hyde, Oli Lifford, Ryan Porter, Harrison Price, Samuel Price, Will Radley, Chris Sherman, Luke Turner, George Usher	
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Adults:

Leaders - Chief Scout's Service Award

5 Years	Rachel Drew, Keith Preston
10 Years	Mel Doyle, Mike Lytton, Iain Stewart



Group Census



HQ Registration Number - 3738

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Beavers	m	-	24	19	2		m	45
	f	-	3	6	-		f	9

		7	8	9	10			Total
Cubs	m	-	13	19	12		m	44
	f	-	8	-	2		f	10

		10	11	12	13	14		Total
Scouts	m	9	19	6	12	-	m	46
	f	4	3	3	4	1	f	15

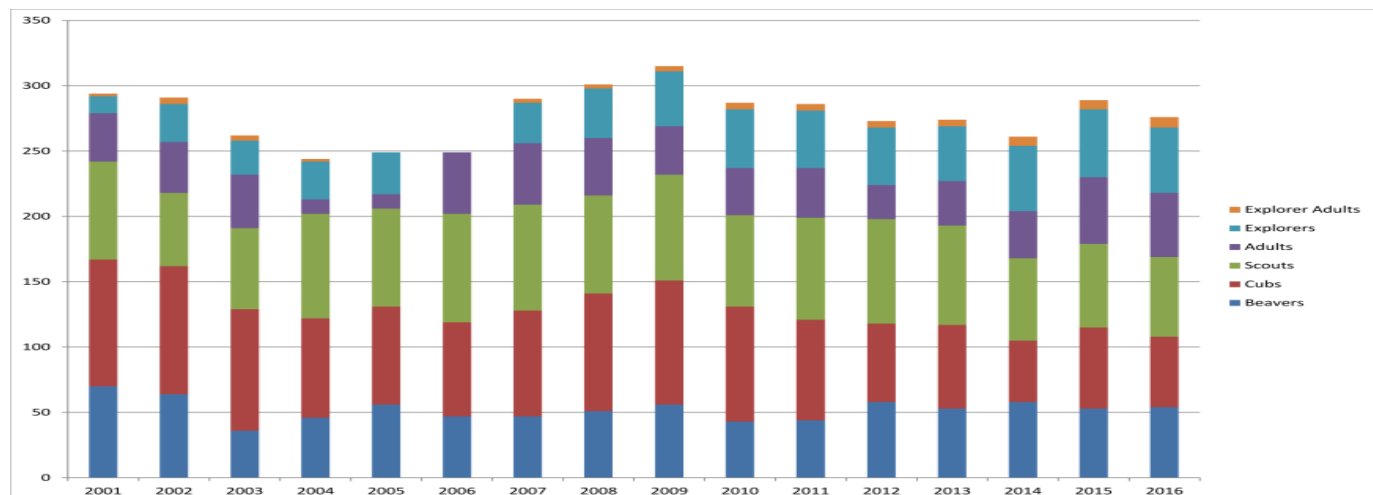
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Leaders	m	4	9	8	11		m	32
	f	5	4	5	3		F	17

Total Group Membership								218
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Explorers	m	-	8	11	17	9	-	m	45
	f	-	1	2	2	-	-	f	5

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Explorer Leaders	m	6
	f	2

Total Explorer Unit Membership								58
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