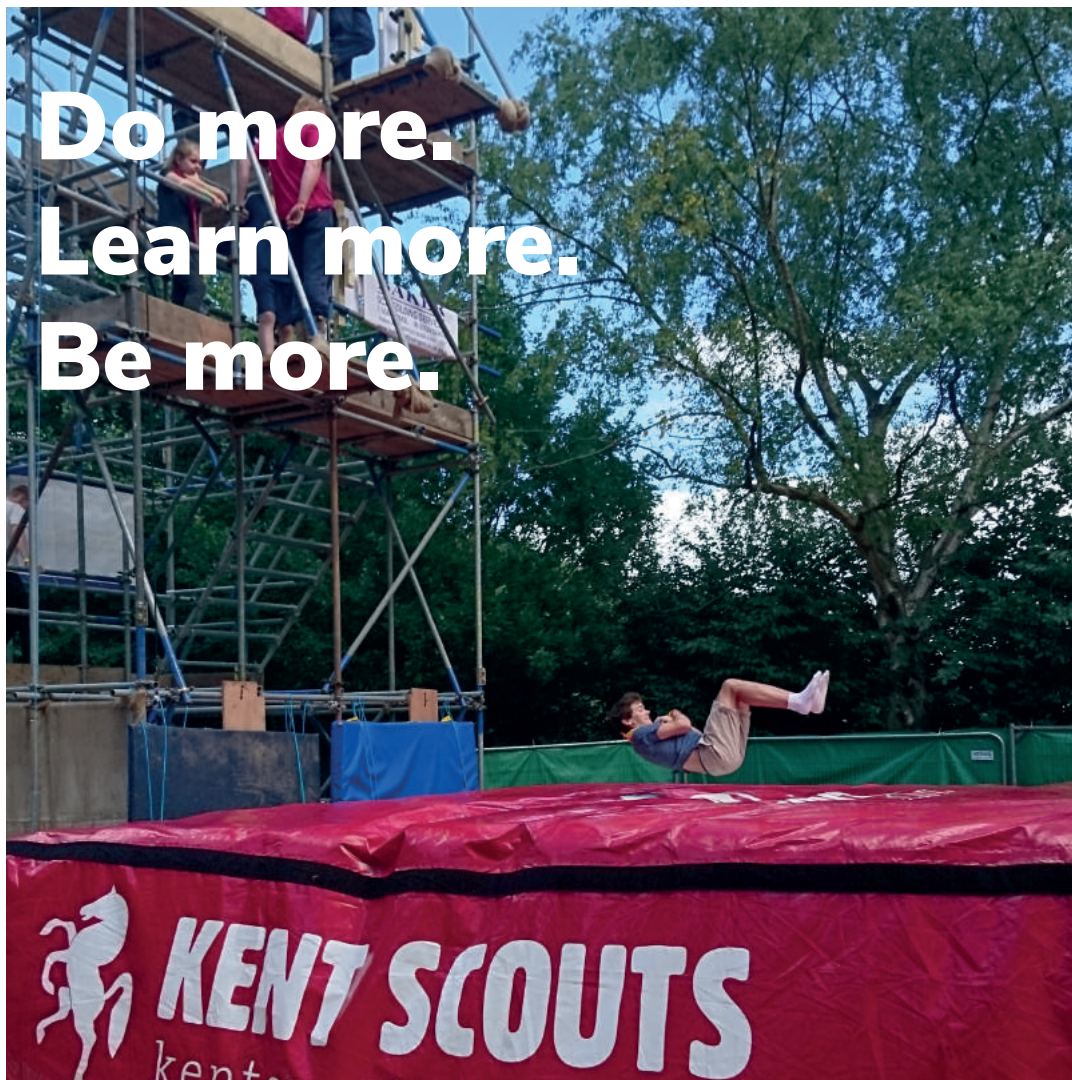


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**Annual Report &  
Statement of Accounts  
2017**

22nd May 2018

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11th Folkestone

# Annual General Meeting Agenda

## Key business

1. Welcome & Introductions from the Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Council
4. Receive & approve the annual report for the 2017 financial year  
Members of the Group Executive Committee are available to answer questions on the report.
5. Receive & approve the Financial Statement for the 2017 financial year  
Members of the Group Executive Committee are available to answer questions on the financial statement

## Appointments and elections

6. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination Chair of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Officers
  - i. Group Treasurer
  - ii. Group Secretary
8. Election of members from the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2018
10. Presentation of Awards
11. Close of business



## Annual General Meeting Minutes 2017

Reporting on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 Financial Year

Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 11<sup>th</sup> Folkestone Scout Group HQ, Shepway Close

1.	<b>Welcome and introductions from the chair</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including members, leaders and other Group volunteers, trustees and the District Commissioner – Tony Hogben. The AGM 2017 was quorate.	
2.	Apologies for absence	<b>Maite Last</b> – Treasurer, <b>Abbey Sutton</b> – Trustee Full list of attendees available from the Group Office.
3.	Acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting.	Proposed: <b>Mick Lewis</b> Seconded: <b>Ian Marshall</b>
4.	Receive & adopt the annual report	Proposed: <b>Shane Bishop</b> Seconded: <b>Karen Ingelbrecht</b>
5.	Receive & adopt the financial report	Proposed: <b>Shane Bishop</b> Seconded: <b>Karen Ingelbrecht</b>
Group Chair and all trustees retired from post at this point. GSL assumed the chair.		
6.	Approval of the GSLs nomination for Group Chair: <b>Steve Fairfax</b>	Nominated: <b>Craig Ward (Group Scout Leader)</b> Approved: <b>Majority of meeting voted in favour. No objections raised.</b>
Group Chair reappointed and resumed chair of AGM.		
7i.	Election of Group Officers: <b>Maite Last (Treasurer)</b>	Proposed: <b>Steve Fairfax</b> Seconded: <b>Emily Humphries</b>
7ii.	Election of Group Officers: <b>(Secretary)</b>	No secretary was appointed.
8i.	Election of Group Trustees: <b>Amanda Sutton, Sarah Marshall, Karen Ingelbrecht, Abbey Sutton, Peter Ingelbrecht</b>	Proposed: <b>Rob Penter</b> Seconded: <b>Emily Humphries</b>
8ii.	Election of Group Trustees (ex-officio): Section Leaders who have opted in: <b>Shelley Deakin, Catherine Ward, Shane Bishop</b>	
9.	Appointment of Independent Examiner (scrutineer): <b>Amanda Campbell Bookkeeping Services, Folkestone</b>	Proposed: <b>Ian Marshall</b> Seconded: <b>Peter Ingelbrecht</b>
10.	Presentation of Awards. Group Scout Leader took over the meeting at this point.	
10i.	District Commissioner words: <b>The District Commissioner, Tony Hogben, addressed the meeting, noting that this was the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting he had attended in the past few weeks. Tony added that the organisation of the meeting was excellent and would be using the idea of the voting slip! Tony gave his congratulations to the Group on the achievements of everyone and asked the meeting to recognise the leaders for their hard work.</b>	
11.	Close of business. <b>Group Chair congratulated all on their achievements and thanked all for attendance. Meeting closed.</b>	

# Group Executive Committee 2017

16th May 2017 – 22nd May 2018

## Ex-Officio Members:

Chairman	- Steven Fairfax	Centre Manager	- Edward Hogben
Vice-Chair	- Amanda Sutton	Active Support Manager	- Michael Last
Treasurer	- Maite Last	Explorer Scout Leader	- Shane Bishop (to 28th Feb 2018)
Group Scout Leader	- Craig Ward	Scout Leader	- Catherine Ward
Assistant Group Scout Leader	- David Deakin (to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017)	Cub Scout Leader	- Shelley Deakin (to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017)
Assistant Group Scout Leader	- Alistair Sutton (from 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017)	Cub Scout Leader	- Ian Marshall (from 1st Jan 2018)

## Elected Members:

Group Council	- Amanda Sutton	Group Council	- Abbey Sutton
Group Council	- Sarah Marshall	Group Council	- Peter Ingelbrecht
Group Council	- Karen Ingelbrecht		

Bankers: - Barclays Bank

Registered Address:  
The Scouting Centre, Shepway Close, Folkestone  
CT19 5SJ

## Group Leadership Team as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, listed alphabetically by section

### BEAVERS

Beaver Scout Leader	- Sarah Bishop
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader	- Sam Collins
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader	- Karen Goldsack
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader	- Holly Taylor
Scout Active Support	- Clare Taylor
Beaver Scout Leader	- Jacqui Ward

### cubs

Cub Scout Leader	- Ian Marshall
Scout Active Support	- Jack Marshall
Assistant Cub Scout Leader	- Andy Sutton

### SCOUTS

Assistant Scout Leader	- Beckie Ingelbrecht
Scout Active Support	- Jenny Ingelbrecht
Assistant Scout Leader	- Gregor Lewis
Assistant Scout Leader	- David Sutton
Scout Leader	- Catherine Ward
Section Assistant	- Peter Woodsford

### EXPLORERS

Explorer Scout Leader	- Owen Hardy
Explorer Scout Leader	- Ben Marshall

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Active Support

Active Support Coordinator	- Peter Ingelbrecht
Active Support Member	- Jane Lambert
Active Support Member	- Chloe Last
Active Support Member	- Mike Last

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Assistant Group Scout Leader	Ted Hogben
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Alistair Sutton
Active Support Manager	Vacant
Group Scout Leader	Craig Ward

# Structure, governance and management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and members' representation and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

## Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

**Damage to the building, property and equipment.** The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

**Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The Group, through the membership fees payable annually, contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken and approved by the Group Scout Leader on behalf of the District Commissioner before all activities.

**Reduction or loss of leaders.** The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

## Risk and Internal Control of Finances

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include clear budget setting, two signatories for all payments, a robust finance policy with spending authorisation schedule and well considered and scoped comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Reduced income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from membership subscriptions. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. The Committee's primary plan for meet any short fall is through the hiring of the Shepway Close Centre as one of our biggest assets.

## Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

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**Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.**

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The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

**Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

**Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.

**Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

**Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

**Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors

- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

## Financial Review

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £3500.

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**At the end of the 2017 financial year, the Group held £14,714 with unallocated reserves of £8878 held in the Group's current account against this at year end.**

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This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by:

- the Committee's continued preparations for the redevelopment of the Shepway Close Project, requiring funds to be built up in case of overspend. These funds have been committed in our 2018 budget planning.
- the expected additional funding that will be required to maintain the Group's minibus with the new MOT requirements.
- support for the 2018 budget to provide an additional reserve should the water costs (through the ongoing plumbing issues) continue to rise between Jan and Aug 2018.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is relatively small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally

this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements. The annual budget setting process takes this into consideration.

### Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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## Speak to any of the team #SkillsForLife



# Chair's Report

Another year has been and gone. But what a year it has been. You may not have noticed much of what the Executive Committee have been up to, but we haven't been sitting back relaxing! The committee and I have been busy beavers behind the scenes getting all our ducks in a row for the redevelopment work on the HQ, to give our members a 21<sup>st</sup> Century space for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scouting. This has been meetings with architects, builders, planners, putting together proposals to secure the project funding and making sure we are financially well placed to complete the works.

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**I'm pleased to say, as I write this, barring any obscure unforeseen obstacles, we'll be beginning the work on the 1st August this year and have our shiny new facilities handed back to us on 31st August.**

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That's only one part of the full project, which will see our tired hall revitalised and the full outdoor space we have maximised over the coming years. This is, however, all dependant on continued hard work to secure funding and effective budgeting on the trustees part, which I would like to pass on my thanks to the members for their continued dedication and diligence in this important duty.

Another part of our work over the past 12–18 months has been the preparations for the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations, coming into force in a few days' time. I'm sure you've heard a lot of hype about this and received endless emails asking if you'd like to keep hearing from various people. I'm pleased to report that we're all set and fully compliant, made especially easy with Online Scout Manager and My.SCOUT (who have confirmed to us that they are compliant as a data processor of 'our' data). You will get an email from us soon, or may have already had it depending on when you read this, but it's nothing to worry about. The main thing we ask of you as

parents is that you keep your young person's membership details up to date and check them regularly. Use any link in any of the emails from My.SCOUT.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the fantastic achievements from the past year. Jane, one of our dedicated Active Support Members, ran a community project with a simple brief – make the alley look a little less drab and encourage people to take pride in where they live. The project took the form of creating a woollen flower garden and engaged with local people and the young people from the group to make all the many, many crocheted flowers. I'm sure you'll agree with me, they looked amazing and certainly made the centre look a little more inviting. I'm pleased to say, that not only did the flower garden look great, it won an award! Jane and the Flower Garden project were nominated in the 2017 Kent Scouts Awards for Community Project of the Year, and won. Well done to Jane and all those who volunteered their time and skills. Thank you.



Jane receiving the award for Community Project of the Year from Dean, our County Commissioner

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I'll leave Craig to tell you about our other success at the 2017 Kent Scouts Award.

Finally, a thank you to all the volunteers that keep our group running. Without them, we wouldn't be here and our young people wouldn't get the chance to experience some of the great activities that are provided or may miss out on some of the 'skills for life' that Scouting really helps to develop.

**Steve Fairfax** Group Chair



# Receipts and Payments Accounts for 11th Folkestone (St. John's) Scout Group

Registered Charity No. 285558

For Period: 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Last year 2016 to nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>	4000 General Sales	162	-	67
	4010 Membership Subscriptions	9,583	-	8,574
	4011 Residential Experiences Income	4,090	-	2,228
	4012 Minibus Income	455	-	861
	4013 Shepway Close Centre Income	5,157	-	3,060
	4015 Fundraising Income	1,199	-	-
	4017 Activities/Events Income	563	-	393
	4018 Joining Fee	40	-	20
	4019 Donations	20	-	-
	4020 Capital Grant Income (Restricted)	-	1,785	-
	4021 PayPal Giving Income (Shop4Scouts)	-	-	2
	4022 Solar Panel Feed In Tariff (Shop4Scouts)	1,395	-	1,343
	4900 Bank Interest Received	2	-	1
	4906 Gift Aid Claim	308	-	-
	Miscellaneous Income	57	-	-
	<i>Total receipts:</i>	<b>23,031</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>16,549</b>
<b>Payments</b>	5000 General Purchases	(731)	-	(579)
	5001 Annual Membership Fee (AMS)	(3,200)	-	(3,160)
	5010 Group Development	(169)	-	-
	5011 Capital Equipment	(608)	-	(204)
	5012 Programme Expenses	(1,609)	-	(1,071)
	5013 Capital Projects	(100)	-	(1,447)
	5014 Activity/Event Expenditure	(1,091)	-	(761)
	5015 Residential Experiences Expenditure	(4,839)	-	(2,223)
	5202 Badges & Sundries	(545)	-	(608)
	7102 Water Rates	(1,607)	-	(899)
	7104 Premises Insurance	(902)	-	(800)
	7300 Fuel and Oil (MOTOR)	(270)	-	(248)
	7301 Repairs and Servicing (MOTOR)	(157)	-	(641)
	7302 Licences	(347)	-	(346)
	7303 Vehicle Insurance	(1,009)	-	(960)
	7506 Hosting Fees and IT	(250)	-	(172)
	7601 Audit & Accountancy Fees	(55)	-	(55)
	7603 Professional Fees	(330)	-	-
	7701 Office Machine Maintenance	(445)	-	-
	7800 Repairs and Renewals	(32)	-	(381)
	7803 Premises Expenses	(578)	-	(82)
	7907 GoCardless Processing Fee	(289)	-	(299)
	8200 Donations	-	-	(45)
	8203 Training Costs	(40)	-	-
	8205 Refreshments/Volunteer Welfare	(90)	-	(41)
	8207 AGM & Trustee Expenses	(250)	-	(177)
	<i>Total payments:</i>	<b>(19,542)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,197)</b>

# Receipts and Payments Accounts for 11th Folkestone (St. John's) Scout Group

For Period: 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

## Group Year End Balance Sheet

Current Assets		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
1200	Current Account	8,878.65		8,878.65
1203	Barclays Penticoast Fund	1000.18		1,000.18
1204	Barclays Restricted/Designated	3000.53	1,785	4,785.70
1230	Petty Cash			50.00
<b>Total Current Assets:</b>				<b><u>14,714.53</u></b>

Current Liabilities			
1100	Accounts invoiced, but not paid		(180.20)
2100	Outstanding payments		
<b>Total Current Liabilities:</b>			<b><u>(180.20)</u></b>

Capital and Reserves			
	Net receipts/(payments)		5,274
3101	Cash Reserves & Rollover		9,260
<b>Total Capital and Reserves:</b>			<b><u>14,534.33</u></b>

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of year (recording purposes only)

		2016	2017
Non monetary assets	Land & buildings (estimated insurance value)	513,597	529,519
for charity's own use	Motor vehicles	-	-
	Scouting equipment, furniture, etc... (estimated insurance value)	30,000	30,000
	Badge Stock		163
			<b><u>559,681</u></b>

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by trustees at the Group Executive meeting held on 16th April 2018. Presented to the Group Council at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd May 2018.

Signature  
Signed on the official copy  
Group Treasurer  
Signed on the official copy  
Group Chair

Print Name  
Maite Last  
Steve Fairfax

Date  
16th April 2018  
16th April 2018

# Amanda Campbell Bookkeeping Services



Bookkeeping and Payroll Services

11<sup>th</sup> Folkestone Scouts  
The Scouting Centre  
Shepway Close  
Folkestone  
Kent  
CT19 5SJ

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 11<sup>th</sup> Folkestone (St Johns) Scout Group.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2017. The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees have requested an independent examination of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met.

Amanda Campbell MICB PM Dip

9 Charles Crescent, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4NF

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

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# Group Scout Leader's Report

2017 saw the biggest change to the Scout Group for at least 10 years. After a combined 35 years of volunteering with our Group and Cub section in particular, Shelley and David Deakin moved to pastures new at the end of November and said their farewells. Hopefully, their send-off party with the Cubs showed them how much we appreciated everything they did for us and was a fit and proper thank you. Just for one last time, I'd like to record my thanks for all their support and hard work over the years.



Akela & Mang's Jungle Book themed cake, made by our very own Kate.

We also said farewell to Shane Bishop after many years with the Explorer & Scout Sections. I'd like to record my thanks for his tireless work with our oldest sections and I'm sure we'll see him around.

With these departures, we've had the chance to try a few new things and for our volunteers to give other sections a go. We've also seen quite a few new

leaders join us and looking back on the past six or seven months, I think the Group has gone from strength to strength. We welcome Jack Marshall, Beckie Ingelbrecht, Gregor Lewis and Holly Taylor to the team as leaders, making the move from being excellent young leaders with us. I would also like to welcome Jenny Ingelbrecht back to Scouting as well as Clare Taylor in their roles with Active Support and Owen Hardy to the Explorer Section. Also, after the completion of the 4 week challenge straight after the AGM last year, welcome to Karen Goldsack as a leader with the Beaver team. Last, but by no means least, I'd like to introduce Alistair Sutton as Assistant Group Scout Leader – supporting me in the running of the Group and developing Scouting in East Folkestone. A massive thank you to all our volunteers and continued good luck in your roles, old and new. You can see the full, and amazing, team a little earlier in this annual report booklet.

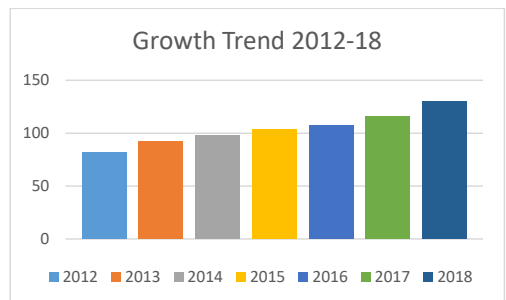
Talking of going from strength to strength, we are required by The Scout Association to undertake an annual census. In January 2017, we recorded a Group membership (including adults and Explorers) of 116.

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**This year, on 31st January 2018, we recorded a membership of 130 young people and adults. This is a fantastic achievement and shows we must be doing something right! This is officially the biggest our group has ever been.**

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Our membership trend over the past 7 years is very encouraging:



## Take the four week challenge.

I have set a challenge for our section leaders that next year, on 31st January 2019 – our birthday year – we will have a membership in excess of 150! We would already have over 150 members if we could take the 27 on the joining list waiting for a space (or waiting to be old enough...the youngest person on the list is just 4 and has been on the list since the day after they were born!). All we really need are a few extra volunteers to come along and support our leaders and we could start them all straight away. Why not give the 4 week challenge a go? There's more info about the challenge in this booklet or on the notice board in the entrance lobby (or just ask me). It would be great to hit our target... especially in our birthday year.

We're nearly 100. In November 1919, our Scout Group was officially recognised. The team are busy working on ideas and plans to celebrate this amazing milestone in style and we're far too excited to just do something in November next year, so we're planning a year's worth of celebration and adventure starting this coming Birthday Party. Keep an eye out for more as we get a bit closer. Also, if you think you would be interested in helping out in any small way for our big birthday, please come and speak to any of the team.

I would also like to mention that Andrew, one of our Explorer Scouts has been selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree, held every four years, which in 2019 is heading to North America. Well done to Andrew on being selected and I'm sure he'll have plenty of stories to tell us all when he gets back.

Along with Andrew's selection, our Group had even more success last year at the 2017 Kent Scouts Awards. We had members nominated in the Community Project of the Year category and the Young Person of the Year category. Despite heavy competition in both categories, I'm please to say Jane

won the Community Project of the Year award and Riley (one of our Scouts) won the Young Person of the Year award. Well done to both on a fantastic achievement.



Riley receiving the Young Person of the Year award from the County Youth Commissioner team at the 2017 Kent Scouts Award night.

Finally, I do want to thank each and every one of the fantastic team we have here at 11<sup>th</sup> Folkestone Scouts who give up their time so freely to support Scouting. It is fun most of the time (promise!) and seeing the young people and Group as a whole achieve so much is so rewarding. Thank you.

Finally, finally, thank you to all our members and parents who keep coming back. You are why we do this and when you learn something new, make new friends or simply enjoy yourselves, it make us smile too (and usually we've learnt something new on the way!).

**Craig Ward** Group Scout Leader

# BEAVERS

## Another year of fun and friends

The Beavers have had a very busy year and it has been good to see some moving up to join Cubs, full of confidence and ready to continue their Scouting journey. We have also enjoyed welcoming new members coming in to start their Scouting Adventure.

We currently have 26 Beavers with a waiting list of ten YP too young to join us as yet.

Our adult team of six people help run the Beaver section and it has been good to see Holly complete her Young Leader's training and now become an adult leader. We will miss her when she goes off to University after the summer. We are also grateful for the adult support from other sections when we have busy evenings or trips out.

## Activities and Badge work

We have been involved with several activities at District Level including the annual picnic in Lyminge where the theme was 'Cowboys and Indians'; a visit to Chatham Dockyard with the theme of 'Pirates' and a Christmas themed sleepover hosted by 11<sup>th</sup> Folkestone where forty Beavers got to fulfil the Beaver motto of 'fun and friendship'. We also attended the Remembrance Day parade on the Leas and despite the small explosion remained in place (and safe), if a bit chilly.



Beaver Pirates arriving at Ahoy!

We have also been out and about around Folkestone with a visit to the Harbour Arm which was linked to our Water Safety badge work; Sandcastle building at the Sunny Sands Beach where the rain held off until the last ten minutes when we had to take shelter in the arches - this at least allowed us to do our adult investitures in the dry! and we had a fun evening tobogganing in the dark at the Sports Centre.

The Beavers visited St John's Church which was linked to work on the Faith badge and the Community Impact activity badge. The Young People kindly donated food and gifts such as socks and gloves which would be given to the homeless people using the Winter Night Shelters. Our Beavers asked some very pertinent questions about the causes of homelessness, how the food bank works and how the homeless can get different types of support in this area. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the session.

Our most recently awarded badges have been for Space, Experiments and the Teamwork Challenge award.



Teamwork, experiments and a bit of mess.

We have also been involved in a brand new badge for 2018, which is the Book Badge, aimed at encouraging reading for enjoyment. We are grateful to the Beaver parents who have supported their children in the 'homework' elements of the badge work as there isn't always enough time during the sessions to complete every component required to achieve a badge.

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**Our Pancake Day session gave us an opportunity to be involved with the fund raising efforts for the World Scout Jamboree 2019 which Andrew Sutton is attending. The Beavers' sponsored pancake flip raised a fantastic £240. Thank you to the parents for your involvement in this.**

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Just before she moved on to Cubs, Freya achieved her Chief Scout's Bronze Award, which is the highest award in the Beaver Scout section. To earn this award a Beaver must complete six Challenge awards including a Personal Challenge which requires effort and commitment; they also have to achieve a minimum of four activity badges or staged activity badges. In all, this is a requirement of at least 80 different elements to cover and achieve. As this is such an important award she will receive it from the District Commissioner and she will be able to wear it on her new Cub uniform until she earns the Chief Scout's Silver Award. Congratulations Freya.

Some other fun things the Beavers have enjoyed have been cooking, cake and biscuit decorating, using the BBQ, food tasting, including 'space food' and cake eating.....can you see a theme here? The Beavers enjoy anything to do with eating!

However, they also know about keeping fit and being healthy and have even covered what to do in an emergency and how to give emergency aid and reassurance to someone who is unconscious or bleeding. In addition, they are gradually building up their British Sign Language (BSL) vocabulary through signing to different songs and covering elements of the Communication badge.

Our turquoise ninjas are certainly good to have around when the going gets tough!

# cubs

**New beginnings...**

The Cubs have had a very busy year as usual, but with big changes. As has already been written about, Akela (Shelley) and Mang (David) left the Cub section after over 35 years of combined service and

adventure. A massive thank you to them from the Cubs and the other Cub leaders and good luck in their new adventure in Wales. We'll talk a little more about the fantastic send-off they had a little later on.

Before that, let's go right back to the end of last year's AGM.

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**We had 28 Cubs and plenty of fun to look forward to. In the year from May 17 to May 18, we increased our number of Cubs to an amazing 42, with more girls than ever joining our pack. We've earned 268 badges, including the Navigator, Photographer, Astronomer and Animal Carer to name but a few.**

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The Cubs have taken part in many activities over the past year, including hikes around different parts of Folkestone – taking in the beautiful coastline to the heights of the Downs.



Night hike on the slippery slopes of Sugar Loaf 'mountain'.

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While on some of these little walks, the Cubs have brushed up on their Green Cross Code (completing many parts of the Road Safety Badge) and Country Code as they've walked and chatted along.

We've also been very lucky to be able to take advantage of various Folkestone beaches on a couple of occasions for very different reasons – the Sunny Sands for Sand Sculptures and the Warren for rock pooling.

As well as all of this great outdoors stuff, we've had an adventure or two in the HQ, with an evening of archery, thanks to one of our Scout team, David, who came down and showed off his Robin Hood skills for us all to try. There has also been the Big Badge Extravaganza. This was the opportunity for Cubs to choose from four or five badges on offer and over the course of the autumn term work towards three of them. This saw a huge number of badges awarded, but also helped every Cub move a little closer to achieving their Chief Scout Silver Award – the top award in our section.

During the term before Christmas (October to December) we had a bit of challenge keeping the programme on track – we had planned a special last evening for Akela and Mang, but as their moving date kept changing, we had to keep moving the programme about. Thank you to all the Cubs and especially their parents for their patience as we tried to keep the surprise for Akela and Mang.

Finally, we managed to hold our party to say thank you and farewell. It was a jungle themed extravaganza, with a full height waterfall, indoor forest of trees and bamboo, jungle book themed food and activities, mini film clips of some of the things Akela and Mang had taken the Cubs to, or done with members past and present and then the pièce de résistance, the jungle book, three tiered cake with all the characters hiding around the scene. Akela and Mang were very pleased with their send off and I would like to thank all of the adults that made the evening such a success.



Thank you for all your hard work over the years Akela & Mang

The rest of the term consisted of many outdoor activities, even on the dark and wet nights, ending with an investiture on a moving toboggan! The first for Bagheera.



Tobogganing on a cold wintery night.

I would like to thank each and every parent that has helped us out on the parent rota. With your support we have been able to take the Cubs out of the building and ensure that everything is as safe as possible. Your support really is invaluable, so again, thank you very much for volunteering your time. We operate with a minimum ratio of 1:8+1 for outdoor events, so if you see the 'parent help needed' badge on an event in My.SCOUT and can spare an hour or so, please do click the button to join with us for the evening. No experience necessary!

All in all, a very active programme up to the end of December 2017. I won't say much about the rest of the year from January 2018 to now, as I'm sure most of the highlights will be included in next year's report, except to say a bit about the new team.

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**Ian Marshall, who the Cubs knew as one of the Scout leadership team agreed to give running the Cub section a go and take on the role of Akela – leader of the Pack - from 1st January 2018.**

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I think all of the Cubs would agree that he's done a great job so far, ably assisted by Bagheera (Andy) and Jack. Well done and thank you Akela and team and I look forward to hearing all about the continued adventures of our Cub Pack.



# SCOUTS

Another year full of Adventure....

Climbing, sailing, rifle shooting, archery, wood turning, circus skills and 4x4 driving were just a few of the things our young people had the opportunity to experience when we attended KIJ 17 at the Kent County showground. 21 young people and 10 adults from our group spent 8 days in the company of over 6000 other scouts from across the world.



11th Folkestone @ KIJ17 closing ceremony

We were allocated to the Arabia contingent and spent the months leading up to camp creating themed props to decorate our site. The Scouts demonstrated their skills by building a camp gateway that stood over 10 feet tall. It was an incredible experience and I know everyone who attended came home with stories to tell – ask them about it.

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**The Scout section has grown from strength to strength and we have seen a huge increase in numbers. We are pleased to have welcomed many of our cubs up to join us as well as young people completely new to scouting.**

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The past year has seen us revisit some previous skills such as semaphore signalling, para cord knotting map reading and cooking fish using handmade broilers from willow branches, so older Scouts could share their knowledge with others and demonstrate leadership, which is a requirement of their Chief

Scout Gold Award. We have also been able to put learnt skills into practice in real life, communicating with semaphore over the North Downs and using para cord fire strikers to start a fire at camp.

We have also tried new skills such as, making treats for bonfire night, learning magic tricks as well as creating our very own rope by hand.

On a few evenings we have had the opportunity to use pyrography wood burning tools for a variety of different projects; our most recent was to create designs on wooden doves as our section's contribution to the group's 'Signs of Peace' project which is being led by Active Support member Jane.

We have enjoyed going out and about in the local area including games on the beach, hikes down the Warren, camping in Canterbury and most recently a ramble through Reinden wood with the company of Hawkinge Scout Troop.



Beach games at Sunny Sands.

We are looking forward to the coming months as planned activities include having a go at African drumming, spending more nights away under canvas, joining other local Scouts for district events and planning a return trip to Gilwell Park in Essex for Scarefest 2018.

# EXPLORERS

The Explorers have once again enjoyed a range of experiences this year.

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**They have accumulated miles of hiking, set the world alight (not literally!) with their fire making ability and even got the chance to skin and cook a rabbit.**

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The Explorers attended the Kent International Jamboree in August with the Scout Section and had the opportunity to try many new activities.



KIJ 'Bag Jump' (don't worry, there is a big air bag right under him!)

The calling of the outdoors didn't come through their mobile phones as the Explorers have visited more new locations this year, experiencing more adventures than ever. With the arrival of new members, an expedition planned, and more events

coming later this year, it looks like the coming year will be even better than the last.

The leadership team aims to deliver an exciting and engaging programme, which builds upon the skills the young people have learned already and support them towards achieving their Chief Scout Platinum award and beyond. We also hope the Explorers will take up the opportunity to work on achieving their DofE award with the support of the District team.

Our commitment to the young leader's program has seen many of this section's young people move on to commence their leader training in other sections of the group and we are all very thankful for those young leaders who have generously volunteered their time.

We would like to thank Shane Bishop for his service to the LOST Explorer Unit throughout this past year and for everything he achieved with and for us.

We'd also like to welcome Owen to the team as one of our leaders and look forward to all of his ideas and energy to help us have an even more exciting and action packed adventure.



Smiling Explorers – usually never seen! KIJ17

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