

ABOUT OUR ADVENTURE

11th Folkestone Scout Group
Annual Report and Accounts 2015

28th June 2016



11th Folkestone Scout Group

Scouts & Explorers @
Scarefest 2015, Gilwell Park.

Annual General Meeting

Key business

1. Welcome & introduction from the Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting
4. Receive & adopt the Annual Report for the 2015 financial year
5. Receive & adopt the Financial Statement for the 2015 financial year

Elections and appointments

6. Approval of the Group Scout Leaders nomination for Chair
7. Election of Group Treasurer
8. Election of Group Trustees
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2016
10. Presentation of awards
11. Close of business

Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting

1. Steve, Group Chair for 2014, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies – none recorded.
3. Minutes for the 2014 meeting were accepted.
Proposed: David Houghton Seconded: John Hogben
4. Accounts and Annual Report for 2014 were approved.
Proposed: Mick Lewis Seconded: John Hogben
5. GSLs nomination for Chair was Steve Fairfax.
6. Vice Chair – Amanda Sutton
 - a. Proposed: Steve Fairfax Seconded: Craig Ward
7. Treasurer – Maite Pruvost
Proposed: Amanda Sutton Seconded: Ian Marshall
8. Board of Trustees: stood for election
Karen Ingelbrecht
Peter Ingelbrecht
Sarah Marshall
Kaylee Ludlum
Seconded: David Sutton
9. Amanda Campbell Bookkeeping Services was agreed for another year.
10. The Chair thanked everyone for their continued support and handed over the meeting to the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders for the presentation of awards.

REFERENCES, ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS & GROUP STRUCTURE

The more hands, the better.

See who helps make 11th Folkestone Scout Group a success

11th Folkestone (St. John's) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number 285558 (England & Wales)

Group President - Deborah Fletcher

Group Board of Trustees (2015)

Ex-Officio Members:

Chairman - Steven Fairfax
Vice-Chair - Amanda Sutton
Treasurer - Maite Last
Secretary -
Group Scout Leader - Craig Ward
Assistant Group Scout Leader - David Deakin
Centre Manager - Edward Hogben
Group Active Support Manager - Michael Last
Beaver Scout Leader - Sarah Bishop
Cub Scout Leader - Shelley Deakin
Scout Leader - Catherine Ward

Nominated Members:

Explorer Scout Leader - Shane Bishop

Elected Members:

Parent - Kaylee Ludlam
Parent - Sarah Marshall
Parent - Karen Ingelbrecht
Parent - Peter Ingelbrecht

Bankers:

- Barclays Bank
Contact Address: - The Scouting Centre, Shepway
Close, Folkestone CT19 5SJ

Group Leadership Team

Beavers:

Beaver Scout Leader - Sarah Bishop
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader - Sam Collins
Beaver Scout Leader - Jacqui Ward

Cubs:

Cub Scout Leader - Shelley Deakin
Assistant Cub Scout Leader - Vacant

Scouts:

Assistant Scout Leader - Ian Marshall
Assistant Scout Leader - David Sutton
Scout Leader - Catherine Ward
Section Assistant - Peter Woodsford

Lost Explorers:

Explorer Scout Leader - Shane Bishop
Explorer Scout Leader - Ben Marshall

Group Active Support:

Group Active Support Member - Steve Fairfax
Group Active Support Coordinator - Peter Ingelbrecht
Group Active Support Member - Jane Lambert
Group Active Support Manager - Mike Last
Group Active Support Member - David Sutton
Group Active Support Member - Catherine Ward

GOVERNANCE, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

The 11th Folkestone Scout Group is steered by its volunteers. This is split between the uniformed leaders who run the programme and the Group Board of Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of the Group, its assets, finances and resources.

Administrative Information

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.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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 Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets each seasonal academic term (3 times per year) as per our Governance and Constitution document.

This Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments 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 Boards that may be required;
- ✿ Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Board of Trustees 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 capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently, as planned for 2016-17 onwards.

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.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include a minimum of 2 signatories on all accounts as well as close monitoring by the Group Treasurer and in turn the Board of Trustees of all income and expenditure.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Volunteers within the group give up their own time, freely, to undertake the required training of the Scout Association to ensure Scouting activities are run in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Association and remain safe and fun.

Financial Review

Reserve & Investment Policy

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 Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs of approximately £2000. Trustees will review the Reserve Policy in the 2016 financial year to better support the Group.

The Group held reserves of approximately £6605 (uncommitted/undesigned whole group funds) against this at year end (2015). This amount covers our creditors for 12 months from

the year end. All funds are held in cash using Barclay's Bank as our primary bank and Charities Aid Foundation Bank for day-to-day financial management and savings.

The Group has continued to invest heavily in the fabric of the HQ rather than build up a considerable cash fund. Health and Safety and fire safety issues have continued to be a top priority and all reasonable precautions continue to be taken with this regard. This area will continue to be monitored and investment will be made as and when necessary.

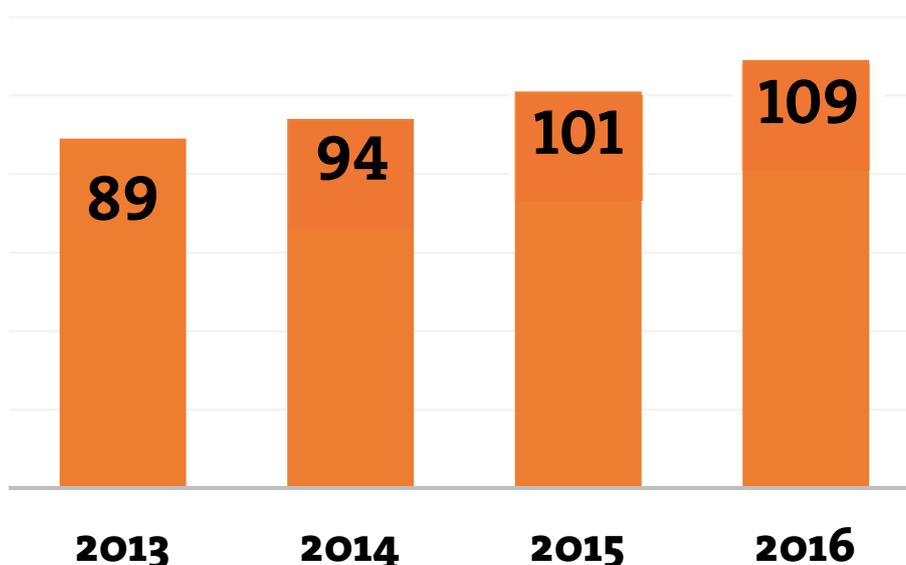
Over the 2015 financial period limited capital work to the HQ has been completed with the focus of financial spending being on supporting events and activities for our young people. The Group has also continued its efforts on financial investment in the development of additional skills in our adults, providing assistance for training for more adventurous activities. Our ongoing work to improve energy efficiency continues with the rolling programme of replacing older less efficient lights, fitting of PIRs for lights and water saving measures.

Other Information

The next financial priority for the Board of Trustees is the continuation of the renovation works at the HQ, including, although not limited to, completing the decking along the remaining part of the hall and garden area and replacement of the fire doors and windows in the main hall. Trustees will also be considering internal works to make better use of the space we have available in the Centre and increase the building's capacity and usefulness to the Group, the District and the wider community. The Board of Trustees will also be actively seeking additional income generation from the use of the HQ during times when Scouting does not require it.

The Trustees continue to be committed to funding all of the priorities for the development of the Group as outlined in our Group Development Plan.

Achievements and Performance



At the 2016 census (reporting the Group's membership, including the Explorer Unit, for 2015), the Group recorded a membership of 109 young people and adults, up by eight members on 2014.

Awards Presented in 2015/16



Chief Scout Bronze Award

Kieran Bishop
 Samuel Dunham
 Andrew Reed
 Calum Warman



Chief Scout Silver Award

Joshua Moran
 Jacob Thoroughgood

Annual Awards presented at the 2015 Annual General Meeting

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| Beaver of the Year | S. Dunham | Scout of the Year | E. Lawes |
| Most Improved Beaver | B. Baker | Personal Development Award | J. Lewis |
| Beaver Participation Award | E. Short | Scout Law Award | An. Sutton |
| Cub of the Year | T. Gatt | Explorer of the Year | Al.Sutton |
| Outstanding Cub | E. Bell | Young Leader of the Year | |
| Tried Hardest - Cub | J. Thoroughgood | GSL Endeavour Award | R. Ludlam |
| Most Helpful Cub | F. McKenna | Seat of Learning | LOST ESU |
| The Christopher Penticost True Scout Award | | S. Casey | |

Congratulations to them all.

Chairman's Report

Welcome to another Annual General Meeting

Once again, thank you for your support and welcome to another AGM and awards evening where we celebrate the good work of the Group and look to the coming year.

For me, the main concerns over 10 years have been to ensure the Leaders have the resources to run the programme for the young people and enable them to try new things. The building remains a top focus and improving our facilities a priority. We have come a long way, as I say each year, but have further to go with the lighting in the hall, the guttering around the building and the completion of the decking and garden project still high on my 'to-do' list. Further into the future is the replacement of the main hall floor as it is very much showing its grand age of 25 years old. It all boils down to the budget which the trustees and I work very hard on, based on the Group needs. As you will see in this report, last year we set up a deficit budget, which means we planned to spend significantly more than our income – eating into our reserves. We felt this was necessary to meet the needs (and requests) of the Leaders as they told us, the usual ever increasing running costs of the Group as well as continuing to address our improvement and health & safety priorities, such as the zoned heating system, temperature controlled hot water in all young people facing sinks and some new internal doors.

As a Board of Trustees, we have scrutinised our income and outgoings carefully. Over the last few years we have introduced several cost saving or efficiency measures such as push stop taps and sensor flushers to save water and reduce our water bills, we have bought in to Online Scout Manager to ensure we don't 'lose' any subs income from non-paying members (including solving our own failings in processes of some cheques going out of date before they were banked), we have introduced online banking to speed up paying creditors to ensure we don't incur any additional charges, we have established the Penticost Fund to support members where necessary (ensuring one of our key aims that money does not become a barrier to Scouting), movement sensors have been installed in many lights that don't need to be on all the time – toilets and stores, a zoned heating system so we only heat parts of the building that need it at the time they need it and in partnership with Shop4Scouts, we have solar panels that will shortly have paid for themselves and start generating an income for the Group for 20 more years. We regularly scrutinise other spending and, of course, can reduce some areas of expenditure to maintain funding for other projects as we always do. I push the various brokers for utilities and insurances very hard to get the best deal for the Group and usually I am able to minimise any increase, however, this is becoming harder and harder, which is why we have taken the decision to increase subs.

This is something we haven't done for nearly 10 years, however, we as trustees and Leaders aren't prepared to scale back our plans to be the very best Scout Group possible with the very best facilities and resources. We are committed to the Scout Association's Vision 2018 as we see it as a very positive move for our local community which will benefit our members and potential members for years to come.

Fundraising has historically been very challenging in our Group, with very little local support for general fundraising events. Craig and I accepted this some years ago, which is why, along with David, we took a radical new approach to supporting the multitude of projects that needed funding at the time and set up a commercial venture. Profits from the shop have supported so much over the years (since 2009) and have helped to hold back subs at £110 per year since 2007. Fundraising for specific events, such as the 2013 Kent International Jamboree have been very successful and we are sure they will be again for our return to KIJ17. Trustees already have a general fundraising event planned for later in the year that will be us 'dipping our toe' back in the water to see if this is a viable option, but accept that this is just asking the same people for money so isn't a substantial permanent income stream. Again, my aim here is to highlight that the trustees have very carefully considered the increase in subs and that it really is the most viable option to continue with our work at 11th Folkestone Scouts. It is most definitely not extra money for the sake of it as so many organisations do – the old 'slap a 50p/month increase on a year even if we don't need it so people don't notice anymore' adage.

I hope this report has been useful to you to see the full scope of the work the Group does and gives you a bit of an insight into the many things that have to go on every day of the week in the background to provide Scouting for your young person at their weekly meeting – I'm sure you'll agree with me...it's a lot and I must thank each and every volunteer, be they a uniformed leader, trustee or supporter of the Group, for the huge effort and time they give so freely to the Group and Scouting for your young person's benefit (and their immense fun...otherwise they - we - wouldn't do it!).

Enjoy the burgers and thank you for taking the time to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fairfax', written in a cursive style.

Steve Fairfax
Group Chair

Group Scout Leader's Report

Another year rolls by and it has, as ever, been great to see so many happy, smiling young people. Since January, the Cub section has been deep in celebration for the 100th birthday of its formation. I'm sure Akela will fill you in in the Cub report, but my highlights have been seeing the Cubs take part in traditional 'drill', overseen by a Royal Navy officer on board HMS Cavalier before an unforgettable and unique night, sleeping over on the World War 2 Destroyer. Another highlight for me has been the private screening for the Cubs of the new Jungle Book movie at Folkestone's Silver Screen Cinema. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend as work got in the way – I remain very sad about that, especially as I still haven't got around to watching it and the Cubs couldn't wait to tell me how good, and scary in some places, it was!

It did throw up an issue with our Group, that has unfortunately reared its head several times this year, which concerns adult support. Historically, we as a Group have run with large numbers of young people but a very small and very dedicated leadership team. This has partially been to do with cost as every adult member had to have their membership fee to the Scout Association paid annually but also because many of our leaders have enjoyed supporting multiple sections. This is changing. We need more adult support to help us deliver the adventurous and exciting programme that we want, and our young people have told us they want (more on that in a bit). So, I'm not asking for volunteers to become full time leaders as that doesn't usually get us anywhere, but rather a team of adults who would be willing to support on an 'as and when' basis. It's called 'flexible volunteering' and is designed for busy people. There is a small training commitment, just to ensure everyone is kept safe with support all the way through from my great team here at 11th. Insurance is provided and as The Scout Association have changed how they charge the membership fee we don't have to pay fees for adults. To kick it all off, we're introducing the Four Week Challenge asking willing volunteers to come along and see what goes on over a four-week period, to get a feel for Scouting. We'll give you coffee and cake on the first week and a certificate at the end, even if you decide Scouting isn't for you! What have you got to lose? Interested? Come and speak to me or any of the leaders and we'll tell you more about it. It doesn't mean you have to make a promise or even wear a uniform, unless you love it so much that you want to go the whole nine yards!

So, back to my other highlight of the year so far – Youth Shaped Scouting. This is what Scouting is really all about, young people taking responsibility for themselves and mapping out their own journey, supported by dedicated and well trained adults. This year there was a specific week in February where the young people in all sections were given the chance to really tell the adults that help them exactly what they wanted from Scouting. Of course, we got the usual requests for trips to moon, etc... but out of the activities and games designed to give everyone an opportunity to put their point of view across, we, the leaders, were clearly given the direction for the programmes to go. This included requests for our return to the Kent International Jamboree in 2017, water activities and more regular outdoor activities such as wide games, whatever the time of year. Many of these have now been planned in by the leaders and is part of a process I hope we can continue – the dialogue of ideas, even the outlandish ones, to make Scouting exactly as the young people and adults want it and as adventurous as possible.

On that note, a little moment of reflection about adventurous activities. We do go outside a lot, especially when it's warmer, but also in the winter when the young people are a little older. I make no apology for that as it's in the word, ScOUTing. Section leaders or I have had a very small minority of conversations this year where parents seem to take umbrage with this when the young people come back muddy or wet. I want to make it clear that we risk assess every activity and put in place appropriate controls. These are usually asking young people to come with the right equipment, appropriately clothed for the weather or bringing a change of clothes. Can I please ask that if you are ever unsure what is appropriate clothing, etc... when we've put that on the programme (always available on OSM/My.SCOUT), please ask the activity leader before the event. I appreciate that 'wear appropriate clothing' is a little vague, but when we write the programme we have no way of knowing the weather conditions and leave it to a degree of common sense. I know this sounds a bit silly when reading this in, hopefully, a nice warm hall on a summer evening, but it does cause a certain amount of unnecessary upset for parents and leaders when things go wrong. I also have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all members, young people and leaders alike and don't like any of them being upset by a preventable issue.

Back to the positives. One of my biggest roles today is to thank all the people that make Scouting happen at 11th Folkestone. I do this every year, but it is no less important this year than in previous years as without these people and their continued support and generosity, we won't be here next year!

Thank you to...

Steve Fairfax, Maite Last, Amanda Sutton, David Deakin, Jane Lambert, Shelley Deakin, Ted Hogben, Jacqui Ward, Sarah Bishop, Peter Ingelbrecht, Shane Bishop, Ben Marshall, Ian Marshall, David Sutton, Karen Ingelbrecht, Sam Collins, Mike Last, Sarah Marshall, Peter Woodsford, Chloe Last, Abbey Sutton and Kate Ward

Also to our dedicated young leaders; Gregor, Beckie, Conner, Alistair and Holly

...for all of their hard work and dedication to provide such excellent Scouting to our young people. Without you, there would be no 11th Folkestone Scout Group.

I always say it, but still going to say it again - I for one am immensely proud of our Group, our young people and volunteers. I am proud to say I am a member of 11th Folkestone Scout Group and a member of the Scout Movement. This year of Cubs100 and 30 years of Beavers has been great, and the next few years are going to be amazing times as we have KIJ17 and 100 years of 11th Folkestone Scout Group to look forward to.



Craig Ward
Group Scout Leader



The colony membership has remained steady with an average of 24 children who are divided into 4 Lodges. Over the year 11 Beavers have successfully moved up to Cubs and 11 new young people have come into Beavers from the waiting list. We have three adults running the section alongside a young leader in training and would be interested in hearing from anyone who feels they could commit to becoming an occasional helper or section assistant.

Fun

- ✿ Tobogganing at the Sports Centre
- ✿ Lots of Craft and being Creative, Christmas decorations for the group tree
- ✿ Health & Fitness
- ✿ Lower Coastal Park visit including a short hike
- ✿ Games, including relays, parachutes, ball games
- ✿ Sports activities at the recreation ground
- ✿ Visit to Wildwood
- ✿ Jim Jam and sleepover
- ✿ Cooking
- ✿ Learning to Hula Hoop

Friendship

- ✿ The meaning of our promise and how we can carry it out every day
- ✿ Working in teams, pairs & individually supporting each other and challenging ourselves
- ✿ Taking care of new Kits
- ✿ Communicating, including sign language
- ✿ Thinking of others
- ✿ 30th birthday challenges and meeting up with other groups in the District

Finding Out

- ✿ Caring for things, Bird feeders using Cheerios
- ✿ Growing seeds after a visit to B&Q
- ✿ St George's Parade and re-enactment of the story of St George and the Dragon
- ✿ PSCO visit
- ✿ European Union activities and dressing up
- ✿ Knotting for key rings and bracelets and learning to tie shoelaces
- ✿ Taking part in the national initiative 'You Shape' to contribute to future planning of activities
- ✿ Remembrance Day Parade
- ✿ Safety at home and in the community
- ✿ Science experiments
- ✿ How to make loopy flowers to add to the fence 'garden'

Many of the activities undertaken are linked to badges and our Beavers have worked hard on challenge badges as well as activity badges this year. The challenge badges can have up to 15 different components and the activity badges usually have no more than 6. We were very proud of the four Beavers who achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Awards which were presented by the District Commissioner at the Leas Cliff Hall in front of the District Scouting family and local dignitaries. Chief Scout Awards are the highest awards for each section and involve a lot of hard work and personal challenges to gain the six challenge badges and at least five activity badges required for Beavers.



The final term of 2015 saw the Cubs visiting Folkestone Fire Station where they were looked after by Green Watch. They were taken on a tour of the station and culminated in all the Cubs having a go at using the hoses. Definitely some future fire-fighters amongst the Pack.

For the Christmas celebrations the Cubs performed the Christmas Tree play. All the Cubs took part whether they had a part in the play or making the props. A great achievement as they only had three weeks to prepare for it.

We attended the Christmas party at Lower Grange Farm in Maidstone organised by County. A fun evening with craft activities, games and food ending in the arrival of Father Christmas.

2016 is a very special year celebrating 100 years of Cubs. We started the year with an evening of 100 challenges and the making of a traditional 'Six Totem Wolf Pole'. I was a little sceptical on what the finished result would look like but the Cubs did a great job.

We took a group of Cubs to Wingham Wildlife Park. It's some years since the Pack was last there and there have been lots of changes – especially the new dinosaur park.

A leader from the District arranged a viewing of the new 'Jungle Book' film at the cinema in Folkestone. It was very well attended by our Cubs and across the District. Totally different to the original but good to see some of the songs from the original being included in the new version.

The biggest event so far has been our overnight stay on HMS Cavalier. Chatham Dockyard looked after us very well. The afternoon started with rocket making and launching them followed by boat building and trying them out in a very large tank of water. All very competitive. After tea we taken on a tour of HMS Cavalier, trying out the hammocks, dressing up in an old style uniform and parade navy style.

Plenty more activities to celebrate 100 years, the next being the Cubs Thank You party in July. We are hoping that lots of past leaders and helpers will be there to help join in the celebration.

The Cub pack has increased in numbers over the months from Beavers moving up and lots of enquiries via the website. As always we are always looking for parent help. If anyone is interested in helping, doesn't have to be a commitment of help every week, just a Tuesday evening now and again please come and have a chat. We would be very grateful!

SCOUTS

The last 12 months have been great fun! From pioneering to pumpkin carving our Scouts have enjoyed the many challenges we have set them and learnt new skills along the way.

During the year we have welcomed new members from both our Cub section and also fresh interest.

In October we attended Scarefest with several hundred other Scouts and Explorers for a Halloween themed action packed weekend. Our scouts enjoyed scary mazes, archery, inflatables, minibeasts, dodgems, and laser quest to name a few activities as well as the usual Halloween fancy dress and trick or treating. The weekend was finished off with an amazing laser firework display as the fog set in over the campsite.

We have explored knotting on both small and large scale. Paracord fire striker wristbands were tricky to master but we got there in the end and making giant catapults created the resources for a great game.

Everyone likes foodie evenings and one of these was our chip shop crawl where we tasted local chips and rated them out of 10. It's amazing how quickly Scouts can walk when they know we are heading to a chip shop! Another evening we made pancakes and used different coloured batter to create artistic designs with them.

We never knew how talented our scouts were until we had our musical evenings where scouts played instruments and sung in groups. We also spent a large chunk of this year looking at astrology being inspired to explore space and do our own stargazing because of Tim Peak's adventure.

We have had archery evenings at the hall whilst groups of us set out to find local geocaches by using GPS devices and cryptic clues. We went tobogganing in the New Year which was enjoyed by all and attended a district wide game at Port Lympe. On one evening we had a glow stick themed games night and then strapped the glow sticks to some scouts for a dance off in the dark – you may have seen some of our 'routine' on the Facebook page. You Shape week got us talking about the interests and opinions of the troop and these were shared in regular forums throughout the year. We have begun discussions about KIJ17 and heard some great suggestions for fund raising ideas from our young people.

We've also been out and about up the hills refining our map reading skills as well as spending time on the water on Hythe canal where the scouts had the opportunity to have a go at kayaking, a cold but brilliant evening.

Our most recent project has been putting our wood work skills to the test by making bug hotels encouraging mini beasts to visit the Scouting centre garden.

We have lots of plans for our future programmes and will start planning a returned visit to Scarefest in the coming weeks. Lots to look forward to.

EXPLORERS[♣]

EPIC STUFF

- ♣ Wide Games
- ♣ Hiking
- ♣ Hovercrafts
- ♣ Water Games
- ♣ Hungry Hippos
- ♣ Movie Projects
- ♣ Youth Shape
- ♣ International
- ♣ Cooking
- ♣ Canoeing/Kayaking
- ♣ Rock Climbing
- ♣ Team Building Exercises
- ♣ May the 4th be with you
- ♣ Archery

The LOST Explorer unit has retained members with new explorers joining from the scout section and from outside scouting all together. We have had a very successful time this academic year and have challenged ourselves as leaders to provide our biggest and bestest program ever imaginable in whole history of the universe combined and then some.

The explorers have enjoyed a wide variety of activities since the last AGM and will enjoy many more as we head towards the next one. We will keep you posted and continue to regularly check OSM for all the latest details about future meetings.



OUR FINANCES

Our accounts have been produced on a Receipts and Payments basis as laid down by the guidances of both The Scout Association and the Charity Commission

Amanda Campbell Bookkeeping Services



Bookkeeping and Payroll Services

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 11th Folkestone (St Johns) Scout Group.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2015. 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

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20 June 2016

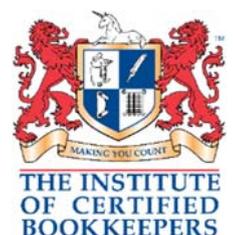
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Receipts and Payments Accounts for 11th Folkestone (St. John's) Scout Group

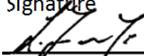
Registered Charity No. 285558

For Period: 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

| | | Designated funds to nearest £ | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Last year 2014 to nearest £ |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Receipts | 4010 Membership Subscriptions | | 8,145 | 8,962 |
| | 4011 Camps | | 1,372 | 3,131 |
| | 4012 Minibus Hire | | 509 | 1,013 |
| | 4013 Shepway Close Centre Hire | | 2,478 | 1,861 |
| | 4014 Donations from other sources | | | 275 |
| | 4015 Fundraising | | | - |
| | 4017 Activities/Events (IN) | | 1,065 | 135 |
| | 4018 Joining Fee | | 15 | 32 |
| | 4019 Donations(IN) | 1,000 | 350 | 404 |
| | 4021 eBay Selling Donations | | 46 | 69 |
| | 4906 Gift aid Claim | | | 1,116 |
| | Total receipts: | 1,000 | 13,980 | 16,998 |
| Payments | 5000 General Purchases | | (140) | (97) |
| | 5010 Group Development | | (39) | (660) |
| | 5011 Capital Equipment | | (2,702) | |
| | 5012 Any other programme Expenses | | (1,180) | (606) |
| | 5013 Capital Projects | | (196) | (2,238) |
| | 5202 Badges & Sundries | | (384) | (470) |
| | 5203 Art/Craft materials | | (157) | (27) |
| | 7009 Adjustments | | (165) | |
| | 7102 Water Rates | | (596) | (571) |
| | 7103 General Rates | | (81) | 360 |
| | 7104 Premises Insurance | | (937) | (848) |
| | 7300 Fuel and Oil (MOTOR) | | (336) | (472) |
| | 7301 Repairs and Servicing (MOTOR) | | (764) | (1,198) |
| | 7302 Licences | | (169) | (158) |
| | 7303 Vehicle Insurance | | (974) | (1,104) |
| | 7304 Miscellaneous Motor Expenses | | (66) | |
| | 7504 Stationery | | (2) | (7) |
| | 7505 Books, Magazines etc. | | | (78) |
| | 7603 Professional Fees | | (110) | |
| | 7604 (AMS) Annual Membership Subscriptions | | (3,333) | (3,168) |
| | 7800 Repairs and Renewals | | (67) | (111) |
| | 7907 GoCardless Fees | | (314) | (288) |
| | 8200 Donations | | | (140) |
| | 8201 Subscriptions | | (173) | |
| | 8202 Clothing Costs | | (85) | (72) |
| | 8203 Training Costs | | (250) | (180) |
| | 8205 Refreshments/Volunteer Welfare | | (47) | |
| | 8206 Activities/Events(OUT) | | (1,893) | (949) |
| | 8207 AGM & Trustee Expenses | | (277) | (78) |
| | 8208 Camps/Nights Away Experiences | | (1,433) | (3,110) |
| | Total payments: | 0 | (16,870) | (16,270) |
| | <i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i> | 1,000 | (2,890) | 728 |
| | <i>Cash funds last year end</i> | 0 | 9,495 | 8,767 |
| | Cash funds year end (inc. Designated) | | 7,605 | 9,495 |

| Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of year | | This year | Last year |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Non monetary assets for charity's own use | Land & buildings | 507,507 | 507,000 |
| | Motor vehicles | 2,500 | 3,500 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture, etc... | 30,000 | 25,000 |
| | Total assets | 540,007 | 535,500 |
| Liabilities | Accounts not yet paid | 620 | 170 |
| | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | | |
| | Total liabilities | 620 | 170 |

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
|  | Steve Fairfax, Group Chair | 13 June 2016 |
|  | Craig Ward, Group Scout Leader | 13 June 2016 |



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